

Preston Grange Primary School

Newsletter – March 12th 2024



Easter eggs

We will be holding our annual decorated hard-boiled egg competition before we break up for Easter. We have a children's competition which is done in school; the eggs are decorated in class, with no adult help. We would be grateful if all children (Nursery included) could bring into school on Thursday (29th March) a hard-boiled egg each. Although we have a range of craft materials, please feel free to send in any specific art or craft materials, which your child may like to use to decorate their egg along with a hard-boiled egg on the morning of March 29th, thank you.

We also be holding our family egg competition, where families may submit a family entry. We are so impressed by the amazing family entries that we have every year! If you would like to enter the family competition, please send your entry into school with the family name clearly marked, and the name/title of the family entry by 12 noon on Thursday 29th March, thank you. We will tweet the entries and the winners at the end of Thursday. Good luck, we can't wait to see the entries this year!



Easter Egg Competition – Rook Matthews Sayer

Rook Matthews Sayer Estate Agents would like to welcome the children of Preston Grange to join in their Easter egg competition. Their goal is to make the window display at the RMS Whitley Bay branch as beautiful as possible by choosing their favourite design from each winning group.

They are very proud to be a part of the local community and love their little part of the world. So much so, that they have set the theme of the Easter egg competition to 'Our Hometown'. They'd love to see what children love the most about where they live. It could be the beach or the colour of the sea, the amusements or even fish and chips AND ice cream. So, get creative and show us your local area designs!

Yesterday the children will have received an egg template that can be coloured in, drawn on or painted. As well as displaying the winners from each group in our window over Easter, each winner will also receive a prize!

The competition will be divided into:
Nursery and Reception
Years 1, 2 and 3
Years 4, 5 and 6

There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd design. Prizes include the following:

Nintendo Voucher, Roblox Voucher, Easter Eggs, Book Voucher, Voucher for Retro Bay Café Gaming Centre, Gruffalo Soft Toy and Book, Lego, Voucher for The Arcade Warehouse

We would like to thank you in advance for taking part!

Ford Castle residential

Year 4 children will be going on a residential to Ford Castle, Northumberland on April 29th – May 1st. All parents should have received the google form We would also like to invite all families to a meeting about the residential trip at 4.30pm on Tuesday 19th March. The children may attend along with yourselves to find out all about the visit, and to ask any questions that you may have.

Children's Cancer Run



Today the children will come home from school with a leaflet about the Children's Cancer Run on May 19th, which explains where you can find out information about how to take part in the 41st Children's Cancer Run.

Eagles Art Competition

Today the children will also come home with a leaflet to complete if the children would like to take part in a competition from the Newcastle Eagles.

Business Manager

I am delighted that after having no Business Manager since January, we have managed to appoint Mrs Smith to the post at our school. I'd like to welcome her to the staff team. We are thrilled to have her in post as of March 18th.

Year 2 Dance festival

Some of our Year 2's took part in the North Tyneside Dance Festival at The Parks last week, and they were absolutely incredible! Thanks so much for the families who supported the children. We will let you know when the DVD is available from the event.

Reminder – Early Years open morning

As you will be aware, we have added more outdoor resources around the back of school in our large, spacious grounds in order to offer a wider range of activities and areas for our children to work outdoors over the last year or so. We have invited our current Nursery and Reception families into school this week on Friday between 9.15am and 11.30am, so that you are able to see our Early Years in practice. The session is a drop in one, please feel free to call in at any time between these times.

Comic Relief

Friday this week is Comic Relief. We ask the children to come into school wearing any bright, or colourful clothes that they would like to wear. Please feel free to make a donation to the charity if you so wish.

Year 6 SATs meeting

Thank you to Mr Russell-Thompson for delivering a parent information session after school last week for Year 6 parents about the upcoming SATs for Year 6. If you were not able to attend, I recommend that you contact the school office and the powerpoint slides may be sent to you along with some other information.

