

# Preston Grange Primary School

Newsletter – March 30th 2022



## Enrichment Day

On Monday 4th April, we are collapsing the normal curriculum for the day and have planned an enrichment day. This provides an opportunity for the children to participate in activities in subjects in more detail for the day, giving the opportunity to develop additional skills, and encouraging them to take part in activities and challenges that are different to their normal everyday lessons.

We have planned an Arts day for this enrichment say and there will be: a visiting theatre company in school, a musician, Seven Stories will hold a story party for the Early Years children and a textile artist will start a textile

mural with the children. This will be a fantastic day for the children, and we will share photos from the day on Twitter.

## Easter egg competition

We will be holding our annual decorated hard-boiled egg competition next week. If you remember, we always have a children's competition; the eggs are decorated in school time with no adult help in the class.

For this, we would be grateful if all children (Nursery included) could bring into school next Thursday (7th) a hard-boiled egg each. Although we have a range of craft materials, please feel free to send in any specific art or craft materials, which your child may like to use to decorate their egg. **NB. the egg must not be pre-decorated at home, thank you.**



We will also be holding a family egg competition, where families may submit a family entry. We would be grateful if you could possibly send all family decorated eggs, with the family name clearly marked and the name/title of the entry **by 12 noon on Thursday 7th April** at the latest thanks. We will tweet the entries and the winners at the end of Thursday. We are so impressed by the amazing family entries that we receive every year and can't wait to see this year's entries! Good luck!

### Singing for Norman

We have been asked to sing once again for a resident of Redesdale, and this time it turns out to be the Father of Mrs Royle (recently retired from school.) Next Tuesday we will be singing for Norman's 95th birthday, and hope that the children bring a smile to his face and make his birthday very special. The words and backing tracks have been shared on Google Classroom for the children to practice at home.

### The Queen's Jubilee

The children will be decorating some bunting for the Queen's Jubilee next week as part of our Arts Day. The finished bunting will be hung in Whitley Bay, as part of a Jubilee trail through the town. We will share photos of the finished bunting via our Twitter account (@pg\_primary)



### Friends of Preston Grange

I met with the Rebecca, Mum of Charlie and Kit recently so that we can start to plan some activities for the children to raise funds for school. The Friends are currently planning a tea towel which will be sold to fundraise for school. The children have drawn pictures of themselves and this will be made into the tea towel; this will be a lovely memory of primary school! Thank you to Rebecca and the Friends for making the time to meet with me and discuss their ideas, which will be shared with families in due course.

### School Uniform

I am currently looking into setting up a system for making second hand spare and outgrown uniform available to parents for no cost. Ideally it would be great if this could be housed in school, although space is an issue for us. I am aware of a local uniform depository, but I am considering several other options and I will get back to families as soon as I am able to signpost parents to these; this will be ahead of September this year.

### Ordering uniform

If you would like to order school uniform from Emblematic for Autumn term, please note that Emblematic have apologised that some items of uniform have had to increase in price for 2022. This is due to the economic trend they are experiencing at the moment, (including transport, fuel, staffing costs etc)

**The new price list will commence on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022.** - (our school webpage on the Emblematic site will automatically be updated with the new pricing)

### Cut-Off Dates for ordering uniform

Please be aware the cut-off dates for 2022 will be as follows:

***Order before 19<sup>th</sup> June – Delivery to School or home before School closes for the summer.***

***Order before 24<sup>th</sup> July – Delivery to School or Home before School returns in September.***

## E Safety

As part of our ongoing work as part of our ICT curriculum and ongoing safeguarding, we teach children right across school about internet safety, or otherwise known as E Safety.



Unfortunately, I have recently been made aware of an issue by parents regarding the use of one social media platform at home, and as a result of this, next week we will be surveying our Key Stage 2 children to find out more about their use of social media outside of school. Our Year 5 children have designed the google survey for Years 3-6, and we feel that this will provide both home and school some really valuable information. The findings of this survey will be shared with families so that we can work together to keep our children safe online.

In addition to the children's survey, we will be holding a meeting for parents after Easter, so that we can share information and tips for keeping your child safe online at home. At this meeting, we will inform you of the platforms that your child may be using, the risks and issues that can be avoided, and parental controls that can be applied. We hope that this update will prepare you so that you are fully aware of how you can keep your child safe at home online. A survey has been shared today with Key Stage 2 parents, asking what time is best for you to attend this session, so that we can get as many parents at the meeting as possible. We look forward to seeing you there.

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