

# Preston Grange Primary School

Newsletter - November 14<sup>th</sup> 2017



## Bikeability

We have arranged for Bikeability training for Year 5 in school. The children have been put into groups and will need to bring their bike and on the following days:

**Tues 21st Nov:** group 1

Deacon, Hayden, Harry G, Chloe, Ryan, Jake, Amelie, Dior

**Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov:** group 2

Lexi, Taylor, Matthew, Jonathan, Hollie, Cameron, Violet

**Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Jan:** group 3

Daniel, Nina, Joe, Bobbi, Owen, Izzy, Lilly-May, Matthew T

**Please note**, we have not received all parent permission slips for Bikeability sessions. The children may only take part in the cycle training once these have been received.



## Children in Need

On Friday this week we ask that the children come into school wearing either spots or stripes, as it is Children in Need. We suggest a donation of £1 towards the charity. Thank you for your support.

## Well done!

Isabelle Holroyd recently won a competition sponsored by NASUWT and was presented with an amazing prize, a Nintendo Switch. Isabelle had to design a banner for the Durham Miners' Gala on a theme she felt strongly about. Her 'stronger together' theme resonated with the sponsors and she was selected as the winner of the primary schools category for the North East.



## School Council visit to Morrisons

This Friday the School Council will visit Morrisons to consider some new snacks for our healthy tuck shop on Fridays. They have looked at the snacks that are sold at tuck shop currently, and will look for some even healthier options.

## Basketball team

On Friday last week, our Year 6 basketball team were invited to play at half time at the Newcastle Eagles game at Sport



Central. The team played brilliantly, it was a superb team effort and we were so unlucky that it went to a shoot out as we were tied at the end of the game. In the end, St Bede's from Newcastle beat us by one point, but we are so proud of each and every one of the team! Thank you to all of the families and children who came along to support the team! Although the team aren't playing on December 8<sup>th</sup>, we have been offered discounted tickets for adults (£7 each) and free tickets for children. We'd love to see more families and children come along on that night. Free transport from school is provided (see separate letter).

### **French language assistant**

We have been lucky to have been allocated Manon, a French teaching assistant who is working in a few schools in North Tyneside across this academic year. Each week Manon spends time in school working with different classes, teaching the children French vocabulary, songs and rhymes. The children enjoy her sessions very much and are learning a French Christmas carol that they will sing at the end of the Christmas performances.

### **Individual photos**

This Thursday is school photo day. The children will have their photos taken individually across the morning. If you have a child in Nursery with older siblings in school, please bring the sibling into school at 8.45am directly into the hall. The office staff do their best to arrange that school aged siblings are photographed together, as well as separately but unfortunately we cannot cope with children under Nursery age due to numbers and the time restrictions.

### **The Littlest Elf**

On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December, we have booked an Early Years storytelling session for Nursery and Reception children, and would like to invite parents into school for the 45 minute session called The Littlest Elf. Coffee and mince pies will be available from dropping the children off at school and the storytelling will start at 9.15am and run until 10am approximately. All welcome.

### **Scholastic books**

You will receive a scholastic magazine today. This is the last magazine before Christmas. Please send orders into the school office by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November at the latest thank you (cash or cheques only)

### **School uniform**

If there are any parents wishing to order any new uniform for next term, a reminder that you can order this from the following website: <http://emblematic.co.uk/schools/pgps>

### **School field**

We have taken the children off the field at playtimes and lunchtimes for the rest of Winter now, due to the amount of mud that was being trailed into school. We ask that parents ask and supervise children before and after school to ensure that the children are also off the grass at these times. Thanks for your support with this matter.

Tracey Taylor, Headteacher, November 14th 2017