

Preston Grange Primary School

Newsletter – March 16th 2021



Enrichment days

Last week we began the children's return to school with two days full of creative, outdoor fun. This allowed the children to bond with everyone in their class again, and gave us a chance to talk to the children that we had not seen for some time. Both staff and children had two hugely enjoyable days, and the children settled extremely well back into school. Please see our school Twitter account for photos of the day (@pg_primary)

Thank you

As part of our enrichment days, I'd like to thank Mr Kingsland (Dad of Callum, Year 2), who donated some tarpaulins, rope and kindling for our den building and camp fire cooking activities. We are extremely grateful for the kind donations of resources; the children had an amazing time cooking s'mores and making dens with their friends.

Singing for Memories

As part of our involvement in the Singing for Memories project arranged by the Newcastle Eagles foundation, we have another date to sing with the elderly residents of Redesdale Court! This time, the children will be learning the following songs for Friday 26th April:

The Foundations – Build me up buttercup

Carpenters – Close to you

Perry Como – Magic Moments

Basketball coaching

This week sees the start of basketball coaching delivered by the Newcastle Eagles coaches. Years 3 and 6 will receive coaching on a Thursday and Years 1 and 4 will receive coaching on Mondays from next week. Please make sure that all children have their PE kit in school for the whole week thank you.

Sad news

We were very saddened to hear that our lolly pop man Harry sadly passed away just before all children returned to school. Harry was loved by everyone at school, and we send all of our best wishes to his family at this difficult time.

Easter eggs

We will be holding our annual decorated hard-boiled egg competition next week. If you remember, we always have a children's competition; the eggs are decorated in school time with no adult help in the class. We would be grateful if all children (Nursery included) could bring into school next Thursday (25th) a hard-boiled egg each. Although we have a range of craft materials, please feel free to send in any specific art or craft materials, which your child may like to use to decorate their egg.

We also be holding our family egg competition, where families may submit a family entry. We were so impressed by the amazing family entries that we have every year! We would be grateful if you could possibly send into school all family decorated eggs, with the family name clearly marked, and the name/title of the family entry by 12 noon on Thursday 25th March at the latest thanks. We will tweet the entries and the winners at the end of Thursday. Good luck, we can't wait to see the entries this year!

Robinwood residential

If your child is in Year 4 or Year 5, you will be receiving a letter this week via pupil post regarding the Robinwood residential trip in June.

Red Nose Day

This Friday is Comic Relief's Red Nose Day. We would like children to come into school in non-uniform dressed in bright colours and we suggest a voluntary donation of £1 towards the charity. Many thanks for your support.

Entrance into school

The official school day now **starts at 8.55am promptly**. There are two bells. One at 8.53am, which signals your child to move to the line. The second bell at 8.55am signals the classes moving into the building.

If your child is not in the line by 8.55am, the entrance into school is via the office; your child will need to come into school via the main entrance as your child will be regarded as being late for school. We are obliged to keep attendance records for the Local Authority; as well as absence, lateness to school is recorded and closely monitored.

We ask therefore, that ALL children are on the yard by 8.50am. I would be grateful if you could share this in the WhatsApp group chats thank you.

The system is working well in the mornings. The change to the start of the school day has had a positive impact not only on ensuring there is social distancing on site, but it also creates greater independence in our children and it has meant that the school day and lessons get off to an extremely prompt start each day.

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