

Preston Grange Primary School



Newsletter - November 8th 2016

Shoe boxes

Thank you to the parents who have donated shoe boxes for the Samaritan's Purse appeal so far. Please note that the last day for dropping a shoe box off is this Friday by 3.30pm. Thanks for your support.



Children in Need

Friday 18th November is Children in Need day, and the theme this year for the charity day is spots. This will be a non-uniform day so please can children come into school wearing spots. There is a suggested donation of £1 for the Children in Need charity. Thanks for your support.

Halloween Discos

Thank you to all of the staff and parents who made the two Halloween discos possible for our children. The children had an amazing time - please see the website for more details. The discos raised £262.22 towards school fund. Please see photos on the school website of the event: www.prestongrange.primary.co.uk

Poppies

This week we are selling poppies and other poppy merchandise. Please see below for suggested donations for each item. If you send your child with some money to buy anything, please make sure that they know what they want to buy and put the money in a small money envelope. This makes it a lot easier for our older children who sell the poppy merchandise before school on the yard, and at every playtime. Thank you.



Early Years Diwali Day

Nursery and Reception will be having their first shared experience morning this Thursday. The day will start at 8.45am for ALL children and it will include a range of carousel activities about the festival, Diwali. Amongst other activities, the children will be making and bringing home clay diva candle holders and they will be tasting and making foods, including coconut burfi and some traditional foods like vegetarian pakoras/samosas. Please remember to send in food allergy reply slips by Wednesday at the latest thanks, and remember that school starts at 8.45am for Reception as well as Nursery children on that day, thank you.

Parents evenings

Thank you to all parents and families who attended parents evenings just before half term. We were pleased with the attendance and also the feedback that we received at the meetings.

Friends of Preston Grange

We are looking for any members of our school community who would be interested in helping to fundraise and organise events for our children in school. If you are interested, we are holding a meeting on **Thursday 17th November** straight after school, for parents and family members. The meeting will be held in school, and a Teaching Assistant will be available to look after the children for anyone who attends. This initial meeting will be to discuss what the Friends of Preston Grange is about, and bring along any ideas for fundraising and events. Everybody is welcome, and we hope that as many people as possible can attend.

Bedtime story day

The staff and children enjoyed a fun and book-filled day last Friday, when we held our Bedtime Story day. The children took part in some fun, engaging book and reading based activities across the day. It was hugely successful and raised £156 towards our goal of buying a tipi for the children, in order to provide a reading space outdoors. Thank you so much for your support. Please see our Twitter page for more posts about the day. (@pg_primary)



Scholastic books

If you would like to order any Scholastic books from the recent magazine, please send orders into school by **Monday 21st November** at the latest thank you. We are able to accept cash or cheques made payable to Preston Grange Primary School.

Dates for your diaries

All clubs run until the end of term, except Book Buzz and Lego clubs, which end on the 8th & 9th Dec:

- Every Monday Gymnastics club 3.30-4.30pm
- Every Tuesday Curling club 3.30-4.30pm
- Every Wednesday Cheerleading club 3.30-4.30pm
- Every Thursday Book Buzz club 3.30-4.30pm
- Every Friday Lego club 3.30-4.30pm

Tues 8th Nov - Hoops 4 Health basketball coaching

Thurs 10th Nov - Diwali Day Nursery & Reception (start time 8.45am for Reception)

Fri 11th Nov - last day for Christmas shoe boxes
Tues 15th Nov - Christingle practice at Whitehouse (am)
Tues 15th Nov - Newcastle Eagles in school (Hoops 4 Health roadshow Y5 & 6)
Thurs 17th Nov - Forest School day Year 6 (wellies & coats please)
Thurs 17th Nov - School photographer (am) - individuals + siblings
Thurs 17th Nov - Friends of Preston Grange meeting 3.30pm at school
Thurs 24th Nov - Praise party in Year 2
Fri 25th Nov - Book swap (lunchtime) more info to follow
Tues 29th Nov - Christingle rehearsal (pm)
Wed 30th Nov - whole school trip to the pantomime (Cinderella, Theatre Royal)
Mon 5th Dec - Choir singing at the Quadrant for the Mayor (am)
Tues 6th Dec - Christmas music session in Nursery with Piccolo Music (am)
Thurs 8th Dec - KS2 Christmas performance 9.30am
Thurs 8th Dec - KS1 Christmas performance 2.30pm
Fri 9th Dec - KS1 Christmas performance 9.30am
Fri 9th Dec - KS2 Christmas performance 2.30pm
Mon 12th Dec - Christmas storyteller in school all day
Tues 13th Dec - Year 1 & 2 Christmas party (pm)
Wed 14th Dec - Nursery Christmas performance for parents (am)
Wed 14th Dec - Year 3 & 4 Christmas party (pm)
Thurs 15th Dec - Early Years Christmas party (am) (Nursery + Reception)
Thurs 15th Dec - Y5 & 6 Christmas party (pm)
Fri 16th Dec - break up for Christmas holidays
Please note, children return to school on **Wednesday 4th January** (Tues 3rd is a Teacher Training Day)

Tracey Taylor, Headteacher, November 8th 2016