

Preston Grange Primary School

Newsletter - July 1st 2014



Road Safety

For several weeks our Year 3 children have been working with the road safety officers in North Tyneside learning how to be safe near roads. Part of the training is that the road safety officers take the children out onto the estate to experience crossing roads safely. The children have been amazing, the feedback from the road safety officers has been extremely positive and our children have learnt all about being safe while crossing the road. Photos will be available on our school website by the end of the week.

Sports Day

You will have received a separate letter about sports day arrangements. We would also be grateful for all children to bring a water bottle to school with them that day if they don't already do so, a hat and some suncream. We are hoping for some sunshine ! Mr Conaty and Mr Young will have refreshments, and the children will have an ice pop after their races. Should the weather affect the day, we will send out a text on Thursday morning. Keep your fingers crossed that we don't need to change the day, as the calendar is so full until the end of term !

Swimming in September

This academic year, we are changing the way in which we plan and deliver swimming to our children, following a discussion with the PE Adviser in North Tyneside. Mrs Udberg will be writing to you shortly to explain the new arrangements and organisation from September onwards.

Registering for Milk

Mrs Royle has asked that if your child has milk at school, when you are registering with Cool Milk, please ensure that you state the class that your child will be going into in **September**. Please also use the start date for the milk of September 1st 2014. Many thanks.

Friends of Preston Grange BBQ

This Friday we are having a family BBQ from 5.30pm until 8pm. Tickets are £6.00 for adults, and £3 for children. This includes an 'all you can eat' BBQ. Please note that if you are intending to come but do not require the food, there is a £1 charge for adults, and 50p charge for children. We would be grateful if all tickets are bought by Wednesday at the end of the day, to allow us to work out final numbers for the hall. Thank you for your support with this matter.



Book Fair reminder

Scholastic book fair will be on from Monday 7th July until Thursday 10th July, in the school hall from 3.30pm until 4.15pm. Please come along and have a look.

Open afternoon

We would like to invite you to come along to a 'drop in' open afternoon on Tuesday 15th July from 2.30pm until 3.20pm to have a chat with your child's class teacher if you have any concerns about your child's report (sent out Monday 14th) or if you would like to have a look at your child's work at the end of the year.

SATs results Key Stage 2

This year's SAT results will be released during the week of High Borrans, which is unfortunate. Since Mr Burgess always tell the children their results individually, we do not feel it would be fair that children not at High Borrans would find out their SAT results sooner than those that are away on the residential. Also, Mr Burgess goes through the papers to ensure the marking has been accurate, and the earliest time that he can do this is the weekend after High Borrans; this is in case we have any challenges to the marking or if there are any 'borderline' children. For this reason, we will be telling the children their SAT results on Monday 14th July. Parents that day will also be informed of their SAT results along with their end of year report.

Bling your bike

A reminder that this Friday is 'bling your bike' to school, as you will have read on the letter from Lucy, our Bike It officer. We would also ask that all of the children come into school wearing the French colours of red, white and blue instead of their school uniform for the day, to mark the start of the Tour de France.

Tynemouth Volunteer Life Brigade

Three volunteers from the Tynemouth Volunteer Life Brigade recently visited our school. Years 5, 3 and 2 got the opportunity to try out equipment, be 'rescued' and ask lots of questions. The TVLB reinforced important safety messages for youngsters visiting the beach and coastline this summer. Pictured is the team's vehicle and Millie Jackson (Y5) being 'rescued' on a stretcher.



Industrial Action Thursday 10th July

You may have heard on the news that NUT, Unison and GMB unions have planned a day of industrial action for Thursday 10th July. I would like to confirm that this does not affect our school in terms of teaching, although it will mean that if the strike goes ahead, our school kitchen will not be open that day, therefore, the children would all be required to bring a packed lunch. The school office will send out a text early next week to confirm if this is the case, once we are definite that the strike will be going ahead. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Dates for your diary this week:

Wed 2 July - STEM day at JSCHS for Year 6 children

Wed 2 July - Beamish visit Year 5

Wed 2 July - 5.30pm, Year 6 leavers meal at Michelino's, Whitley Bay

Thurs 3 July - Sports Day 1.15pm

Fri 4th July - Bike It healthy breakfast

Fri 4th July - Bling your bike to school

Fri 4th July - Party in the park, choir event (am but please note, children in choir need a packed lunch)

Fri 4th July - Friends of Preston Grange family BBQ, 5.30-8pm

Tracey Taylor, Headteacher, July 1st 2014