Catering – school lunches after Easter

From April 15th, North Tyneside Council will not be providing our school meals as they will no longer be running. We have had to choose another catering company and I can confirm that the new catering provider will be Hutchison's. They provide several schools around us with their catering service, and we are delighted to be working with them. As part of the process, our lovely staff, Emma and Lillian will still be working in our school kitchen, which is great news! Other good news is that the price of school meals will remain the same at £2.60 per day.

Hutchison Catering and Preston Grange Primary School April 2024

Hutchison Catering are delighted to be working in partnership with Preston Grange Primary School and our new service starts on Monday 15th April.

So let us tell you a little about us...

- We love food and want to bring you the best in local ingredients. Food is our passion, all our senior managers are craft skilled to support our kitchen teams.
- We value the food journey, Farm to Fork is key to what we do, reducing food miles is very important to us. That's why we already have great local suppliers.
- Our menus are refreshed seasonally
- Our Food Explorers concept will keep the children entertained and educated through out key points in the year.
- Lunches will be £2.60 per day
- You can find more information about us at...

www.hutchisoncatering.co.uk

So, what's for lunch?

Carefully selected nutritionally balanced main courses served with colourful selections of fresh vegetables, potatoes, pasta or rice. Followed by a delicious homemade dessert, a choice of fresh fruit or creamy yoghurt



If your child has an allergy please contact the schools office for a new special diet form. Our nutritionist will prepare a specific menu to ensure their lunch is safe and delicious.



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5 Key Facts about our menus...


1. 85% of our food is made on site
2. We can trace our meat back to the farm it was reared on
3. All our fish is from the blue MSC label supporting our seas
4. All our chicken is RSPCA certified
5. All our eggs are free range

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CATERING

New menus from 15th April

Week 1 menu




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Date: Spring Week 1

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Event	Margarita Pizza with Potato Wedges & Sweetcorn	Pork Sausage or Chicken Sausage, Creamy Mash Potato with Gravy & Broccoli	Roast Chicken with, Roast Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding, Carrots & Gravy	Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread & Peas	Fish Fingers with Chips & Baked Beans or Peas
Vegetarian Selection	Spanish Omelette with Potato Wedges & Sweetcorn	Cheese Pinwheel with Mash Potato & Broccoli	Quorn Fillet with Roast Potato, Yorkshire Pudding, Carrots & Gravy	Macaroni Cheese with Garlic Bread & Peas	Cheese & Bean Bake with Chips & Baked Beans or Peas
Picnic	Freshly Prepared Sandwich, Wrap or Baguette, with Mixed Salad, Healthy Snack, Dessert of the Day or Fresh Fruit				
Jacket Potatoes	Crispy Baked Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings, Mixed Salad Dessert of the Day or Fresh Fruit				
Desserts	Australian Crunch	Iced Sponge with Custard	Vanilla Custard Cookie	Jelly	Ice Cream Cup

Available Daily: Fresh Bread, Water, Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt



Week 2 menu




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Date: Spring Week 2

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Event	Ham Pizza and Tomato Pasta Combo with Salad	Chicken Korma with Rice & Garden Peas	Roast Turkey with Yorkshire Pudding, Carrots, Mashed Potato & Gravy	Beef Burger with Diced Potatoes & Baked Beans or Sweetcorn	Oven Baked Fish Fingers with Chips & Baked Beans or Peas
Vegetarian Selection	Margarita Pizza and Tomato Pasta Combo with Salad	Vegetable Fajitas with Rice & Sweetcorn	Veggie Shepherdess Pie with Carrots, Garden Peas & Gravy	Cheese & Bean Wrap with Diced Potatoes & Baked Beans or Sweetcorn	Quorn Burger with Chips & Baked Beans or Peas
Picnic	Freshly Prepared Sandwich, Wrap or Baguette, with Mixed Salad, Healthy Snack, Dessert of the Day or Fresh Fruit				
Jacket Potatoes	Crispy Baked Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings, Mixed Salad Dessert of the Day or Fresh Fruit				
Desserts	Cornflake Cookie	Chocolate Orange Sponge & Custard	Strawberry Whip with Fruit	Banoffee Cake	Ice Cream Roll

