

Preston Grange Primary School



Newsletter - December 18th 2015

Christmas tuck shop

Thanks to Lorraine Harrison (Mum of Jacob) and Jackie O'Brien (Mum of Jack, ex pupil) for organising a Christmas tuck shop for the children last week. Jackie and Lorraine shop and then wrap the individual small gifts for the children to buy, and we are really grateful for their fantastic efforts. The Christmas stall raised just under £250 for school fund. Thank you very much ladies !

Handwriting competition

Class teachers judged the handwriting competition this week. We are delighted to have received so many entries, and the children had obviously worked extremely hard with their presentation. The winners and runners up in each class are shown below. Thank you to everyone who entered, and thanks to parents and families for support at home with the children's handwriting.



Reception: Olivia Connor and Jed Bell -winners, Max and Ava - runners up.

Year 1: Grace and Adam - winners, Alfie and Chloe - runners up.

Year 2: James and Sophia - winners, Harmony and Ellie S - runners up.

Year 3: Lucas and Hollie - winners, Ankitha and Chloe H - runners up

Year 4: Brooke and John - winners, Dylan and Mille - runners up.

Year 5: Shay and Katy R - runners up.

Year 6: Charlotte and Leon - winners, Adison and Amy - runners up.

Tapestry - Reception parents

Thank you to all of our Reception parents who attended a meeting after school this week about our new online learning journeys for Reception. Thank you to those of you who have returned the permission slip which we require. If you have not already done so, please can you return this slip to school at the start of term thank you.

Christmas art and craft afternoon

Thank you to all Reception families who came along to the craft afternoon last week. It was a fantastic turn out.

Christmas productions

Thank you for all of the lovely feedback that we have received following the Christmas shows, both for Key Stage 1 and for Key Stage 2. The singing was beautiful, the readers did an amazing job and the children work really hard in putting the shows on. It is also great to see the children's confidence grow each time they stand up on the stage. Please see the website for photos of the productions.

Breakfast club times

Thank you to all parents who drop off at breakfast club at the new start time of 7.45am. We are pleased to notice that no one is arriving earlier on site. The arrangement will continue into the New Year. Thank you for your support.

Spelling logs

Thank you to parents for returning the spelling logs each Monday morning, as the children require them in spelling sessions that run from 9 - 9.20am each morning. This system of sending spelling logs home on a Friday for parents to help the children with the words they have found tricky that week will continue after Christmas. Thanks for your support with this matter.

Carol singing at Rake Lane

Yesterday the children from the Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 choir, went to Rake Lane with Miss Wright, our Music leader and Mr Chappell. The children sing in the day room of one of the wards for the elderly. It brought great joy to the elderly patients, and the staff enjoyed their singing too. Well done to the choir, who sang beautifully.



Christingle service

Last week some of the children sang at a Christingle service at Christchurch in North Shields along with children from Whitehouse, King Edwards and Christchurch Primaries. Thank you to Miss Wright for her hard work and for rehearsing with the children. It was a beautiful service, and we were very proud of our children. Well done to everyone, and a special well done to Holly Hamilton who read a passage beautifully from the lectern and did a superb job!

Christmas lunch

A huge thank you to our kitchen staff; Karen, Lillian and Sarah, for an absolutely delicious Christmas lunch last week. The staff and children all enjoyed it, and the children enjoyed having crackers on the table.

Christmas parties

The children's Christmas parties have gone really well this week. Thank you for all of the food that was sent into school; the children had an absolute feast at each party. The

children from Reception to Year 4 had a special visitor at their party - Santa came ! This was much to the excitement of the children.

Well done

A big well done to Eve in Year 4 for being awarded a medal for gymnastics competition yesterday. Also, well done to Jessica Boyd in Year 5, for achieving another belt in kick boxing. Well done to both!

Christmas jumper day

Thank you for sending the children into school in Christmas jumpers today. The range of jumpers is amazing ! The £107 that we have raised will be sent to Save the Children charity. Thank you for your generosity. Photos from today will be uploaded to the website.

Thank you

Thank you very much for all of the sweets, homemade biscuits in the staffroom over the last few weeks. They were delicious and have kept us all going!

Teacher Training Day

Please remember that Monday 4th January is a Teacher Training day, so **the children return to school on Tuesday 5th January.**

We would like to wish all of our families a wonderful Christmas and a very happy New Year.

Tracey Taylor, Headteacher, December 18th 2015