

Preston Grange Primary School

Newsletter - March 25th 2014



Newsletters

As you know, the school newsletter is sent out alternate Tuesdays to families who have requested a paper copy, whilst it is downloaded from our school website by the majority of parents.

We have recently sent out a couple of letters/newsletters on days other than Tuesdays, due to the need to inform parents about upcoming events. We will always send out a text in these instances to inform you that there has been a newsletter uploaded to the website. Today, we have printed the whole school a paper version, so that we can explain about downloading the newsletter.

One or two parents have said that they have had difficulty downloading the pdf from the website. We have had this checked out and it may be due to the browser some parents are using. It is also worth trying to click on the 'newsletter' tab along the top of the website, and downloading the newsletter from there, rather than the shortcut at the bottom left of the front page. Please ask for a paper copy of the newsletter from the office should you still have a problem downloading any future newsletters. Many thanks.



Easter egg competition

We will be having a children's competition where the eggs are decorated in school time (with no adult help) in classes. 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. We would be grateful if you would send into school one hard boiled egg for your child to decorate, on

Thursday 3rd April (please note, Reception class may bring a hard boiled egg in on Monday 31st March)

We also have a family competition, where each family can submit a decorated hard boiled egg/eggs and there will also be prizes for these. We were so impressed by the amazing family entries that we had last year ! Please send in all family entries to the hard boiled Easter egg competition by 12 noon on Thursday 3rd April at the latest.



There will be an opportunity for parents to pop into school to see the range of wonderful competition entries at the end of the school day on Thursday 3rd April.

Good luck, we can't wait to see the entries this year !

They did it !!

Last Friday our basketball team (North Tyneside champions) played in the Champion of Champions game at Sport Central in Newcastle. They played winners from different authorities in the North East. They got through to playing in the final against St Aloysius from South Tyneside, (a junior High School) and they won !! Our team were absolutely amazing, there was excellent teamwork, superb skill and determination. This is a fantastic achievement for our team. They are now the winning basketball team in the whole of the North East !

Thank you for the fantastic family and parent support on the evening, a big thank you to Mr Garfoot for his encouragement and support of the team at the games, to Mr Burgess for his excellent PE and basketball teaching and coaching in school, and lastly, thanks to Adam Pilkington from John Spence and Mrs Udberg our PE subject leader for their excellent ongoing input with our children in PE.



I have informed the News Guardian and also the Chronicle about their victory, so here's to hoping that we feature in both papers very soon. We are incredibly proud of the children, please find on our school website a news story and pictures from the night. Also, on The Newcastle Eagles website, there are some more pictures of the game, as well as photos to view if you follow the link below.



<https://www.flickr.com/photos/gridiron/sets/72157642790299644/>

We now have 41 trophies and are in desperate need of either a new trophy cabinet or an extension built onto school !

Mother's Day

This week there is a Mother's Day sweet tuck shop on Thursday morning playtime. Please send some money with your child if you would like your child to buy something from the tuck shop.

On Friday morning, there will be craft activities for the children to make a Mother's Day gift, run by the Friends of Preston Grange. There will be bracelets, hama bead crafts and painted tiles. A letter from the Friends will be circulated showing costs of the items, later this week.

Wear a hat day

This Friday we are taking part in Wear a Hat Day, where the children can come into school wearing absolutely any hat they choose. This is in aid of the Brain Tumour Research charity, which Grace has been raising money for by selling her Easter chicks. Any donations that you would like to send in on Friday will be added to the funds that Grace will be submitting to the charity. Many thanks for your support with this.



The Friends of Preston Grange recently approached Darren Person, funeral director from North Shields, to ask if he would be prepared to contribute money towards some outdoor equipment and resources for Reception's outdoor area. We are over the moon that Darren has committed to giving school £1500 towards Reception resources. This is extremely generous and we are very grateful to the Friends of Preston Grange for approaching Darren and securing this donation for school.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 27th March - Reception learning journeys 3pm (Reception classroom)

Thursday 27th March - Skipping Festival (Year 3 JSCHS)

Friday 28th March - Reception Pirate themed day

Monday 31st March - Hearing & Vision re-visits Reception class

Tuesday 1st April - Year 4 class assembly

Wednesday 2nd April - Year 5 handball festival (10 children, JSCHS)

Thursday 3rd April - hard boiled egg to be sent into school for your child to decorate

Thursday 3rd April - family entries into Easter egg competition

Friday 4th April - school breaks up for Easter holiday

NB. The children return to school on Tuesday 22nd April

Tracey Taylor, Headteacher, 25th March 2014