

Preston Grange Primary School



Newsletter - September 5th 2018

Welcome back!

The children have come back to school and settled in extremely quickly to their new classes and teachers! We would like to welcome all new families to our school this term, and hope that you enjoy being part of our school community, and that your child is very happy at our school.

Attendance

Please find enclosed with the newsletter, an information leaflet 'Guide to term time holidays for parents and carers' which has been issued to all schools by the Local Authority. This is applicable to children in Reception to Year 6.

As you are aware, we have a system that tracks children's individual attendance, and we expect that children all meet our school target attendance of 96.5%.

North Tyneside have an attendance management series of letters which become increasingly more formal and ultimately trigger Education Welfare Officer involvement. These letters will be issued by school as soon as your child's attendance falls below the school target.

In addition to this, the Governing Body will be considering this term the impact of children taking term-time holiday at our school. In previous years, we have not been affected too much, but last year saw an increase in parents taking children out of school during term time. This is a growing concern, as children that are taken out of school for 2 weeks for example, will miss **ten** Literacy lessons and **ten** Numeracy lessons as well as the other subjects they will miss. Once they return to school, the class learning will have moved on, meaning that your child will have **gaps in their knowledge**. This is extremely difficult to close, and your child may fall behind in their progress and attainment.

We ask that you read the attached leaflet and consider the implications of taking your child out of school in term-time. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Absence phone calls

If your child is poorly and will not be attending school, we ask that you ring the school office by 9am at the latest, informing us of the reason your child is off thank you.

Breakfast Club

Wherever possible, the office would be grateful if you could book and pay online at the start of the week for your child's place at breakfast club.

If there are any parents new to Reception, please call into the office for information and help in setting up an online login so that you may book breakfast club places.

Swimming

Year 4 will re-start their weekly swimming lessons next Friday (14th) and the lessons will run until Christmas. If you are able to help accompany the children to the swimming pool, please contact the school office thanks.

Great North Run

We are incredibly proud that Mrs Brown, Teaching Assistant in Year 1, will be running this weekend in the Great North Run. She is raising money for a public access defibrillator for outside the Sportsman in Preston Village.

If you would like to sponsor Mrs Brown, please click on the following link:

<https://www.goldengiving.com/fundraising/SusyBDefib>

Thank you for your support, and good luck to Mrs Brown!



Nursery places

A limited number of spaces for Nursery have become available, for an immediate start or a January 2019 start. Please contact the school office if you know anyone who would like to take up the place.

After school club with School's Out

School's Out, who run the after school club in the mobile classroom, will be open every night from now on. The session runs from 3.30pm until 5.35pm and costs £9.

Jeans for genes

On Friday 21st September, we will be wearing jeans instead of school trousers or skirts, to support the Jeans for Genes charity. The children will still be asked to wear the top half of their uniform. We suggest a £1 donation towards the charity. Thank you for your support.

Childhood Nasal Flu Programme

Children in reception to Year 5 are eligible for the nasal flu vaccination. Your child will bring home a letter and form about this tonight. All forms **MUST** be returned to school by 10am on September 19th to be collected by the School Nursing Team. Late forms will not be accepted unfortunately.

Children new to school

The school office have asked that all outstanding forms are returned to them by this Friday at the latest thank you. These include forms which were in the starter Nursery and Reception packs. Thank you.

Tracey Taylor

Headteacher

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