Available Daily: Fresh Bread, Water, Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt



Week 3 menu

Date: Spring Week 3

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Event	"Meat Free Mondays" Margarita Pizza with Potato Wedges & Peas	Chicken & Sweetcorn Meatballs with Pasta & Broccoli	Roast Chicken with Yorkshire Pudding Mash Potatoes, Carrots & Gravy	Shepherd's Pie Carrots & Peas with Gravy	Crispy Battered Fish with Chips, Baked Beans or Peas
Vegetarian Selection	Sweet and Sour Quorn with Rice & Peas	Vegetable Korma with Rice & Garden Peas	Veggie Sausage with Gravy, Mash Potatoes & Carrots	Tomato & Basil Pasta with Garlic Bread & Salad	Quorn Vegan Dippers with Chips, Baked Beans or Peas
Picnic	Freshly Prepared Sandwich, Wrap or Baguette, with Mixed Salad, Healthy Snack, Dessert of the Day or Fresh Fruit				
Jacket Potatoes	Crispy Baked Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings, Mixed Salad Dessert of the Day or Fresh Fruit				
Desserts	Chocolate Crunch	Syrup Sponge with Custard	Ice Cream	Lemon Muffin	Flapjack

Available Daily: Fresh Bread, Water, Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt

Managing Special Diets – Parent information from Hutchison's

A school lunch is an important part of a child's day, providing an opportunity for them to socialise with their friends, try new foods and re-fuel ready to continue their learning in the afternoon. However, for families of children with special dietary needs, we appreciate that eating a school lunch may cause nervousness. We have a policy and procedure in place to ensure that children with special dietary needs are kept safe at lunch time but also get the opportunity to have a balanced lunch with their friends.

To ensure your child is catered for safely each day, we need to collect some essential information about your child's requirements. Please complete the form on the following page and return to the school. If the special dietary need is a medical need (e.g. allergy or intolerance), please also provide a note from a health professional (Doctor or Dietician) confirming your child's needs. This can be a letter for your health professional confirming the diagnosis, an excerpt from medical records which are freely available your GP or through the NHS app. **We will not be able to process this request without this information.** This will then be passed on to the catering team who will work with the Company Nutritionist and Operations Manager to assess whether it is safe for us to cater for your child.

We will do our utmost to cater for all children, where it is deemed safe to do so, and individual menus will be put in place for each child registered with us as having a special dietary requirement. However, on occasion we may feel it is not safe to cater for a child. This decision is not taken lightly and will always have the safety of the child as the highest priority. It usually occurs when a child has a very restricted diet or medical condition, coupled with the limitations of catering for large numbers in a school. We are not legally obliged to cater for all pupils, but we will do our utmost.

Following this assessment, we will work with you to devise a menu suitable for the child that is in line with the menu available to the rest of the school, adapting recipes where possible. We will endeavour to provide you with a bespoke menu for your child within 10 working days of receiving the request. In the meantime please provide a packed lunch or we can offer a jacket potato with a suitable filling.

Bikeability

I would like to apologise for the many changes to the Year 5 bikeability sessions over the last few months. This has been due to both the weather and staffing issues with the team that deliver the bikeability sessions for schools. I have requested that the final sessions to be delivered are arranged without any further changes. Mr Szymanski will be in touch with the final dates for the remaining children shortly. Many thanks for your support with this.

Dates for your diary:

Fri 15/3 – Early Years open morning for current parents

Tues 19/3 – Meeting for families for Ford Castle Residential (Y4)

Tues 26/3 – Dodgeball @JSCHS Year 3 (pm)

Wed 27/3 Badminton @JSCHS Year 4 (pm)

Thurs 28/3 – Break up for Easter

Mon 15/4 Children return to school

Thurs 25/4 Welcome to Nursery meeting (September starters) 1pm – 1.30pm

Mon 29/4 – 1/5 Year 4 residential to Ford Castle, Northumberland

Have a lovely week,

Tracey Taylor
Headteacher