

# Preston Grange Primary School



Newsletter - March 24th 2015

## **Well done**

We are pleased to have received a further £11 donation to Maggies fundraising, from Katie Roll in Year 4, who has been making loom band bracelets and selling them for £1. Well done Katie !

## **Sports Kit**

If your child is taking part in a school sports event, and they are provided with a Preston Grange school tracksuit to wear, please can you return them to school once they have been washed thank you. We do not have any washing facilities at school in order to do this. Thank you for your support with this matter.

## **Earrings - PE guidance**

We would like to remind parents that if your child wears earrings, they must be able to take them out for PE lessons for Health and Safety reasons. Children who wear earrings and cannot remove them will do a parallel, non-physical activity related to the PE lesson as PE.

We would therefore be grateful if you could show your child how to remove their earrings. Children are not allowed to cover their earrings with tape, in line with North Tyneside PE guidance. If you are thinking about having your child's ears pierced, the best time to do this would be the Summer holidays.

## **Footballs at school**

There have been a few accidents at playtimes involving caser footballs which are too heavy for use in school. Although we have placed three sets of football goals on the school field, the fields cannot be exclusively for children wishing to play football. Therefore we need to bear in mind all children, and would be grateful if there are only light footballs sent into school in order to avoid any further accidents.

## **Blood Donation Session**

We have been asked by the NHS Blood and Transplant service to highlight to parents, a blood donation session on Monday 6th April 2015 at the following place and times:  
10:00-12:30 & 14:00-16:00 at The Park Hotel Tynemouth, Grand Parade, North Shields, NE30 4JQ. Please call 0300 123 23 23 or visit [www.blood.co.uk](http://www.blood.co.uk) to book an appointment.

## **North Tyneside Vocal Celebration**

Tonight the choir are singing in the Vocal Celebration at Whitley Bay Playhouse. The children need to be in school uniform, and on arrival, Miss Wright will give the children a choir sweatshirt to wear. Please can you arrive with your child by 6pm at the rear door of the

Playhouse. The evening starts at 6.30pm and is expected to be finished by 8pm. If you are not staying to watch the vocal celebration, we would be grateful if you could pick up your child promptly afterwards thank you.

### **Well done!**

We were really pleased to hear that Holly Waugh in Year 5 is runner up in an art booklet competition run by Newcastle Eagles! There were over 800 entrants from Newcastle, North Tyneside and Northumberland. Holly has won 4 tickets to a presentation at the Eagles home game on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March. On the evening she will receive a goody bag, a special memento and a post-game photo with the Newcastle Eagles team. The work from the competition will be displayed at the new hospital in Cramlington when it opens. Well done Holly !



### **Class photographs**

The photographer will be taking class photographs on Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> April.

### **After school clubs**

Please note, the closing date for the after school clubs is this Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> March.

### **Dogs at the school gate**

We appreciate that parents do not bring dogs onto the school site. However, a parent has requested that people do not tie up dogs at the school gate either, so that children and parents have to walk through the dogs. Thank you for your support with this matter.

### **School packed lunch**

Catering Services have asked me to inform parents of a packed lunch service which is available to children in school. If your child is entitled to a packed lunch (they are KS1 and entitled to a universal free school meal) or you would like your child (KS2) to have a school packed lunch for a trip, there will be a new form sent out along with the trip initial letter from school. Forms requesting a school packed lunch will need to be returned to school two weeks before the date of the school trip.

### **Dates for your diaries**

Tues 24<sup>th</sup> March - Choir at North Tyneside Vocal Celebration, 6.30pm Whitley Bay Playhouse

Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> March - Tyne and Wear netball finals (Y6 team) at The Blue Flames (pm)

Fri 27<sup>th</sup> March - Bikeability level 1 (Year 4) am and pm sessions

Fri 27<sup>th</sup> March - Pirate day in Reception

Mon 30<sup>th</sup> March - Reception children bring in hard-boiled egg to decorate

Tues 31<sup>st</sup> March - Year 3 skipping festival at JSCHS

Wed 1<sup>st</sup> April - Children bring hard-boiled egg to decorate (Y1 - 6)

Wed 1<sup>st</sup> April - Reception parents Easter craft session with children (3pm)

Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> April - Year 4 Badminton Festival, JSCHS

Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> April - Break up for Easter holidays

NB. Children return to school on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April

Tracey Taylor, Headteacher, March 24<sup>th</sup> 2015