

Preston Grange Primary School



Newsletter - March 2nd 2016

SATs meetings for parents of Year 2 and Year 6 children

Thank you to all of the parents who attended the SATs information meetings last week. If you were unable to attend, please find a copy of the power points used at both Key Stage 1 and 2 meetings on the school website, under 'News'.

Spare uniform

We would be grateful if you could send back to school any spare uniform if your child has had an accident and come home in spare school uniform. Our stocks are running very low. Many thanks for your support.

World Book Day

Further to the information on a previous newsletter (January 26th), please remember that tomorrow is World Book Day, and we would very much like the children to come into school dressed as their favourite book characters. Mrs Blackett and the staff have planned some exciting book based activities for the children to enjoy on the day.

Dance Festival

Last night, Year 2 took part in the North Tyneside Schools Dance Festival at The Parks. They had choreographed the dance routine with Laura Towers, a visiting dance teacher and Miss Knowles. The children were absolutely amazing, they smiled the whole way through and behaved brilliantly. In fact, they wanted to do it all again. It was a late night though so we have some tired little people today! Thank you to Miss Knowles and Mrs Wright for accompanying the children to the after-school event, and many thanks to parents for taking your children and being such a supportive audience. Tomorrow the class will show their dance to the rest of the school in well done assembly. Well done to all of the children.

Image Musical Theatre

This week we have had a visit from Image Musical Theatre, who did a production of The Sword and The Stone for the whole school. The children were engaged throughout, and had a really enjoyable afternoon. There was lots of audience participation, and the children learnt songs to sing during the show. Thank you to parents for the voluntary contributions towards the cost of the performance. Please see the website for photos of the production.

No Smoking

We would be grateful if people could respect that our school site is a non-smoking site. It has been reported that there has been someone smoking near the entrance to the school kitchen, and we would ask that people refrain from doing this. This is for the health and safety of our children on site.

Newsletters

If there are any parents having problems downloading or viewing the school newsletter on the website, please let the school office know if you would like the fortnightly newsletter as a paper version thank you.

Mother's Day stall

A reminder that this Thursday there will be a Mother's Day stall for the children to bring money to buy small gifts for Mother's Day this weekend. Thank you to Lorraine Harrison and Jackie O'Brien for organising and buying small gifts for the children to enjoy buying, and thank you to the helpers on the day.

Scholastic books

Mrs Royle has asked that any orders for Scholastic books are returned to school by Friday 4th March. Please make cheques payable to Preston Grange Primary School.

Basketball and football kit

We have ordered a new school football strip and basketball kit for the children, in red, black and white. They have been designed with the children's input and look absolutely fantastic. Please see the website for photographs of the children wearing the new basketball kit. Here is a picture of the new football kit, which the children are thrilled about.



In addition to the new kits, we have recently bought two sets of football posts for both Key Stage 2, and the original football posts for Key Stage 2 will be moved to the other field for Key Stage 1.

North Tyneside Vocal Celebration

On March 23rd the choir are singing in the Vocal Celebration at Whitley Bay Playhouse. Miss Wright will be sending out a letter for parents of the children involved in the event, once the details are finalised.

Easter egg competition



We are having a decorated hard-boiled egg competition at the end of this term. We have a children's competition; the eggs are decorated in school time with no adult help in the class. We have a range of craft materials, although please feel free to send in any specific art or craft materials, which your child may like to use to decorate their egg. We would be grateful if you would send into school one hard-boiled egg for your child to decorate, on Monday 21st March. The children will decorate their eggs on Tuesday 22nd March, and they will be judged that afternoon.

We would also like to encourage families to take part in our family competition, where each family submits a family decorated egg- we will be awarding prizes for these ! We were so impressed by the amazing family entries that we had last year and can't wait to see them this year. Please send in all family entries to the hard boiled Easter egg competition by 12 noon on Tuesday 22nd March at the latest thank you.

There will be an opportunity for parents to call into school to see the range of wonderful competition entries at the end of the school day on Tuesday 22nd March.

Dates for your diaries

Thurs 3rd March - Mother's Day gift stall (am playtime)

Thurs 3rd March - World Book Day

Mon 7th March - SAT practice week (Y2 & 6)

Wed 9th March - Heights & weights (Y6 & Rec)

Fri 11th March - Year 5 at Hoops for Health (Sport Central) (evening)

Fri 18th March - Sport Relief Day (info to follow)

Mon 21st March - children bring hard-boiled egg into school

Tues 22nd March - children decorate hard-boiled eggs in class

Tuesday 22nd March - family eggs to be dropped off at school by noon

Wed 23rd March - Vocal Celebration Whitley Bay Playhouse (6.30pm - 8pm)

Wed 23rd March - Break up for Easter

Mon 11th April - School re-starts

Tracey Taylor, Headteacher, March 2nd 2016