

Preston Grange Primary School

Newsletter - May 17th 2017

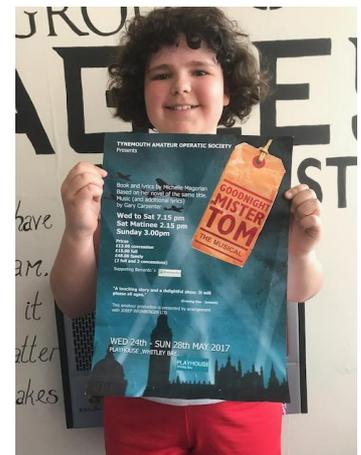


New payment system

Thank you to all parents for your patience and understanding during the period of moving over to an electronic payment system. Unfortunately the office is no longer able to accept cash for trips, breakfast club or swimming payments any more, as we can't operate a dual system. Please note, school dinners are still with Joinos (NT Catering online payment system), and must be paid for this way. Breakfast club must now also be booked and paid for online. If you are unable to log in, it is likely because of a typing error in your email. In this case, please contact the school office and speak to Mrs Royle, who is now an expert in using the system!

Goodnight Mister Tom

We're really proud of Jess Clements from Year 5, who is performing in Goodnight Mister Tom at Whitley Bay Playhouse from Wednesday 24th to Sunday 28th May. Good luck!



Water bottles

We only have 8 school water bottles in school currently, although we will be ordering another batch shortly. The bottles are £1.50, and if you would like one, please call in at the school office.

Well done Year 6...and PHEW!!

We are super impressed with the way in which our Year 6 children worked during their SATs last week. They showed incredible resilience, motivation, determination and all had a positive mindset. Thank you to all of the staff who are involved in SAT week, it is a very busy and stressful time for staff and Year 6! We are delighted that they are over, and know that the children performed to the best of their abilities, so we couldn't ask for more. A HUGE thank you to Miss Daley for her hard work, calm manner and preparing the children for their SATs so well! Thank you also to parents for maintaining class homework and supporting your child at home across this year.



Now for the fun part! The end of Year 6 activities will be discussed with Year 6 before half term and a letter will be sent out to parents as soon as we have agreed the activities. We like to consult with the children and ask their ideas....as long as they aren't too far fetched!

Rainforest assembly

We were all treated to a fabulous class assembly this morning by Year 3. The children had been learning all about this topic and shared facts, stories and songs about the rainforest. We were proud of the children, who were amazing. Thanks to all of the wonderful family support and for so many parents coming along.



Ducklings



You may have seen on our school Twitter feed, or heard from your child, that Reception class hatched four duck eggs over the last week or so, and these have been kept in a brooding box in the classroom. Originally we thought that we would keep the ducks as school

pets (and name them!), however on reflection, we have foxes on site and we are sure that even with a fox proof house, that they may not be around for very long. So, the ducklings will be put in a central space in school for the rest of the week for all children to enjoy and then they will be taken to a farm at the end of Friday. They have provided a great deal of enjoyment for all of the children, and they have learnt about the lifecycle of a duck.

Basketball coaching

This term we have arranged that as well as Year 6 taking part in the Newcastle Eagles Hoops 4 Health programme, that the following classes will also receive a half day of basketball training with an Eagles coach. Please see the dates below.

Government launches new schemes to help with childcare costs

Are you looking for support with childcare costs?

Childcare Choices brings together all the government childcare offers in one place for the first time. The new Childcare Choices website makes it easy to find out what's on offer. Use the Childcare Calculator at www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator to see what offers are available to support you and your family.

As well as current schemes, Childcare Choices introduces Tax-Free Childcare and 30 hours - two new offers that are coming in 2017.

To find out more about the new and existing offers, and how they can help you, go to the Childcare Choices website today at www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

Dates for your diary:

Thurs 18th May - Newcastle Eagles basketball coaching Year 2 & 3

Mon 22nd May pm - Year 6 visit to court (magistrates)

Mon 22nd May pm - Newcastle Eagles basketball coaching Year 1

Tues 23rd May am - Newcastle Eagles basketball coaching Year 4 & 5

Tues 23rd May pm - Year 6 team to athletics competition at Churchill Playing Field

Wed 24th May pm - Year 4 team to tennis competition (JSCHS)

Thurs 25th May am - Newcastle Eagles Hoops 4 Health coaching Year 6

Fri 25th May - **TEACHER TRAINING DAY**

Mon 5th June - Year 2 rugby coaching pm

Wed 7th June - girls football team (Norham) 3.30pm

Thurs 8th June - Year 6 cricket tournament (Tynemouth CC)

Fri 9th June - class photographs

Mon 12th June (am) - Newcastle Eagles Hoops 4 Health coaching Year 6

Tues 13th June pm - Year 2 rugby festival (Cramlington)

Wed 14th June - Year 4 to Robinwood

Wed 14th June - girls football to Norham 3.30pm

Wed 14th June 3.45pm - new Reception parent meeting

Thurs 15th June - Year 3 to Reading Festival

Fri 16th June all day - Year 6 to Hoops 4 Health tournament (Sport Central Newcastle)

Fri 16th June Year 4 return from Robinwood

Tracey Taylor, Headteacher, May 17th 2017