

Preston Grange Primary School

Newsletter – June 26th 2023



Sports Day

You will have all received a letter with the details for Sports Day this week. Please find below some reminders:

- Teachers supervise the children and parents are asked not to approach the mats or to take your child away from the mats - for photos, drinks, the toilet or any other reason, thank you. This is so that the class teacher knows where the children are at any point in the morning.
- Children must all bring their own water bottle to school, which they will fill up with water before going outside.
- We will have basic refreshments and chairs will be set out down the length of each running track. You may prefer to bring your own blanket, but there will be plenty of chairs.
- We also do not allow any food items to be brought over to the children. If you buy any refreshments at the refreshment tent, please do not buy anything for children who are participating in sports day.
- At the end of Sports Day, children will be led by their teacher back into the classroom following a lap of honour past families.

Fundraising

On Friday 30th June, our whole staff will be doing the Coastal Crawl in aid of Maggie's Cancer Charity.



We will be walking for people with cancer, in memory, in celebration, but most importantly, for someone close to us. We are delighted to say that Miss Knowles has received successful treatment for cancer since April. Our fundraising walk is a way of giving back for all of the amazing care & treatment she has received.

We have set up a Just Giving page, and would love you to support us. We would be ever so grateful for any donation towards our fundraising. The link to our Just Giving page will be texted to all families, and you may also find the link on our Twitter page.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Year 6 end of Primary School activities

We always try to give our Year 6 children an amazing send off from primary school – and this seems to get bigger every year! We always plan a range of activities after gathering ideas from the children themselves.

The last week of term we have arranged a wide range of activities, but the following are the key dates for parents to know. *Please note, all costs will be paid by school*

Thurs 6th July

- Sleepover, water fight, hide & seek & pizza takeaway at school 6.30pm

Children will come home as usual and will be asked to return to school at 6.30pm with their sleeping bag, pillow, snacks and super soaker/water pistol!

Fri 7th July

- Cooked breakfast at school
- PJ morning, (no uniform) film & popcorn
- Forest school activities & BBQ pm

Mon 10th July

- Day trip – Escape rooms Newcastle (am), McDonalds lunch, beach trip Tyne-mouth (pm)

Thus 13th July

- Leavers assembly 11am
- Have lunch with your child afterwards

The children will bring home the full timetable of activities for the class in due course. Please note that they are able to wear their leavers hoodies all of the last week of term. (They will need their school t-shirt in school for autographs for the end of the week.)

NEU Teachers Strike

As you are aware, the National Education Union (NEU) has voted for strike action for teaching staff and the next planned strike action are the following dates: **5th and 7th July.**

I can however confirm that **on both the 5th and 7th July, our school will be fully open to all pupils.**

Year 6 children

If your child is in Year 6, and their transition day/days have been cancelled at one of the local High Schools, they can come into school as normal.

Since our Year 6 children are moving onto 5 different high schools however, these may each be affected differently by strike action. A google form will be sent to parents, on which we ask that you indicate when your child will be at our school as normal and when they will be attending transition days.

Year 4 Residential

We have in the past taken Year 4 to Robinwood in Alston for an outdoor residential. This next academic year we plan to take the children to Ford Castle in Northumberland. The reviews are excellent, and there is a wide range of activities that we know will appeal to children. The cost is also considerably less than Robinwood. Year 4 parents will be receiving a letter with more information about dates and costs next week.

We look forward to seeing everybody at Sports Day!

Tracey Taylor
Headteacher

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Have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year everyone!

Tracey Taylor
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December 18th 2020