

# Preston Grange Primary School



Newsletter - June 28th 2016

## Update on Nursery

The Nursery is coming along very well now. The new flooring is down, the toilets and sinks for the children are fitted, the decorators have painted the room and the display boards are about to be installed. The furniture and resources are arriving every day, and the blinds have been fitted. This week, a soft play surface will be installed in the internal quad, which will be Nursery's outdoor area. At long last it is all starting to come together!

## Sponsor money

Thanks to all of our families for raising such a fantastic amount of money for school funds recently in our sponsored 100 event. The total amount raised comes to a huge £2108! Thank you all very much.

## Scholastic books

Mrs Royle has asked that if any parents would like to order from the recent scholastic books magazine, please return the order with a cheque made payable to school by July 1<sup>st</sup> at the latest, thank you.

## Year 1 forest school visit

This week Year 1 visited Kirkley Hall as part of our ongoing work on forest school skills. The children had the most amazing time! Thanks to all of our parent helpers who accompanied the trip.



## Father's Day Stall

Thank you to Lorraine and Jackie for shopping for gifts, organising and running the Father's Day stall for the children last week. The stall raised a further £208 for school funds.

## Resources for Nursery

We have bought a wide range of resources for our new Nursery, but we would be grateful if any of your children were finished with any of the following:

Toy cars or vehicles in good condition

Duplo

Wooden building bricks

Please inform Mrs Clarke or Mrs Royle in the school office if you have any of the above that you are happy to donate. Thank you for your support.

## Resources on website

Please find on our school website, our newly revised SRE (Sex and Relationship Education) programme of work, which includes LGBT (lesbian, gay, bi-sexual and transgender) content for

our school, in line with current government guidelines and the PSHE curriculum for Primary children.

### **Year 4 at Robinwood**

Each year we take Year 4 to Robinwood, a residential centre in Alston for two nights and three days. The children take part in a wide variety of outdoor activities including: the big swing, the piranha pool, archery, night-line, crate stacking, caving and much more. Here are a couple of photos of them in action. Please see the website for more photos.



### **Staffing and classes for September**

NURSERY	Mrs Dyke
RECEPTION	Mrs Patterson
YEAR 1	Miss Wright
YEAR 2	Miss Knowles 0.8
YEAR 3	Miss Reynolds full time until Oct half term then Mrs Udberg 0.8
YEAR 4	Mrs Gibson 0.6 / Miss Minto 0.4
YEAR 5	Mr Burgess
YEAR 6	Miss Daley

Following teaching Year 3 for the first half term, Miss Reynolds will teach Maths sets in Year 5 and 6 alongside Miss Daley and Mr Burgess (we are putting the children into two sets within each class just for Maths) She will also provide cover for Mrs Udberg and Miss Knowles on the two afternoons they do not work. This will be the arrangement only from October half term until Easter.

Thank you to Mrs Davidson, who has been Mrs Gibson's maternity cover this year. We will be sorry to see her leave at the end of term, and wish her well for the future.

### **Reception class assembly**

Mrs Davidson has returned to work after a short absence, and the Reception class assembly will now be on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July. Please ignore any previous dates. Mrs Gibson will return after her maternity leave on July 11<sup>th</sup> to Reception, and will teach the class on a part-time basis with Mrs Davidson until the end of term.

### **Class photos**

Class photos are being sent home tonight. If you would like to buy one, please can you return the order form and payment to the school office by Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July at the latest thanks.

### **Interactive whiteboards**

This weekend we have had new interactive whiteboards fitted in each classroom including Nursery, and an 84 inch whiteboard installed in the hall on a stand. The whiteboards are top of the range, have a computer integrated in them and will be a fantastic teaching and learning resource for the teachers and classes.

### **The Sage 'Angels of the North' event**

Our choir will be again taking part in the Angels of the North event. We are very proud that some of our children succeeded at an audition for a special role at the event, and they will be singing in small group performances. Well done to Emma (Year 5), Charlie H (Year 5) and Lucia (Year 5)!

### **Basketball tournament**

A huge well done to our two Year 6 basketball teams, who took part a recent basketball competition with other local schools. Team 1 won all of their league games and drew their final game against South Wellfield. Overall, we were level on league points, but came 2nd place as Wellfield had scored one basket more than us across the entire tournament.



Mr Jamison says that there were some absolute star players. Team 2 lost all of their games but he said that the children ran their socks off, and Emily was the coach for that team and sorted out all positions and team tactics. Brilliant job Emily! We are very proud that overall we came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the tournament. Very well done to both teams!



### **Techy tea party**

We would like to thank Alex and Erin's Mum, who came into Year 6 to deliver a fun interactive session with a colleague through her work at EE. They delivered a 'techy tea party', teaching the children how to be safe on their mobile phones and technology. The children really enjoyed the session and we would like to thank Donna and her colleague for their time in running the valuable session for the children.

### **Water rockets**

Year 6 (and some work experience students from Whitley Bay High School) had a fantastic afternoon last Friday. Holly Hamilton's parents came into school and showed the children how to make a water rocket. The weather cleared up just in time, and the children tested how far their rockets would go outside once they had made them. The excitement of the children talking about it after the session, was wonderful to hear. Thank you so much Mr & Mrs Hamilton! The photos from the afternoon will be added to the website .

### **Dates for your diaries**

Wed 29<sup>th</sup> June - New Reception parents; meeting in school 3.45pm  
Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> June - New Reception children in school (1.15-3.15pm)  
Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> June - Fire Service visit for Year 2 & 5 (pm)  
Fri 1<sup>st</sup> July - Party in the park; choir to the Rising Sun (1.00-3.15pm)  
Tues 5<sup>th</sup> July - Reception to Kirkley Hall (forest schools visit)  
Wed 6<sup>th</sup> July - Reception class assembly 9.15am

Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> July - New Reception children in school (1.15-3.15pm)  
Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> July - transition to new classes (pm)  
Fri 8<sup>th</sup> July - End of year reports to parents  
Fri 8<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 to the beach all day  
Fri 8<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 Italian meal and sleepover in school (collect 9am prompt)  
Mon 11<sup>th</sup> July - Open afternoon (1-3pm)  
Tues 12<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 parents 'have lunch with your child'  
Wed 13<sup>th</sup> July - Sports Day (1.10pm - 3pm)  
Wed 13<sup>th</sup> July - Nursery parents meeting 3.45pm  
Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> July - New Reception children in school (1.15-3.15pm)  
Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 leavers assembly (2.45pm)  
Fri 15<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 to Beamish Wild all day  
Fri 15<sup>th</sup> July - Year 4 CSI Detective Day (JSCHS staff)  
Fri 15<sup>th</sup> July - Choir performing at The Sage (rehearsal day time, performance evening)  
Tues 19<sup>th</sup> July - Last day of the school year for children  
Wed 20<sup>th</sup> July - Teacher Training Day

Tracey Taylor, Headteacher, June 28th 2016