

Preston Grange Primary School

Newsletter – April 22nd 2024



Summer term

I hope that everyone had a lovely Easter break. The children have settled quickly back last week into school, and it is hard to believe that it is the Summer term already!

Assessments

This term is an extremely busy one with Key Stage 1 & 2 SATs statutory tests for our Year 6 and Year 2 children. Thank you to Year 6 families for the support and encouragement of the children; they have all completed additional homework over the Easter holidays. As a thank you to the children for their effort, self-motivation & commitment, our Year 6 children will all be given an Amazon voucher after SATS week.

Our Year 1 children will complete the Phonics test in June, and Year 4 will complete the Times Tables assessment in June.



North Tyneside Music Extravaganza

On June 27th, a selection of children in our choir will be performing at the NT Music Extravaganza at The Sage. I'm pleased to inform you that tickets for this year's NTLT Musical Extravaganza are now on sale. Tickets cost £10 each and can be purchased via the website using this

link: [https://theglasshouseicm.org/whats-on/ntlt-musical-extravaganza-](https://theglasshouseicm.org/whats-on/ntlt-musical-extravaganza-2024/)

[2024/](https://theglasshouseicm.org/whats-on/ntlt-musical-extravaganza-2024/) Alternatively, they can be purchased via the box office, please check the website for opening times. Tickets will be released in blocks so if it seems that tickets have sold out, please wait and the next section will be released soon.

Attendance

Each Monday in assembly, the class with the highest attendance for the previous week are awarded Timmy the owl to keep in their class for the week. This week, Timmy has been awarded to Year 5.

Mrs Spowart will be introducing a trophy each half term, which will be awarded to an individual. Every child who meets our school attendance target of 96.5% or higher each half term, their names will be put into a hat, and Mrs Spowart will award the trophy to the winner drawn from the hat.



Term dates for 2024-2025

Please find on our school website, the term dates & holiday dates for the academic year 2024-25. We ask that no families book holidays around the month of May, as this is assessment time. Thank you.

Emblematic – school uniform for September

1. Emblematic have recently teamed up with **Klarna**, to offer an **interest free 3-payment plan** to help spread the costs of uniform over three equal payments thus reducing the strain and worries about uniform costs and following comments received last year they have lowered the minimum spend amount to help with you with spreading the costs
2. Please note that uniform may not be delivered to school, only to home.
3. **Our school uniform may be found at the following link:**
<https://studentuniform.co.uk/pgps181/>

Cut-Off Dates for orders ready for September

Order before 16th June – Delivery to home before School closes for the summer.

Order before 21st July – Delivery to School or Home before School returns in September.

Class Assemblies

We would like to invite families into school on the following dates below, to watch the children deliver their own whole class assembly. Please note that these assemblies will start at 10.15am and end at 10.40am, and doors will be open from 10.10am for families to take up their seats.

Year 6 – Mon 20/5 10.15am

Year 5 – Wed 22/5 10.15am

Year 4 – Mon 3/6 10.15am

Reception – Wed 5/6 10.15am

Year 3 – Mon 10/6 10.15am

Year 2 – Wed 12/6 10.15am

Year 1 – Mon 17/6 10.15am



Ford Castle- Year 4

As you will remember, following the parent meeting about Ford Castle, Mrs Gibson, Miss Knowles and I visited Ford Castle to look around and ask questions. You should have received a menu before Easter. Please contact school if you need one, and then please find below the final bits of information in relation to your questions:

- Are there hair driers – no, the children need to towel dry their hair
- Are there changing rooms? There are not, but there is sufficient space in both the toilet cubicles and shower cubicles to get changed.
- If children need sun cream staff will remind the children in the morning and lunchtime when they can reapply if necessary
- Are there any other schools at Ford Castle when we are there – yes there are, but however our bedrooms are in a separate wing, and dining and activities will run separately.
- Are bunks double or trips – There are both. Children will be asked if they would like to be on the 3rd bunk or not, and staff will allocate bunks accordingly once they arrive.

Parent helpers

We will be sending home a letter one class at a time, to ask if there are any additional parents/grandparents who wish to become helpers on school visits/trips. We will start with Reception class before the end of April, and information on completing an enhanced DBS online form will be shared with parents. Once we have dealt with Reception class, we will continue to move up school, one year group at a time. Many thanks for your support.

New catering system

I hope that parents are finding the new lunch system beneficial with being able to order meals ahead. This really helps the children each day knowing what they are having for lunch and stops them being overwhelmed at the hatch. Please note that although the children have a new screen where they need to locate their name, everything else about the lunchtime sitting remains the same. We have found it to be advantageous with lunches and choices being made ahead of the day in the most part. Please note that children may still decide on the day if you prefer not to pre-order.

I'd like to thank Miss Hogarth, who has gone out of her way to sort out the credit balances for parents at the end of North Tyneside managing the school lunch system. You should be able to find your credit balance on the app if your account was in credit before Easter. If anyone has any questions or concerns, please contact the school office, thank you.

Dates for your diary

Mon 22/4 – After school clubs start (for FIVE weeks)

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

Thurs 22/4 – Nursery new starters for September – stay & play session with parents 1.30-2.30pm

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

Mon 6/5 – **BANK HOLIDAY**

Wed 8/5 – Nursery farm visit

Mon 13/5 – Year 6 SATS

Tues 14/5 - Year 6 SATS

Wed 17/5 - Year 6 SATS

Wed 17/5 - U11 Summer Girls Football League @JSHS (3.30-5pm)

Thurs 18/5 - Year 6 SATS

Wed 22/5 - Y5/6 Science of Basketball at Eagles Arena

Thurs 23/5 – Bug guy (insects) in Reception (AM)

Fri 24/5 – Year 3 at SafetyWorks (pm)

Fri 24/5 – Break up for half term

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