

Preston Grange Primary School

Newsletter – September 29th 2021



Reception parents meeting

This week we invited all new Reception parents into the school hall where we held an introduction to Reception meeting. Thank you so much for the amazing parent turn out! This information shared at the meeting included the revised Early Years Curriculum and how to help your child with reading at our school. Further to this meeting, the additional Early Years information which Miss Knowles told parents would be sent home, has also been emailed to parents.

Race for Life/Wear It Pink

Every year at Preston Grange, we aim to involve our pupils in Wear it Pink day for cancer research. It's a great time to get the pupils dressed up in whacky pink costumes, wigs and nail varnish whilst raising awareness of an important illness.

This year we are combining Wear It Pink day with the Race for Life. We ask that on **22nd October** you send your child into school wearing LOTS of pink *and* suitable running footwear. All pupils will have the opportunity to participate in an age appropriate "Race for Life" and will receive a participation medal.

We ask that you send a donation in with your child that day so that we can forward this to the charities and they can continue their important research.

Please find our fundraising page at the following link. We would be grateful for any donations/sponsorship. Thank you for your support:

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/preston-grange-primary-school-1>

Can you help?

We need your help to collect the following thanks:

- Year 1 Design & Technology topic this term is building a chair for Baby Bear. They will be collecting small cardboard boxes, empty cling film rolls, yogurt cartons etc) Please send any of these items into school with your child **if they are in Year 1**. Thank you!
- Other items we are collecting for Nursery:

Pine cones
Small pebbles



Conkers
Shells

There will be boxes outside the school office from tomorrow, if you have any of the above items to sending school please add them to our collection boxes. Many thanks!

Parents evenings

On Tuesday 12th October we will be having our parent meetings. These again will be online for the Autumn term, and will be 10 minute appointments between the hours of 1:50pm and 7:30pm. Next week you will receive a text and email with a link to the booking system.

You will need to choose your preferred time, and then the class teacher will send you an email with a Zoom link. Please book your appointments by the end of the school day on Friday 8th October.

Walking home from school – Year 5 & 6 children

Every September we seek parents' permission for the children in Year 5 and 6 to walk home. We are not however happy to dismiss children in lower year groups with their older Year 5 or 6 siblings, particularly when the dark nights come in. On the rare occasion that we permit this, we require a written letter giving permission for this to happen.

Staff news

Mr Whitenstall was appointed to school as an Apprentice Teaching Assistant when he was 18. I am delighted that school is now funding him through teacher training over the next three years!

Miss Knowles and Mr Russell have recently completed their NPQSL (National Professional Qualification for Senior Leadership). They both passed with flying colours!

Miss Knowles and I have qualified as Mental Health First Aiders, which we will use to further support the wellbeing & mental health of our school community.

Year 1 & 2 meeting

Next Tuesday (5th October) Miss Wright, Mrs Gibson and Mr Whitenstall are hosting a meeting about Reading in the hall for parents of Year 1 and 2 children. This is extremely important particularly for Year 1 parents, because due to COVID last year and the fact that parents were not allowed in school, the meeting was not held face to face but instead, the information was sent home. We ask that all of our parents attend this meeting almost as a fresh start to the school year.

As part of Mr Whitenstall beginning his route in teacher training, he will be completing a project on Reading, and this will focus on our current Year 1 children. We would love to see as many parents at the meeting as possible, as we would love your support with this. Thank you!

Bike to School Week

This week is Bike to School week until Friday. Thank you for so many of the children coming to school on either bikes or scooters. We enter the number of children coming to school on a website, and we are in competition with other schools. It's great to see the children being active, please keep sending them in on their bikes!

Non uniform days

Next week on Thursday 7th October, we are having a non uniform day, asking the children to come into school wearing sports clothes, as our school lunches will have a sports theme. Please see the menu here.

On Friday 8th, it will also be a non-uniform day. We ask that the children to come into school wearing something yellow for Young Minds Mental Health Day.



Twitter



As a school, we post a huge amount of school life and activities that the children are doing every day on our Twitter account.

If new parents haven't yet signed up for Twitter, please do and follow us at @pg_primary. Thank you!

Dates for your diary

Fri 1st Oct - Bike to School week ends

Thurs 7th Oct – Funday Sports school lunch – non uniform

Fri 8th Oct – Wear Yellow (Mental Health Day)

Tues 12th Oct - Parents meetings

Wed 13th Oct - Freestyle football day (more info to follow)

Fri 22nd Oct - Wear it Pink Day & PGPS Race for Life

Fri 22nd Oct - Break up for October half term

Nov 1st Nov - TEACHER TRAINING DAY

Tues 2nd Nov - Children return to school

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28th September 2021