

# Preston Grange Primary School

Newsletter – . May 10<sup>th</sup> 2022



## Robinwood

Time is going quickly, and we are delighted that the Robinwood residential for Year 4 will be going ahead. Children will be leaving school on Wednesday 22nd June, and returning on Friday 24th June. Year 4 parents are invited to a meeting on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 3.30pm where Mrs Udberg, group leader, will go through all of the information about the residential. We look forward to seeing you then.

For information, the staff going to Robinwood with the children are as follows: Mrs Udberg (Group Leader) Miss Minto and Mr Whitenstall (HLTA.)

## Key Stage 2 SATS

We are incredibly proud of each and every one of our Year 6 children for their hard work and attitude towards their statutory Key Stage 2 tests this week. They have missed two terms of teaching during the two lockdowns along with other classes, and have worked extremely hard this year, showing maturity and resilience. We could not be more proud of them.

Huge thanks to the Year 6 team: Miss Daley, Mrs Jones and Mr Fairley for preparing the children so well! The relief was fantastic to see in the children when they did their last test today!



## Term dates for 2021-22

A reminder that the last day of this half term is **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May**. The children return to school on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June**. Children break up for the Summer holidays on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July** and return on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September**.

## Girls Football

The girls in Years 5 and 6 have enjoyed a series of football related activities recently, including lunchtime training sessions and a trip to John Spence to take part in a football festival. We had a successful trial session last Friday and a super team has been selected to represent our school. The girls will be taking part in the North Tyneside Under 11 Summer Football League. They will play over three evenings at John Spence High School. We wish them all the best of luck!

## **Queen's Jubilee**

We will be celebrating the Queen's Jubilee as a whole school on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May. We have planned: to have a garden party in the afternoon, the school kitchen will be having a picnic themed jubilee lunch, and children across school will be doing jubilee themed activities across the day. We ask that the children come into school in non-uniform, wearing red, white and blue clothes.

## **The Royal Platinum Jubilee Picnic Lunch – Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

The kitchen staff would like to invite all children in school to our exciting Royal Platinum Jubilee Picnic Lunch on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May. They have chosen some traditional picnic lunch items, a selection of sandwiches, mini sausage roll or cheese lattice, vegetable sticks and a baked snack, followed by a Jubilee celebration cupcake. All other diets and medical diets will be catered for.

The royal picnic will be free to all pupils in reception, year 1 & 2 and will cost £2.25 for pupils in Year 3, 4, 5 & 6, unless entitled to free school meals (benefit based) and every child will receive a Platinum Jubilee fun activity sheet.

We hope that you can support your school on this day by sending your child in for a school meal and to have some Jubilee fun too. For more information visit [my.northtyneside.gov.uk/royalplatinumpicniclunch](http://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/royalplatinumpicniclunch)

## **Hoops for Health**

We will be taking a team of Year 6 to participate in the Newcastle Eagles Hoops for Health Year 6 tournament on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June. More information to follow.

## **Non-uniform Day**

Newcastle have earned themselves a non-uniform day this Friday (13<sup>th</sup>) for being the winning castle last half term!

## **Swimming**

The last week for Year 3 will go swimming will be Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May. Unfortunately we are struggling to find sufficient helpers to accompany the class each week and I am unable to release staff from timetables in school. When a class attend swimming lessons, it is in place of one of their PE lessons and therefore Year 3 will revert after May half term to their two weekly PE lessons in school.

The National expectation of school is that by the end of Year 6, every child is able to swim 25 metres, so there is plenty of time to pick up swimming in future. I am currently looking into an alternative to the children going to the local swimming pool for their lessons, I will share more information when I have confirmed the alternative plan. In the meantime, Miss Dean will arrange to reimburse any swimming money already paid.

Huge thanks to the regular helpers from Year 3 that have been part of the swimming helper rota, we really appreciate your time and commitment to school.

## **Preston Grange Has Talent**

We will be running our annual PG Has Talent competition shortly. The children will be given an application form for the in-class heats of the talent competition. Heats will take place in class on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June, so that they have plenty of time to practice

their act. The winners from each class heat will go forward into the whole school final where we will invite all of the finalists' families into school.

### **Dates for your diary**

Fri 13/5 – Newcastle (castle) non-uniform day

Fri 13/5 – Girls football training (lunchtime)

Mon 16/5 – Career Busters Year 5 (pm)

Tues 17/5 – Superhero CV (Careers Education) Year 1 (pm)

Tues 17/5 – Career Snakes & Ladders Year 2 (pm)

Wed 18/5 – Career Desert Island Year 6 (pm)

Wed 18/5 – Girls football at JSCHS (3.45-5pm)

Thurs 19/5 – Career Top Trumps Year 3 (pm)

Thurs 19/5 – Weird & Wonderful Jobs Year 4 (pm)

Fri 21/5 – Last swimming lesson for Year 3

Wed 25/5 – Tennis (Year 3 team @JSCHS) (pm)

Thurs 26/5 – Queen's Jubilee celebrations in school

Thurs 26/5 – Break up for May half term

### **Wed 8/6 – CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL**

Wed 8/6 – Enrichment Day (whole school) – environmental theme

Wed 8/6 - Girls football at JSCHS (3.45-5pm)

Thurs 9/6 - Yr6 Cricket @ Tynemouth CC all day

Fri 17/6 – Year 6 Hoops 4 Health basketball tournament

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