

# Preston Grange Primary School

Newsletter -November 5th 2013



## Welcome

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Kennard Chong and family. Kennard joined our Year 1 class just before half term. We are sure that he will be very happy at our school.

## Thank you

We are grateful for your support on the last day of half term, when everyone dressed in pink to raise money for breast cancer. We raised £180. Many thanks for your generosity.

## Ipads in school

Last term the Friends of Preston Grange helped us to buy a set of 16 ipads for use in the curriculum. This term we are buying six ipads for Reception class, and Governors will be visiting school this month to see children across school using ipads in use, as part of teaching and learning.

## PE specialist support

Every half term we receive PE specialist teaching support from John Spence Community High School. Adam Pilkington teaches PE one lesson a week to a class at a time. This half term, he will be teaching Gymnastics to Year 5 on a Wednesday.

## Bike It



Last half term, we were awarded our Bronze Bike It School award, for all of our involvement in the Bike It project with Lucy, our Bike It Officer over the last 18 months.

Our work and activities this forthcoming year will be working towards Silver Award, and Lucy has planned some fun activities with us during the forthcoming year.



## Friends of Preston Grange

This Christmas, the Friends of Preston Grange will be running an afternoon of arts and crafts for our children across school. Since December is a very busy month, we have decided that we will not be holding a Christmas Fair, but will be holding a family night with a Bollywood theme, given the recent success of the BBQ family night in Summer, on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February, more details to follow.

## Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December, we are participating in Christmas Jumper Day, a charity day in aid of Save the Children. We would love it if children could come into school wearing a

Christmas themed jumper. Please don't feel that you have to buy a jumper, but decorate an existing jumper if you prefer. Prizes will be given for the most imaginative and creative jumpers in each class !

### Shoe Box appeal

Our wall of shoe boxes is getting taller ! If you are planning on sending a shoe box for the Operation Christmas Child charity, please send them into school by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November at the latest, as they are being collected by the charity on Monday 18<sup>th</sup>. Many thanks for your support.

### Congratulations !

At the end of last half term, Millie Prescott in Year 5 participated in the National Ballroom Dancing Championships at Blackpool's Winter Gardens....and she won along with her partner Robyn Harvey. They are now the British under ten years ballroom dancing champions ! We are extremely proud of Millie's fantastic achievement.



### Children in Need

This year for Children in Need, we are asking that the children come into school in non uniform, with a 'spotty' theme, and a suggested donation of £1 for the charity. Thanks for your support.

### Photograph orders

If you wish to place an order for the recent individual photographs, please make sure that your order is returned to the school office by the end of the school day on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November at the latest**, thank you.

### Dates for your diary

Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Nov - Children in Need, non uniform day

Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Nov - Author visit (Jim Smith) KS2

Wed 27<sup>th</sup> Nov - whole school visit to pantomime at Theatre Royal

Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Nov - Christmas arts and crafts (Friends of Preston Grange, details to follow)

Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Dec - Christingle service (some KS2 children), Christchurch 6pm

Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Dec - KS2 Christmas performance 9.30am start

Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Dec - KS1 Christmas performance 2.30 pm start

Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Dec - Christmas jumper day

Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Dec - KS 1 Christmas performance 9.30 am start

Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Dec - KS 2 Christmas performance 2.30 pm start

Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Dec - Choir singing at Victorian Christmas Market, North Shields, 1pm

Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Dec - Christmas Storyteller in school all day (visiting all classes)

Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Dec - Choir singing at Rake Lane Hospital this week (to be confirmed)

Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Dec - Christmas party for Reception, Year 1 & 2

Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Dec - Christmas party for Years 3 & 4

Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Dec - Christmas party for Years 5 & 6

Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Dec - Break up for Christmas

*Please note children return to school on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January***

Tracey Taylor, Headteacher, November 5<sup>th</sup> 2013

