

Preston Grange Primary School

Newsletter – May 25th 2023



Sun cream

With this warmer weather, please can I suggest that children are sent to school with a hat and sun cream. Please note that as usual, children will need to apply their own sun cream as staff are not allowed to put the sun cream on the children. Thank you.

Medical appointments

A reminder that if your child has an upcoming medical appointment, please inform the office of this in advance and showing evidence of the appointment. This can be either by calling into the school office or via email to the school inbox: office@pgps.co.uk, thank you.



Year 6

As our Year 6 children get ready to leave primary school next half term, we always give them an exciting end of term and a huge send off. I am pleased to inform parents that the arrangements and activities for the end of Year 6 will be shared with the children (and families) after May half term....and it includes the tradition of a sleepover at school ☺

Parking

It has been drawn to our attention that some residents have raised an issue about parking on grass verges around the estate. Whilst we do not know if this is residents, parents or visitors parking, we would always ask that everyone is mindful of where they are parking around drop off and pick up. Thank you.

Reminder - extra day of school holiday

Parents and carers will have recently received a letter about an extra day's school holiday which will be on Monday 19th June. Please visit our website: www.pgps.co.uk to view the updated term and holiday dates for this academic year.

Parent helpers

Thank you to the parents who accompanied the Year 1 trip to the Centre for Life yesterday, your help is very much appreciated. The children had an amazing day, filled with exciting activities.

School uniform

Ahead of Summer, a reminder that school uniform bought from Emblematic needs to be delivered to home addresses, orders are no longer delivered to school.

Also, in order to cut the cost of uniform, please see the Emblematic website, which stocks our school badges to buy to sew onto any red sweatshirt.

NTLT Musical Extravaganza, Sage Gateshead

North Tyneside Learning Trust will be hosting a musical extravaganza, live at The Sage Gateshead on **Tuesday 27th June**. Young people from all Trust Partner Schools will be taking part in this fabulous event and children from our school will be joining together with other choirs from across the Trust as part of a massed choir performing with around 350 other young people.

Thank you to Miss Wright for organising the choir to attend and for rehearsing the children. For parents of children singing at the event, please find the link for buying tickets for the event on The Sage website under the date of 27th June.

Nursery outdoor learning environment

As part of our development of the outdoor provision for Early Years, the internal Nursery quad will begin a transformation starting after May half term. Thank you to Miss Storey for her creative planning with Emma Packard, Early Years Adviser. The development of the quad will further extend our provision for Early Years in school and will really enrich the outdoor learning environment for our Nursery children.



Mental Health team in school

Mental Health Support Team

Last year, we successfully applied to be a host school for a mental health support team to be based in our school for 7 years, to further develop our mental health and wellbeing offer for children and families in school.

We now have Peter, Beth and Jess as our MHST (Mental Health Support Team) colleagues attached to our school now, and I can confirm that the work to support children in school has already started with some of our families and children, and we hope that this is proving effective from the family point of view. Should your child be working with the team, I would be grateful for some feedback once the sessions have been completed, so that we know if this is helping. Many thanks!

Earrings

Wearing earrings at school is not allowed for health and safety reasons. If your child currently has earrings in, they will be asked to remove them. As you can imagine, whilst playing outside at playtimes, should another child catch their ear, this could possibly result in a nasty accident.

If you are thinking of getting your child's ears pierced, we ask that you do this at the start or just before the start of the school Summer holiday, so that the earrings may be removed ready for school in September. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Classes and teachers for next academic year

Children will learn who their next class teacher during the week beginning 8th July and will spend the morning with their new class teacher on Friday 14th July on our Move Up day.

The BAFTAs, The Oscars... The NTLT Star Awards

With over 300 nominations for the NTLT Star Awards this year, reaching the finalist stage is certainly up there with being nominated for a BAFTA or an Oscar and we couldn't be prouder of the young people who are representing their schools and community in the 12 awards this year.



The Star Awards is North Tyneside Learning Trust's annual celebration of the outstanding non-academic achievements of the children and young people from around the Trust and this year it is celebrating its 10th anniversary.



Special letters have been sent out to all schools with a finalist, notifying them of this outstanding achievement and inviting them to the glittering award ceremony at St James Park on 13th July 2023.

We are thrilled that Elliott Thompson in our Reception class, has been selected as a finalist in the 'Can Do' category!! We are SO proud of him and we wish him lots of luck for the award ceremony and keep everything crossed that he will be the overall winner of the category on the night!

Booking systems

A reminder that the first week back is a 4 day week for the children. Please remember that if you are booking for Nursery lunch cover or breakfast club, please remember not book for Monday 5th June, thanks.

Dates for your diary

Thurs 25th May – Year 1 football with Access Coaching (each week)

Fri 26th May – Y1 Hand hygiene session

Fri 26th May – break up for May Half Term

Mon 5th June - Teacher Training Day

Mon 5th June week – Year 4 multiplication tables check

Mon 12th June – Year 1 phonics check

Tues 6th June – Children return to school

Thurs 8th June - Y6 Cricket @ Tynemouth Cricket Club

Fri 9th June – Girls football team training

Mon 12th June – Year 1 class assembly 10.20am

Wed 14th June – Year 6 class assembly 10.20am

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May 23rd 2023