

# Preston Grange Primary School



Newsletter - December 21<sup>st</sup> 2017

## Christmas performances

This week has been a very busy week with six fabulous Christmas performances! Thank you to all of our families for the fantastic turn out, we know that you really enjoyed the children's performances by all of the lovely feedback we have received - thank you. The singing, reading and acting were all excellent and we are proud of all of the children. Thank you for your support in helping the children either learn lines or by providing a costume. Here are some photos from the performances:



## Get well soon

Our thoughts are with

Mrs Brown, one of our Teaching Assistants, whose husband Simon is poorly. We send our love and best wishes for a speedy recovery.

## A very busy December!

This month these are some of the things that have been going on:

- The whole school visited the Theatre Royal to see Peter Pan
- The choir sang at the Victorian Market in North Shields
- 45 of our children took part in the Christingle service at Christchurch, North shields
- We had an 'unplugged' day in school
- Our Year 5 & 6 netball team won 1<sup>st</sup> place and a trophy in the league!
- Some children watched a Newcastle Eagles game
- We had an Olympic athlete in school
- We wore Christmas jumpers to school on Christmas jumper day
- Year 6 watched a pantomime at John Spence
- Each show had 4 practices and a dress rehearsal, then two performances for parents

- We've had 4 Christmas parties, enjoyed Christmas lunch
- Some children watched a Newcastle Eagles game

And throughout all of this, the time the curriculum & learning continued!

### **Christmas parties**

Thank you to all of our families for sending party food into school this week for class parties. The children enjoyed their parties very much, and danced, played party games and had a real feast!

### **Stalls**

This term we have been very busy with stalls, where children raise money for either a charity or for our reading tipi fund. The Year 4 & 5 girls have raised £174.43 from their individual stalls to raise funds for the tipi we are saving for. Well done girls. Erin in Year 4 has raised money for the Sarah's Hope Foundation, and we're really proud of her for raising money for this local charity. Fantastic work Erin! We are proud of all of their kindness and efforts.

### **Goodbye and good luck**

We are sad to see Mrs Godfrey leave school tomorrow and wish her well for her new part-time post in the pre-school setting at Percy Main Primary School. Mrs Godfrey has done an excellent job teaching in Reception class this term. We are pleased to inform parents that Miss Niven will be teaching Reception class as of the start January. She spent some time this week getting to know the children and we look forward to Miss Niven being in school.

### **THANK YOU!**

We are extremely grateful to the Friends of Preston Grange for making all of the lovely Christmas crafts that the Year 6 children sold at a Christmas stall over the least few weeks. We're grateful for all of their support in raising money for school. Well done and thank you so much ladies! The Christmas stall raised £231.89!

### **Ticket money**

Our reading tipi fund is now at a huge £3300.43, after the ticket sales from the Christmas performances! Thank you for your support, we are getting nearer our target to be able to buy the tipi for the children.

### **Castle winners this term**

Congratulations Warkworth and Newcastle castles, who came joint first as castle winners this half term. The children in both of these castles have earned themselves a non-uniform day on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January!

## Merry Christmas

This term has been incredibly busy and productive, and I would like to thank all of the staff for their continued commitment, hard work and energy.

Thank you for the lovely gifts and chocolates that we have received in school and into the staffroom.

On behalf of the staff I would like to wish all of our families a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year! We look forward to seeing the children on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January**.

Tracey Taylor, Headteacher, December 21st 2017

