

# Preston Grange Primary School

Newsletter – July 7th 2020



## **Partial return to school**

As you will be aware, this week has seen the start of children returning to school. We are just so delighted to see the children, to hear them playing outside and to see their smiley faces in and around school!! It won't feel right until the whole school is back together again, but the staff and I are thrilled to be starting to return to some sort of normality! The children have settled in remarkably quickly, it has been wonderful to see them so excited to be back at school. Roll on September when all of the classes will be back and we are a complete school again!

## **Free school meal vouchers**

Parents who have been receiving free school meal vouchers for the last four months will still continue to receive these over the Summer holidays. Mrs Clarke has already sorted this for parents, and you should continue to receive the vouchers right through the holidays. If anyone has any issue or problem regarding the vouchers, please contact Mrs Clarke at [office@pgps.co.uk](mailto:office@pgps.co.uk).

## **Classes for September**

Please see below the class teachers and classes for the start of the Autumn term:

Nursery – Mrs Lawrence & Miss Beavers (Higher Level Teaching Assistant)

Reception – Miss Knowles & Mrs Spowart (Teaching Assistant)

Year 1 – Miss Wright & Mrs Brown (Teaching Assistant)

Year 2 – Mrs Gibson & Mrs Blackett (job share)

Year 3 – Miss Cheetham

Year 4 – Mrs Udberg

Year 5 – Mr Russell

Year 6 – Mrs Jones



## **Thank you**

We are delighted that Miss Daley has returned from her maternity leave after having her baby, Rowan. For this year, Miss Daley will not be class based, but will be providing capacity and teaching across school. We'd like to thank Mrs Gardner very much for teaching Year 3 whilst Miss Daley was on maternity leave. Mrs Gardner will be leaving us at the end of term, and we wish her luck for the future.

## **Risk assessment**

As we start to bring children back into school before the Summer holidays, we have uploaded the risk assessment which outlines all of the measures, procedures and systems that we have put into place to ensure that our children & staff are safe whilst in school. Please visit our website if you would like to read the document. You may find it under 'Key Information' then 'COVID-19 Risk Assessment.'

## New starters in September

If your child is starting in either Nursery or Reception this September, you will receive a separate letter this week about the arrangements for bringing them into school. We aim to do this in small groups to enable the children to settle into school. Please find the full detail on the letter that is being sent out to home addresses on Tuesday.

## Virtual sports day

Thank you to Mrs Udberg for organising & setting up our virtual sports day last Thursday! We were so impressed with the amazing amount of participation from families! Please visit our Twitter page to see photos of the different events. If you don't have Twitter, please scroll through the Twitter feed on our school website at the bottom left hand side. Well done to Bamburgh castle for winning sports day, and thank you to families for sending in the photos of the day!

## Times

For the families of classes that are returning before Summer and for the key worker children's families, you should all have the information about the bubble that your child is in, the staff that they are with, the gate that your child must come into school by and the staggered start and finish times that we have arranged.

Each Friday afternoon, we are having a deep clean of school and so please note the collection time for your child, whether they are in a key worker bubble or in a year group bubble, thank you.

## Gates

At the beginning and end of the school day, the main gate and side gate will be opened by a member of staff as they invite each bubble into school. Please note: these gates will be locked at any other time. If you need to collect a child early, please buzz at the **main gate** and speak to the office. We are not allowing adults or visitors on the school site over the next two weeks to minimise risks.

## Attendance calls

If your child has returned to school this week, we ask that parents follow the arrangements as set out on your letter that you will have received via email. If your child is ill, please follow normal reporting absence procedure of phoning the school office to report your child's absence. Thank you for your support with this matter.

## Reading books

We would be grateful if your child/ren have any reading books at home, if these could be returned before we break up for Summer thanks. There will be a large red box placed at the main gate each morning, and we ask that you drop off the books in there thank you.

## Water bottles

We would be grateful if you could send your child into school with **an additional water bottle** to the drink in their packed lunch, as we are not able to use the cups that we usually use for the drinking fountain. Thank you.

Tracey Taylor, Headteacher, 7<sup>th</sup> July 2020

