

Preston Grange Primary School

Newsletter – November 21st 2019



Thank you

Thank you for supporting our pyjama day for Children in Need. We raised £185 for the charity. Thanks for your support!

Vaccinations

We have received notification from the Health Service, that there has been a delay in the production of the nasal flu vaccine. The children from Reception to Year 6 will now receive the nasal flu vaccination in January.

Timmy the class attendance owl

Last week, these were the class attendances:

Reception – 95.1%

Year 1 – 98.4%

Year 2 – 90.7%

Year 3 – 98.5%

Year 4 – 99.4%

Year 5 – 96.3%

Year 6 – 99.3%

Well done to Year 4 for the highest attendance in school last week! Year 6 were just pipped at the post!

Our school target attendance is 96.5%. Congratulations to the classes who achieved above target attendance and well done to Reception, Year 1 and Year 5 who will share Timmy the owl across the week!

Christmas performance tickets

As last year, we have put a minimal cost of £1 on the Christmas performance tickets. This is so that we are able to buy the following for the children in school:

- Crackers for Christmas lunch (£30)
- Juice, paper plates & plastic cups for all Christmas parties (£15)
- 220 presents (one per child) which we sent to Santa for the children (approx. £600)
- Selection boxes & bags of Haribo for Christmas party prizes (£35)
- Resources, props for the Christmas performances (£150)

Total = **£930**

Unfortunately when we are given our school budget allocation in April each year, we are not permitted to buy items such as these for school. The school budget is for: staffing costs, repairs & maintenance, staff & school development, curriculum resources, service level agreements (gas, council tax, grounds maintenance, water, electricity, broadband etc)

We cannot buy additional extras or treats for the children from our allocated budget, so we have to try and find ways of providing these little extras for the children.

The Friends of Preston Grange are huge fundraisers, for which we are very grateful. They have subsidised the cost of tickets and bus transport for the pantomime. They are providing drinks & snacks for the children for the panto trip, and have kindly funded fairy lights, cushions and shoe racks for our tipi.

As you can see, the cost of Christmas is approximately £900, hence the need to put a £1 ticket price on the Christmas performances. Thank you to all of our families for their understanding with this. We only ever make decisions based on providing the best experiences & opportunities for the children.

Whole school trip to the panto



We will shortly be sending out the arrangements for the whole school trip to the pantomime. Thank you for offers of parent volunteers to accompany the trip, but we have no places left due to us taking staff and regular helpers in school. Full details will be sent home shortly.



Welcome!

We would like to welcome Araan, new to Year 6, and his family to our school. We hope that they will enjoy being a part of our school community, and we are thrilled to have Araan as part of our Year 6 class.



Christmas jumper day

This year, we will once again be supporting Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 13th December. Please send children into school wearing a Christmas jumper if you have one, and normal school uniform. Please don't feel like you have to buy a Christmas jumper, we have tinsel in school that may be

used to decorate your child's jumper, or feel free to decorate one of your own. Thanks for your support.

School photo orders

If you would like to order your child/children's school photos that were sent home last week, please note that the deadline for orders is Monday 25th November at 3.30pm. If any orders arrive after this, the orders will have been collected and there will be nothing more that we can do unfortunately.

School Money

There has been an update to the security of the parent login on School Money. When you log in, you will be prompted to change your password to one of your own choice. You are required to change your password before you can proceed with making bookings for breakfast club and any payments. The password must be at least 8 characters long, containing at least one number and at least one upper case letter.

Pool closure

Unfortunately, Year 4 will not be having any further swimming lessons following this Friday 22nd, due to Tynemouth pool closure.

Christmas giving

Last Christmas, we asked for donations for the food bank and we were so grateful for the support from families that allowed us to send a large range of food items to the food bank.

This year, we would like to support the local women's refuge and ask if you would like to join us in collecting Christmas items for women and their children, we suggest items such as toiletries, sweets & chocolate or Christmas food treats.

We will be collecting items for the refuge as of tomorrow. Thanks in advance for your fantastic support!

Christmas Raffle

The Friends of Preston Grange have kindly organised a Christmas raffle and these will be on sale from next Monday 2nd December. A flier will be sent home on Monday, listing the raffle prizes that are to be won.

Dates for your diary

Fri 22nd Nov – French teacher from JSCHS with Y3
Fri 22nd Nov – Y4 last swimming lesson
Mon 25th Nov – Christingle rehearsal
Tues 26th Nov – Able writers day Y5/6 at New York Primary
Wed 27th Nov – Year 2 visit to St Mary's Heritage Centre
Thurs 28th Nov – NUFC Maths Y4/5
Fri 29th Nov – Y5 Food Tech at JSCHS
Fri 29th Nov – French teacher from JSCHS in Y4
Mon 2nd Dec – Year 5 sport leadership (pm)
Thurs 5th Dec – Whole school pantomime trip (pm)
Fri 6th Dec – French teacher from JSCHS in Y5
Tues 10th Dec – Christingle rehearsal
Wed 11th Dec – Christmas lunch
Thurs 12th Dec – Y5/6 netball at JSCHS 3.45pm
Thurs 12th Dec – Y1,2,3 Christmas performance 9.15am
Thurs 12th Dec – Y4,5,6 Christmas performance 2.15pm
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Fri 13th Dec – Christmas Jumper Day
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Mon 16th Dec – Christmas party Y1 & 2 pm
Tues 17th Dec – Christmas performance Nursery & Reception 9.30am
Tues 17th Dec – Y3/4 Christmas party pm
Tues 17th Dec – Christmas storyteller in school all day
Wed 18th Dec – Christmas performance Nursery & Reception 9.30am
Wed 18th Dec – Y5/6 Christmas party pm
Thurs 19th Dec – Nursery & Reception party am
Fri 20th Dec – Break up for Christmas holiday

NB. Children return to school on Tues 7th Jan 2020 (**Mon 6th Jan is a Teacher Training Day**)

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