

Preston Grange Primary School



Newsletter - July 18th 2018

Non uniform day

On the last day of term we will be having a non-uniform day on the theme of 'we're all going on a Summer holiday' We ask that the children bring a suggested donation of £1 towards school fund. Thanks for your support.

Free school meals

A reminder for parents of Year 2 pupils that they will no longer be entitled to a Key Stage 1 Free Meal at school when they return in September. Any pupils on a benefit related meal will continue to receive a Free Meal and do not need to reapply. If you think that you are entitled to a Free Meal due to a benefit please ask them to contact us on 0191 643 2288 option 2 or apply online <https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/category/238/free-school-meals>



Plastic bottles

In school, we ask that parents send the children into school with a water bottle so that they can stay hydrated during the school day. We have started to notice that a lot of parents are sending children in with non-reusable plastic drinks bottles.

If just ONE child in school brings a plastic bottle into school daily, that's 190 bottles a year in landfill or oceans, or 1,330 bottles in a pupil's primary school career. Please can we make PGPS a reusable bottles only school next year? We have our own school water bottles available from the school office for £1.50. Thank you for your support.

Nutri Troops

Thank you to so many parents for completing the recent questionnaire with your child on the NutriTroops project. We also recently sent some homework to the children in all classes, in relation to sugar intake. We would be grateful if both of these (questionnaire & homework) were returned to school by tomorrow thank you. Thanks for your support!



Before school

I'd like to remind parents that children should not be on the school yard before 8.50am. There is no staff supervision before school, and if the children had an accident this would be a problem. We would be grateful if you would stay with your child on the yard until the bell has rung at 9am and the class teachers come out to collect classes, thank you.

Leavers assembly



We were treated to an amazing yet emotional assembly by Year 6 today. It was a celebration of Year 6's memories at our school, and it was really lovely; they made us laugh and cry! It is always difficult when we lose a year group as they move up to High School - it is like losing part of our family.

But we could not be more proud of each and every one of these amazing children. We have enjoyed watching them grow and develop as people as they moved through school. We all would like to wish them every happiness

and success at High School, and hope they will come back and visit us!



Times Tables Rockstars!

For the last 4 weeks Year 4 have been trialling Times Tables Rockstars in school. Times Table Rockstars is an exciting and engaging way to improve the speed and accuracy of times tables recall. It can be played on a computer or a tablet at home and at school which means children can get plenty of practice. From Year 4's experience it is incredibly addictive and some parents have reported that not even the World Cup could distract some children from Times Tables Rockstars!



The reasons for ensuring times tables recall is fast and accurate are many. Having this basic skill opens children's eyes to many patterns in the mathematical world and improves their ability to tackle trickier concepts and calculations. The aim for the programme is for all children to be able to recall any times tables up to 12x12 in under 3 seconds. In just four weeks a third of Year 4 have achieved this.

Every day Year 4 start their maths lesson with 3 practice games in Garage mode while blasting some classic rock tunes (improving not only their times tables but also their taste in music!) The kids just can't get enough of it, so in September we will be rolling out the programme across the rest of KS2.

Holiday dates

Last night your child will have brought home a second copy of the holiday dates and term dates for next academic year. We would ask that if you didn't receive yours, that you contact the school office for another copy.

Test dates 2019

Please note that the following dates are statutory test dates for the following year groups, and no holiday during these dates is permitted:

Year 1 Phonics test dates:

Week commencing Monday 10 June 2019 - Phonics screening check week

Year 2 Key Stage 1 SAT dates:

May 2019 - Key stage 1 test period

Year 6 Key Stage 2 SAT dates:

Monday 13 May - English grammar, punctuation and spelling papers 1 and 2

Tuesday 14 May - English reading

Wednesday 15 May - Mathematics papers 1 and 2

Thursday 16 May - Mathematics paper 3

Happy Summer holidays

The staff and I would like to thank all of our families for their fantastic support across the last academic year and hope that you enjoy a lovely Summer holiday.

We look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday 4th September!

Tracey Taylor
Headteacher

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