

Preston Grange Primary School

Newsletter – February 14th 2022



World Book Day

On Thursday 3rd March we will be celebrating World Book Day...but a little differently this time. Before the half term holidays, your child will bring home a template to design a t-shirt inspired by a book. They will spend the morning of World Book Day bringing their designs to life, ready to wear them for the rest of the day.

Along with their completed designs, we would be grateful if you could send an old t-shirt (named inside) into school for your child to decorate by Wednesday 2nd March. We are hoping to have a little home time parade around the yard so that you can see what the children have created.

Have fun perusing your books for inspiration!



Wear it red day – February is National Heart Month

This Friday, we are having a non-uniform day and asking the children to come into school wearing red. February is National Heart Month, and we will be fundraising for North East Hearts with Goals, a local charity (<http://www.nehwg.co.uk/#welcome> and <https://www.facebook.com/NEHEARTSWITHGOALS/>) North East Hearts with Goals are a north east charity run by locals Christine Stephenson and Kelly Best. They are driven by the loss of Kelly's husband and Christine's brother, Neil, from a sudden cardiac arrest. They help raise funding for life saving defibrillators.

This charity has placed over 450 defibrillators across the north east. This has helped save over 30 lives!! Indeed funding from this charity allowed our own school to acquire a defibrillator several years ago. The charity also provide CPR and defibrillator awareness and training. They also support local families who have children with heart conditions by providing defibrillators ongoing support.

This Friday, we will have Simon Brown in school to teach the children across school basic CPR. Simon is our football coach and husband of Mrs Brown, Teaching Assistant, and someone who also suffered a sudden cardiac arrest several years ago but luckily due to people standing by being able to administer CPR, he survived. Simon currently volunteers to help North East Hearts for Goals, in order to help fundraise and raise awareness of CPR and using defibrillators.

Some facts about cardiac arrest:

- Sudden Cardiac Arrest is the UK's biggest killer
- 100,000 people die a year
- 25 young people every week
- Only 8% of people who have an SCA survive!
- If a defibrillator is used, it can increase survival chances to 80%

Please can you help us? We can support this local charity by wearing red this Friday and raising awareness of CPR and using defibrillators, whilst raising funds for them this Friday. If you would like to donate, please visit:

<https://www.goldengiving.com/secure/donation/north-east-hearts-with-goals>

So that they know where the donation has come from, we'd be grateful if you could write 'PGPS' in the comment box. Thank you so much!

Please help us move our defibrillator

Following on from this Friday's fundraising effort for North East Hearts for Goals, we would like to further fundraise in order to move our school defibrillator from its current position in the entrance of school, to outside on our school gate posts. In this way it will be far more accessible to the whole community.

I know that in the Summer holidays 2020, there were 3 requests to use the defibrillator over the Summer holidays, one from Redesdale, and the other two times, families in the local community, having called the emergency services were sent to our school as it was the nearest defibrillator. It was pure chance that there were workmen and myself in school at that time, but there are 13 weeks of the school year that school is closed, so being inside our school it is not as accessible to everyone as it could be.



In order to move the defibrillator from its current place, we will need to raise a further amount of money to be able to buy a different type of defibrillator exterior

cabinet and install it. We would be extremely grateful for the support of our families in helping us raise this money, and I will speak to the Friends of Preston Grange to see if we can plan some fundraising events before the end of Summer term with this in mind. Thank you in advance for your support!

Book look

Thank you to all of our families who were able to come into school last week over two days to look at the children's books. Thank you for the lovely feedback; we also agree that it was lovely having parents back in school and it was a valuable opportunity to see the children's books after nearly two years.

For those families not able to make last week's sessions, this Friday books will be available for parents **from 3.30-5.30pm. If you plan to come into school this Friday**, we will need to sort out the children's books, so would appreciate an email to the school office to let us know who is coming. Many thanks.



Parent appointments Tuesday 15th February

As you are aware, all parent appointments are online tomorrow, Tuesday 15th February. Unlike last time when we had parents appointments, where staff were running meetings for some days afterwards due to appointment times being overlooked, this time there will be no alternative phone appointments or appointments on any other date. We would be grateful if all parents could attend their appointment online tomorrow. Please check your email for the zoom link which have all been sent out. Thanks for your support with this matter.

February half term

This coming Friday the children break up for half term. I'd like to wish all of our families a lovely holiday and we look forward to seeing everybody when we return to school on Monday 28th February!

Tracey Taylor

Headteacher

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