

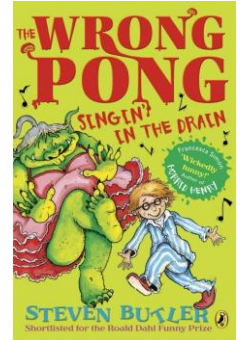
Preston Grange Primary School

Newsletter - November 7th 2018



Author visit

We are lucky to be having a visit from another author this term, arranged through Seven Stories in Newcastle; Steven Butler will be working with Years 1-4 on November 27th. He will also be doing a book signing and books will be available to buy. Miss Daley will be sending a letter out with further details in due course.



SAT meeting for Year 6 parents

On Wednesday 21st November from 4.30-5.30pm we will be holding a meeting for families of Year 6 children. It is important that you try to attend as Miss Daley will be going through expectations and standards of the tests, and sharing past SAT papers with parents. A letter will follow.

SAT meeting for Year 2 parents

As above, Mrs Gibson will be holding a meeting for families of Year 2 parents ahead of the end of Key Stage 1 tests that the children will be sitting in May next year. At the same meeting, she will also be explaining how to help your child at home in light of the standards that the children are expected to reach by the end of Year 2, and she will explain about Reading in Year 2. Again, we would be grateful if all parents could try to attend. Thank you for your support.

Samaritan's Purse Christmas shoe boxes

Thank you to the families who have brought in a shoe box filled with presents for the shoe box appeal. The last day to send one into school is the 14th November. Thank you again for your generosity.



Forest School

Miss Beavers trained as a Forest School leader last academic year, and as a result for two afternoons each week she delivers forest school sessions with each class in turn. She has carried out some fabulous activities with the children; some of the work may be seen on the display in the entrance shown



here. Huge thanks to Miss Beavers for all her hard work, imaginative planning & ideas!



Children in Need

On Friday 16th November it will be Children in Need. We will be having a non-uniform day and ask the children to come into school dressed in bright colours, with a suggested donation of £1 towards the charity. Thank you for your support.

Scholastic books

There is a Scholastic order form being sent home tonight. If you would like to order any books, please return your order to Mrs Royle in the school office by Friday 23rd November thanks.

Feedback

Last academic year we started to review the way that we feed back to children in the lesson and 'mark' their books. We spoke to all of the children and asked them their opinions on how we marked their work at that time, and the results were taken into account when we started revising how we feed back to the children.

At the start of this academic year, after researching other ways of feeding back to the children about their learning & progress, we put a different system of feedback in place and this was reviewed just before half term with staff and the children. Once we have finalised our new system of feedback we will be sending information out to parents and carers.

Twitter

We now have 400 followers on our school Twitter account! We use Twitter to share with families and other schools what is happening in classes and school across the week. If you do not have a Twitter account and require help setting one up, please let the office know and someone will help you to do this. Our school Twitter account may be found by typing PGPS (@pg_primary) into Twitter and then by clicking 'follow'.

Dates for your diary:

- Wed 8th Nov - Year 5/6 netball at TyneMet (3.45-4.45pm)
- Mon 12th Nov - football team training with Simon Brown (lunchtime)
- Mon 12th Nov - NUFC in school: writing intervention with Y5 & 6 (each Mon till end of term)
- Thurs 14th Nov - Last day for handing in Christmas shoe boxes
- Wed 15th Nov - Littleton league football @JSCHS (4-5.15pm)
- Tues 20th Nov - Library bus in school
- Wed 21st Nov - Year 6 parents Key Stage 2 SATs meeting 4.30-6.30pm
- Thurs 22nd Nov - Year 5/6 netball at TyneMet (3.45-4.45pm)
- Tues 27th Nov - Author Steven Butler workshops & book signing in school with Y1-4
- Wed 28th Nov - Mayor in school presenting Dyslexia Friendly School Award (am)
- Wed 28th Nov - Nasal flu immunisation Rec - Year 6 (pm)

Thurs 6th Dec - Whole school pantomime trip to Theatre Royal 1-5.20pm approx
Thurs 13th Dec - Early Years Christmas production 9.30am
Thurs 13th Dec - Year 4 Athletics festival @The Parks
Thurs 13th Dec - Christmas lunch
Thurs 13th Dec - Y1,2 & 3 Christmas production 2.15pm
Thurs 13th Dec - Year 5/6 netball at TyneMet (3.45-4.45pm)
Fri 14th Dec - Christmas Jumper Day
Fri 14th Dec - Y1,2 & 3 Christmas production 9.30am
Fri 14th Dec - Y4,5 & 6 Christmas production 2.15pm
Mon 17th Dec - Y4,5 & 6 Christmas production 9.30am
Mon 17th Dec - Y1 & 2 Christmas party (pm)
Tues 18th Dec - Nursery & Reception Christmas party (am)
Tues 18th Dec - Y3 & 4 Christmas party (pm)
Wed 19th Dec - Y5 & 6 Christmas party
Thurs 20th Dec - last day of term for the children
Fri 21st Dec - TEACHER TRAINING DAY

Tracey Taylor
Headteacher

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