

# Preston Grange Primary School

Newsletter – 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023



Welcome back officially to the Autumn term, which is now well underway! The children are all settled and enjoying their new classes. Please see below that I have outlined some reminders at the start of term, which should be helpful for our new Reception parents and families new to our school. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

A very warm welcome to all of the families who have joined our school, we hope that your child is very happy at our school.

Have a lovely weekend everybody,  
Mrs Taylor

## **Some reminders & information for new families at the start of term:**

- The bell rings at 8.55am and class teachers will lead children into school. If you need to hand any items over to school, or you have anything you would like your child's class teacher to know, please hand these over to the Teaching Assistant at the head of each line or drop them at the office
- Water bottles brought into school are for water and should not contain juice, thank you.
- Earrings must be removed before school, they are not allowed to be worn in our school at all (see under school uniform, school website) Please note that this also includes retainers.
- If you have a concern about your child in terms of their worries, or if they are unsettled for any reason, please contact the office and ask to speak to Mrs Spowart (HLTA for Mental Health, Wellbeing & Attendance)
- If your child is poorly, please phone the school office on 3009190 before 8.55am and give the reason for their absence.
- If your child has a doctor's or hospital appointment, please let the school office know ahead of the date of the appointment and show the letter or appointment to Mrs Burn in the office.
- If your child requires short term medication, an inhaler, ointment or cream, please first complete an administering medication form from the school office and hand it to Mrs Burn in the school office, along with the medication, thank you.
- After school clubs run for an hour, from 3.25pm at the end of the school day until 4.25pm (not 4.30pm)
- Medically prescribed diets can be requested by parents if your child has an intolerance or allergy to certain foods. If you require a medical diet for your child, please email [catering.services@northtyneside.gov.uk](mailto:catering.services@northtyneside.gov.uk) or ring 0191 643 8355

- Nursery is an important part of our school. When we give out any information about whole school events or non-uniform days, please presume that Nursery children are included. We will specify if it does not apply to them, thank you.
- Both Breakfast Club and Out of School Club run on a 'book in advance' system. Each booking system will be live from a Monday morning, and it stays open until 2pm on Friday of that week. After 2pm, registers are printed and we know how many children will be attending each club the next week.
- If you have any issues with any of the booking systems or the app, please call Mrs Burn in the office.

Thank you!

### Harvest Coffee mornings

We will be holding Harvest coffee mornings on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October across the day and look forward to seeing everybody there.

At each coffee morning or afternoon, the children will sing 3 songs, class teachers and myself will be available if any parents would like to chat or ask any questions. There will also be members of our Mental Health support team at each coffee morning if you wish to talk to them too. After the singing, the children will be able to join you for a cake and juice. We will also be collecting donations for a local food bank in the last week of half term from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, and also on the day of the coffee morning & afternoon. Please see the times for each class below:

9.10-10.10am Early Years (Nursery & Reception)

10.40 – 11.40 Key Stage 1 (Year 1 & 2)

1-2pm Lower Key Stage 2 (Year 3 & 4)

2.25-3.15pm Upper Key Stage 2 (Year 5 & 6)

### Rugby World Cup Fun Day Lunch – Thursday 5 October 2023



The Catering team would like to invite all children in school to a Rugby World Cup Fun Day lunch on Thursday 5 October. The theme has been chosen to link with the Rugby World Cup 2023 in France, and encourage pupils to enjoy sports. The fun day lunch menu offers something for everyone, and medical diets will be catered for.

The fun day lunch will be free to all pupils in Reception, Year 1 and 2, and will cost £2.60 for pupils in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6, they are unless entitled to free school meals (benefit based.) Every child having a meal will receive a sticker and have the chance to find a golden ticket to win an instant prize. There will also be a star prize golden ticket for one pupil

in every school to be entered into a prize draw across the authority to win a range of fantastic rugby prizes donated by the Newcastle Falcons Rugby Club!

- a signed Newcastle Falcons rugby shirt
- a visit to your school from Newcastle Falcons first team players to enjoy
- lunch time with pupils
- Match tickets to watch Newcastle Falcons play at Kingston Park
- Places on a Falcons coaching camp

We hope that you can support your school on this day by sending your child in for a school meal and to have some fun too. For more information visit <https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/node/32615>

### Flu Vaccinations

On the 4<sup>th</sup> October, the NHS vaccination team will be in school to administer the winter flu vaccinations to children in school. You may have already received information from them. We ask that you return anything that they require by the deadline date. Thank you in advance.

### Thank you

A big thank you to Mrs Karsli and Mrs Brown for their hard work in setting up Out of School Club (OOSC), which we have relaunched this term. They have planned some really exciting activities for the children. The children spend half of the session outdoors in the forest, there is also art and craft and a range of other activities.

Should you require a place for your child, please contact the school office for an Out of School Club parent information pack. Children may only be booked into Out of School Club if we have received the paperwork from parents.



### Dates for your diary

Fri 14/9 – Y4 start swimming lessons pm

Wed 20/9 – Y4 Fire Safety workshop by Fire Service

Fri 22/9 – Water Safety assembly by Olympian Swimmer

Fri 22/9 – Jeans for Genes Day (Children to wear jeans + school sweatshirt N-6)

Fri 22/9 – Y5/6 football trials for school team

Mon 25/9 - Sustrans Cycle to school week

Mon 25/9 – After school clubs start for 5 weeks

Tues 26/9 – Newcastle Eagles Roadshow for Y5 & 6 (Eagles team in school)

Fri 29/9 – Y6 basketball at the Eagles Arena (playing at half time) More info to follow

Fri 29/9 – Cauliflower Xmas card artwork sent home to order your child's own Xmas cards

Wed 4/10 – Flu vaccinations in school

Thurs 12/10 – Football team @ JSCHS (3.45-5.15pm)

Fri 20/10 – Wear Pink for Cancer (non-uniform day)

Wed 25/10 – Harvest coffee morning & afternoon (see above)

Fri 27/10 – Y3 & 4 Girls Football Festival @ JSCHS (am)

Fri 27/10 – Break up for October half term

Tracey Taylor, Headteacher  
September 15th 2023