

# Preston Grange Primary School

Newsletter - Oct 18th 2017



## Coffee morning

Huge thank to the Friends of Preston Grange for organising the Harvest coffee mornings last week. It was a really enjoyable morning and the feedback about the format of the morning was excellent. Thank you to all who attended. At the end of the last coffee morning, the total raised was 990. A very kind gesture from Chloe Cox in Year 3 raised this to £1000! She donated the money from her piggy bank as she thought it was a shame that we hadn't hit the £1000 mark. We're really proud of Chloe for this lovely gesture.

The grand total after the left over cakes had been sold to the children the following day, came to a very impressive £1012.03!! Thank you to everyone who helped to make our Harvest coffee mornings such a successful and enjoyable event!



## Key stage 2 SATs

The dates for Key Stage 2 SATs have already been shared with parents, but we have been pleasantly surprised by some new information that has been released this week. Traditionally, the children have always sat the Reading paper on the Monday of SATs week. Since SATs started, there has never been any deviation from this order.

The Reading paper is a heavy paper, and we have always felt that to change the order of the tests would be good for the children. This year, they have finally rearranged the order of SATs week and the Reading paper is now on day 2, with the children starting on the Monday with Spelling & Grammar tests. We feel that this will benefit the children, in that they will be more confident and feel 'warmed up' to the test situation by the time they sit the Reading paper on the Tuesday.

Monday 14 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 1: questions</li> <li>English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 2: spelling</li> </ul>
Tuesday 15 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>English reading</li> </ul>
Wednesday 16 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mathematics Paper 1: arithmetic</li> <li>Mathematics Paper 2: reasoning</li> </ul>
Thursday 17 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mathematics Paper 3: reasoning</li> </ul>



### **Wear it Pink day**

This Friday we will be having a non-uniform day, wear pink, raise money and help make life-saving research happen. We will be collecting for the breast cancer charity on the day, and would be grateful for any donations from parents.



### **Goodbye Miss Vince**

Last week we were very sorry to lose one of our Teaching Assistants, who left to go to a permanent post at another setting in North Tyneside. Miss Vince will be a big miss to our staff team. We wish her luck in her new chosen pathway, and thank her for everything she has done for us at Preston Grange.

### **Parents evenings**

Thank you to everyone who has already signed up on our online booking system for parents evenings. Please note that only 92% of parents have booked, and the system will close on Friday this week (Oct 20<sup>th</sup>). There is limited choice and availability now. If you leave it late to book soon, you may only have the option of separate nights for your children, but we are unable to do anything about this. Therefore we ask that all parents go online to make an appointment before the system closes on Friday, thank you. A text has also been sent out as a reminder today to all parents.



### **Operation Christmas Child**

This year we will be sending home leaflets asking if parents would like to prepare a Christmas shoe box for the Operation Christmas Child charity. All of the information you need, will be on the leaflet sent home from school before the end of this week. We ask that any completed shoe boxes are returned to school by November 10<sup>th</sup> thanks.

### **Parking around school**

It has been brought to our attention once again, that parents are parking at both entrances to school without consideration to our local residents. We have been told that particularly crowded with parents cars is Pentland Close. We have received a complaint that the cars parked there are a danger to children coming out of school. We ask that all parents consider

the local residents and do not park on corners or across driveways, otherwise the residents will take up the matter directly with the police. Thank you for your support with this matter.

### **Dates for your diaries**

Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Oct - Break up for October half term  
Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Oct - Wear it Pink for breast cancer non-uniform day  
Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Oct - Children return to school  
Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Nov - parents evening  
Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov - Halloween discos, info to follow  
Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Nov - parents evening  
Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Nov - Year 5 visit Newcastle Central Mosque  
Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> Nov - Individual school photos  
Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Nov - Year 5 bikeability (all day), info to follow  
Tues 21<sup>st</sup> Nov - Year 5 bikeability (all day), info to follow  
Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov - Year 5 bikeability (all day), info to follow  
Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov - Y5/6 netball at Tyne Met (3.45 to 4.45)  
Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> Nov - football team @ JSCHS (3.30-5.30)  
Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Dec - whole school trip to Theatre Royal (pm)  
Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> Dec - Y5/6 netball at Tyne Met (3.45 to 4.45)  
Tues 12<sup>th</sup> Dec - Christingle at Christchurch, North Shields  
Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> Dec - Y5/6 netball at Tyne Met (3.45 to 4.45)  
Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Dec - Christmas jumper day, non-uniform day  
Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Dec am Y4/5/6 show  
Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Dec pm Rec/Y1/2 Party  
Tues 19<sup>th</sup> Dec am N and Rec Nativity  
Tues 19<sup>th</sup> Dec pm Y3 and 4 Party  
Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Dec am Y1/2/3 Nativity  
Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Dec pm Y5 and 6 Party  
Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Dec - break up for Christmas holidays  
Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec - TEACHER TRAINING DAY  
Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Jan - TEACHER TRAINING DAY  
Tues 9<sup>th</sup> Jan - children return to school

Tracey Taylor, Headteacher, Oct 18<sup>th</sup> 2017