

Preston Grange Primary School



Newsletter - October 18th 2016



Hallowe'en spooktacular disco

Parents should have all received the flier about the Hallowe'en discos we are having on Monday 31st October. We are looking for any parents who are able to help out at the discos. Please call into the school office and leave your name if you are able to help out, thanks. We will require help at both discos; Key Stage 1 from 2 until 3pm, then Key Stage 2 from 3 until 4pm. Many thanks for your support.

PE kit

We have found that since the beginning of this term, there are several children without PE kit each week in school. Our school does have a PE kit and children should bring this to school on a Monday each week, and then leave it on their peg all week until a Friday, when they will bring it home. This way, parents don't need to worry about remembering the days of the week that children have PE, and also it doesn't matter if the day changes for unforeseen circumstances or timetable changes if children have their kit in school each week.



Think pink for breast cancer

A reminder that this Thursday (20th), we will be having our usual non uniform day in support of breast cancer charity day. The children may come into school wearing pink and bring a suggested donation of £1 for the charity. Thanks in advance for your support.

Macmillan fundraising

If you remember in Summer term, a group of girls from Year 4 at that time requested donations from staff and parents, for a stall in order to raise money for the Macmillan cancer charity. They ran the stall each week in Summer term and sold small gifts and items to the rest of the children in school. We are extremely proud to let parents know that the girls raised £152.60 by themselves. What a fantastic achievement!

Bedtime story day

On Friday 4th November we will be holding our bedtime story day in school. Please see the separate Reading newsletter (hard copy) that came home with every child on Monday 17th October. The children may come into school wearing their pyjamas or onesies and dressing gowns. It is going to be a great day for the children! The School Council have suggested that children bring a £1 donation for non-uniform day, and this will go towards the cost of some more new books for the school library and class book corners.

Teacher Training Day

Please note there is a teacher training day this Friday. The children finish school on Thursday for the October half term, returning on Monday 31st October.

Spare clothes

We would be grateful for any spare school uniform that is perhaps too small for your child. The lunchtime staff and each Key Stage leaders all keep supplies of spare clothes, but our supplies are running low if a child needs them. Please if you have any, we would be grateful if you could send them into the school office. Thank you.

New member of staff

We are pleased to have appointed Mrs Ann Coupland as our new lunchtime supervisor. Ann is Grandma to Isla (Reception) and Chloe (Year 2). We are enjoying having her as part of our lunchtime staff team.

School Council

Our new school councillors will be very busy on the first day back after half term. Some of the School Council will be visiting Waterstones as mentioned in the separate recent Reading newsletter. The rest of the children have been invited to go to Redesdale Court, which backs onto school, as they have a visitor coming to show animals and creepy crawlies, and thought that our children might enjoy going long. Staff will accompany these school councillors on this visit.

Parent Governors

The recent parent governor election has taken place, and I am pleased to inform parents that the two new parent governors for school are: Dawn Ridgway (Mum of Darcy Y3 and Jessica Y1) and Claire Brown (Mum of Neve Y3 and Martha Y1). We look forward to working with them on our Governing Body.

Twitter

We have started using Twitter this half term, and tweet from the classrooms across the week. We now have 81 followers, which is really good. Please note, you do not need to have a Twitter account to view the tweets we are sharing; either visit our school website and at the bottom left hand side of the screen under 'social feed' you may click here and scroll through the Twitter posts. Or, you can visit www.twitter.com and in the search bar, search for our school account by typing @pg_primary and this will take you to our Twitter page. Please contact school if you would like to view the Twitter page but are having problems viewing it.



Autumn weather

Since the children spend up to 1.5 hours outdoors a day over playtimes and lunchtimes (and more if they are in Nursery and Reception), we would ask that your child always has a school jumper or cardigan, but more importantly, a warm coat for the variable weather thank you.

Parents evenings

All parents should now have received their appointment slots for parents evening on either Tuesday 1st or Wednesday 2nd November. If you have not signed up for an appointment yet, please return your appointment booking form before Thursday 20th October thanks to ensure an appointment.

Harvest donations

Thank you to all of our families for the generous Harvest food donations. Mr Conaty has packed up the food into bags, which are being collected by Bay Foodbank today from school.



Operation Christmas Child

Today your child will have come home from school with an Operation Christmas Child leaflet. This is the Christmas shoe box appeal that we do each year for charity. Please see the website <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child> for more information.

If you would like to donate a shoe box for a child, please return them to school by Friday 11th November at the latest thank you.

Dates for your diary

Wed 19th Oct - Chris Bostock, storyteller in school all day

Wed 19th Oct - Reception reading meeting

Thurs 20th Oct - Year 5 Forest School day (please bring coat)

Thurs 20th Oct - Wear pink for cancer non-uniform day

Thurs 20th Oct - Nursery parents reading meeting

Thurs 20th Oct - Year 6 at fire station (crucial Crew) pm

Thurs 20th Oct - Ceilidh at Whitehouse Primary School 5pm (Y1 and Y3)

Fri 21st Oct - TEACHER TRAINING DAY

Mon 31st Oct - Hallowe'en discos (2-3pm, 3-4pm)

Mon 31st Oct - School Council visit to Waterstones (pm)

Mon 31st Oct - School Council visit to Redesdale Court House (animals & creepy crawlies)

Tues 1st Nov - Year 5 Hoops 4 Health basketball coaching

Tues 1st Nov - Parents evening

Wed 2nd Nov - Parents evening

Fri 4th Nov - Nursery Forest School day (please bring coat)

Fri 4th Nov - Bedtime story day (non-uniform: pyjamas & dressing gown)

Tues 8th Nov - Year 6 Hoops 4 Health basketball coaching

Tues 15th Nov - Hoops 4 Health roadshow (Y5&6) Newcastle Eagles in school

Thurs 17th Nov - Individual children's photos taken

Fri 18th Nov - Children in Need charity day

Tracey Taylor, Headteacher, October 18th 2016