

Preston Grange Primary School

Newsletter - June 16th 2015



Sports Day

Thank you to all of the families who attended sports day last week. We were lucky to have such a lovely afternoon, and everybody enjoyed it. Thanks to Mrs Udberg for organising the afternoon, thanks to Mr and Mrs Conaty and Mrs Royle for running the café and thanks to the Young Leaders from John Spence who helped with the event. They were all ex-pupils and it was lovely to have them back in school.

Parent helpers

Next week the classes are going to a fun run at John Spence High School. In organising the trip, we have realised that we are very short of parent helpers who are DBS (old CRB) cleared in Reception and Year 1 classes. If your child is in either Reception or Year 1 and you would like to be DBS cleared so that you can help either on a regular or occasional basis, please see Mrs Boyd in the school office. Thank you for your support.

Maggie's fundraising

We raised a further £40 on sports day for Maggie's, from the heart shaped biscuits made by Karen, Lillian and Sarah in our school kitchen. Thanks to them for this extra fundraising. Our total is now an amazing £5700.99! The rest of the café raised £100 for school funds. Thank you for your contributions.

The Big First Aid Lesson

On Friday, Key Stage 2 watched the 'Big First Aid Lesson', which was streamed live from St John's Ambulance. The children really enjoyed the lesson and learned a great deal. Thank you for the voluntary contributions for St John's Ambulance, and for sending the children into school in non-uniform.

Reading Festival



Last week, Year 1 went to a Reading Festival at Langdale, organised by the Local Authority. All of the activities were based on books and reading. The children had to work in groups to follow instructions

to make a wrap before they could eat it. Outside they listened to a story then worked out how to make a model rocket fly using air power. Thanks to Miss Wright, Miss Minto, Mrs Ridgway, Mr Whitenstall and Mrs Aitken for accompanying the trip.

Year 2 class assembly

Thank you to all of the families of Year 2 children who came to watch the children's class assembly this morning. The children put on a fantastic assembly, sharing their Science and Literacy work from this half term. Their voices were so clear, their pieces of Literacy work and pictures were excellent and their singing was lovely. The children told us all about seeds, bulbs and growth and had been reading a text called 'Lollipop and Grandpa's back garden safari' and some of their work was based on this story. The children made us all very proud with the assembly. Thank you to Miss Knowles for her hard work in preparing the children for the assembly.



Goalden Goal

We will be holding a 'Goalden Goal' event on 1st July in school. This will be a sponsored event, and the money raised will be going towards paying for the tickets for the pantomime at Christmas for the children. NUFC are delivering a whole school assembly this Thursday and further information along with a sponsor form are being sent out this week. Thank you for your support with this event.

Classes for next year

I will soon be in a position by next week, to inform parents about the class teachers for next year. The information will come by letter mid week.

Reading books

We would ask that all reading books and book bags are returned to school by **Monday 6th July**. This also allows us to do a stock take of the reading books, and then the children's book bags will be passed up internally to the next class teacher. To keep your child reading over the holidays, there is a reading challenge at the library this Summer - more details to follow.

NUFC family football

NUFC have thanked us for our school's participation in the Newcastle United Foundation family Football programme this year. As a reward for the families who took part in the programme, they are holding a Celebration Event at St James Park on Thursday 16th July from 5:30 until 9. The families will receive a certificate and have the opportunity to partake in different activities including a stadium tour.

There will be an invite which will be distributed to the families who participated in the programme, later this week.

Scholastic Book Fair

We will be having a Scholastic book fair in the school hall after school from Monday 6th July until Thursday 9th July. All of the books in the book fair will be half price. All welcome.

Medication for residential trips

Please note, as letters have previously stated, in line with our managing medicines policy, we are unable to take any medication that is not prescribed specifically for your child. This includes hayfever medication and travel sickness medication.

For Robinwood, **all** medication must be at the school office no later than 3.30pm on Monday 22nd June. For London, **all** medication must be at the school office no later than 3.30pm on Monday 29th June.

Dates for your diary

Wed 17th June - Reception class assembly 9.15am

Fri 19th June - Fathers Day stall in school (morning break)

Mon 22nd June - Year 2 & 3 at Whitley Bay Playhouse: Jeremy Strong (author)

Mon 22nd June - JSCHS fun run (Rec, Y1 - am) (Y3-6 pm)

Wed 24th June - Year 4 to Robinwood

Wed 24th June - Year 6 class assembly 9.15am

Thurs 25th June - Year 1 & 2 NUFC football festival at John Spence (am)

Wed 1st July - Year 1 class assembly 9.15am

Wed 1st July - Golden goal NUFC fundraising event in school (details sent home)

Thurs 2nd July - Year 5 & 6 to London

Thurs 2nd July - Reception new starters afternoon (1.15 to 3.15)

Mon 6th July - end of year reports to parents

Mon 6th July - Year 5 Bikeability (group 1)

Mon 6th July - move up afternoon within school

Tues 7th July - Bikeability Year 5 (group 2)

Wed 8th July - Bikeability Year 5 (group 3)

Thurs 9th - Bikeability Year 5 (group 4)

Thurs 9th July - Parent 'book look' with your child in the hall
Thurs 9th July - Reception new starters afternoon (1.15 to 3.15)
Fri 10th July - Bikeability Year 5 (group 5)
Mon 13th July - Bikeability Year 5 (group 6)
Mon 13th July - Angel of the North event at The Sage
Fri 17th July - Break up for Summer

Tracey Taylor, Headteacher, 16th June 2015