

# Preston Grange Primary School



Newsletter - September 21<sup>st</sup> 2016

## The rest of the newsletter!

Yesterday we had difficulty finishing the newsletter due to problems with Word. Please find below the remainder of the newsletter items.

## Dates

Please note that **the last day of half term for the children is Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October**. There is a teacher training day on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October. And castle points to those of you who spotted the deliberate mistake when yesterday the date for Harvest Festival was wrong! **Harvest Festival is on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 9.15am**. Apologies for any inconveniences caused.

## We are live on Twitter!

We are delighted to have now launched our school Twitter page, which can be found on [www.twitter.com](http://www.twitter.com) as PGPS or @pg\_primary. Please look us up and follow our school account! The staff will be tweeting a couple of times a week and sharing news direct from the classrooms as well as whole school events.

Since we are aware that not everybody uses Twitter, we will still use the school website for news stories and galleries, which may be found on: [www.prestongrangeprimary.co.uk](http://www.prestongrangeprimary.co.uk) We will also still release a newsletter every alternate Tuesday, either to be downloaded from the website or sent home hard copy via the children in their book bags. Please request a paper copy from the school office if you would prefer.

Finally, we will still use the texting service to parents for alerts and reminders for events and specific activities. For this reason, Mrs Clarke is currently updating parent contact details for our texting service. Please make sure that she has the most up to date mobile number/s for your family so that the texts reach you thank you. Since we cannot be certain which of our parents will use which form of communication and 'news channel' from school, we will always use the newsletter and texting for key messages and information to parents.

## Jeans for Genes

Each year we have a non-uniform day for Jeans for Genes charity. This Friday we invite children to come into school wearing their jeans, with school t-shirt and sweatshirt, for a suggested voluntary donation to the charity of £1. The children will learn all about the Jeans for Gene charity in Castleson Friday



afternoon. The money raised on Jeans for Genes day funds a range of initiatives that improve the quality of life of children affected by genetic disorders.

### Harvest Family competition

This year, to time with our harvest festival assembly on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October, our family harvest competition will be to design and make a mini scarecrow. We would like the scarecrows to be no bigger than 1 metre tall, and we would be grateful if you could put a label or sticker with the family name and the scarecrow's name on the scarecrow or stick, thank you.

The scarecrows will then be displayed in front of school in the flowerbeds in front of the staffroom after Harvest Festival. There will be 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> family prizes for the most creative scarecrows. We can't wait to see the amazing family creations this year!



### Breakfast Club

We have had a big increase in numbers for breakfast club this term so far. In order to be able to provide the right adult to child ratio, and put extra staffing into breakfast club, we would be grateful if parents could take note of the following:

- Please can parents confirm by a Friday, the days you would like your child in breakfast club the following week
- Phones are not to be used by the children in breakfast club. Mobile phones will be collected from children and returned to them at the end of the session.
- If your child requires a breakfast please note that from now on, they must be dropped off by 8.30am.

### Forest School days

When it is your child's class doing Forest School day this term, we would be grateful if you could send your child into school with a selection of twigs and small branches. This will make it easier to carry out some of the activities. Please also remember that children will need wellies and a coat. Many thanks. Here is a reminder of the class dates coming up:

22<sup>nd</sup> Sept -Y1

29<sup>th</sup> Sept- Y2

6<sup>th</sup> Oct - Y3

13<sup>th</sup> Oct - Y4

20<sup>th</sup> Oct - Y5

4<sup>th</sup> Nov - Nursery

17<sup>th</sup> Nov- Y6

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