

Preston Grange Primary School

Newsletter – May 13th 2021



Free school meals

As you are aware, all children in Reception, Year 1 & 2 are entitled to a free school meal. However, an application form for each child is required to be completed, and therefore we would be grateful if you could complete the form online as soon as possible. We are asking Nursery parents to do this in anticipation for September.

Please could **all** of our Nursery and Reception parents complete the online form for school meals at the following link thank you:

<https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/category/238/free-school-meals>

It is important that you complete the section on household situation, and it **may** be that you only need to tick the box which states 'my child is in Key Stage 1.' Thank you for your support.

Reading builds brains - it's that simple!

We are always encouraging reading at home. By reading with your child, you help cultivate a lasting love of reading. But did you know that reading for pleasure can help prevent conditions such as stress, depression and dementia?

The conversations children have at home and, especially, hearing stories read aloud play a significant role in success at school (and beyond too). MRI scans show increased brain activity in children whose parents read **with** them regularly. Reading builds brains; it's that simple.

Google classroom homework

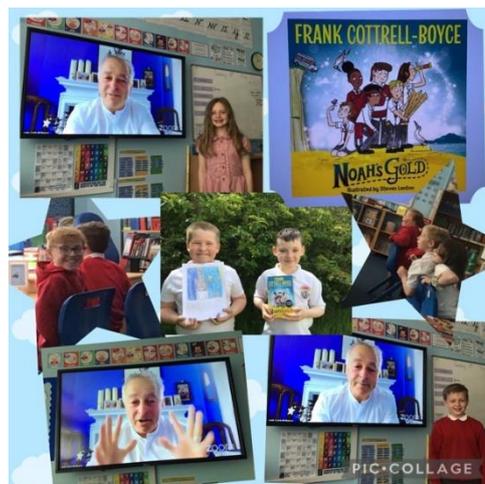
You will have received a text informing you that homework for all classes is to be done through Google Classroom. Your child will need the same login details that they had for remote learning during lockdown. Please contact the school office if you need any support with either the login details, technology support or with the actual work. Many thanks.

Water bottles

We ask that all children bring a water bottle to school each day, as research shows that if children drink water, it helps with their concentration with their learning. Children are not able to bring juice instead of water; as part of our Healthy School status, juice is not allowed.

Author events

Last week Year 4 had an amazing session with author Frank Cottrell Boyce, an author event arranged through Seven Stories. Grace and Graydon were excited to be chosen to read out their questions, and Owen created a sketch of Frank.



Next week on Wednesday 19th May, Year 5 have



an exciting author event with author Onjali

Rauf. At the end of the afternoon each child will be getting a free copy of novel 'The Night Bus Hero'.

Bikes in school

Whilst we love that so many children cycle to school, please remind your child that once they come through the school gates, they must get off their bike and push it. This applies to scooters too.

Organisation for September

Children and parents will find out at the beginning of June which teacher will be teaching each class for next academic year.

Lunchtime staff

We have a new member of the lunchtime staff team; Miss Speakman has started recently, and we are delighted to have her as one of our lunchtime supervisors in school.



Dates for your diary:

Wed 19th May – author event for Year 5

Fri 28th May - May half term starts

Mon 7th June - **Teacher Training Day**

Tues 8th June – Children return to school

Tues 15th June – Bikeability

Wed 16th June – Bikeability

Wed 23rd June – Fri 26th June – Robinwood residential Y4 + Y5

Fri 2nd July – Annual reports to parents

Thurs 8th July – Move up day

Fri 16th July – Break up for Summer holiday

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