

Preston Grange Primary School

Newsletter - May 24th 2016



Free School Meals information

Could we please remind the parents of Year 2 pupils that from September 2016, when they become Year 3, they will no longer be eligible for Universal Free School Meals but may meet the requirements for Free School Meals if they are on a qualifying benefit.

Any claims that have already been made for Reception and Year 1 children will automatically move up with the pupil, parents do not have to re register. Parents and carers can apply or register for Universal or Free meals using the following web link:

my.northtyneside.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals This link can be used to make the claim for any students attending school, regardless of their year group. Parents are also able to call the School Meal Service on 0191 643 2288 option 2 to register a claim.

How new Reception parents receive a request to register for School Meals

- Those that apply online and get an email offer, receive the link to the online application.
- Those that apply on paper and get their first choice, get a form with their offer letter.
- Those that apply online and request a written response and get their first choice get a form with their offer letter.
- Those that apply on paper and don't get their first choice, get a form sent out separately as they receive appeal paper work with their offer.

Just before school starts in September, the School Meal Service will email lists to schools that show all the pupils entitled to a Free School Meal, along with a list of those pupils who have not registered a claim for their Universal or Free School meal. Please note that Free School Meals are claimed per child and not per family. If an older child is entitled to Free School Meals the younger child is not automatically entitled; parents need to make the claim.

The Browns run for funds

Our very own Mrs Brown, teaching assistant, and ex pupil, Jessica Brown, recently completed the Race For Life to raise funds for cancer research. Jessica finished an impressive 9th place. Mrs Brown completed within her target time of 30 minutes. They ran in memory of Mrs Dunn and for Miss Minto, raising money for a cancer charity. We are proud of them both and Miss Minto says she was touched by their kind gesture. They are pictured here.



Teacher Training Days

We would like to remind parents that this coming Friday (27th May), children are not at school, because it is a teacher training day. Future training days will be: Wednesday 20th

July and Friday 21st October. The rest of the teacher training days for 2016-17 may be found on the summary of school term dates for next year, which was sent out as a paper copy to all parents in March. Please see the school office if you have lost your copy thank you.

Class photos

Please note that the date for class photos has been moved to June 10th.

Key Stage 2 assessment; past papers

The following link will take you to the page where this year's Year 6 SAT papers can be found for Reading, SPaG and Maths. Parents were told that following the tests, the link would be shared so that parents can look at the SAT papers their children have just sat:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/key-stage-2-tests-past-papers>

On this link, there are also past Phonics tests that we administer to Year 1 children in June.

Class assembly

As you will be aware, this term we invite parents into school for each class to do a class assembly. Unfortunately the reception class assembly will be moved from Tuesday June 7th to Wednesday July 6th at 9.15am due to unforeseen circumstances.

Forest school trips

So far, Year 4 and 6 classes have been to Kirkley Hall for a day of forest skills, and have had an amazing time. Here are some pictures of Year 6 enjoying themselves learning in the outdoors. Please find more photos under 'galleries', of Year 4 and Year 6 visits.



The Forest School after school club has proven extremely popular and attracted over 50 children, so unfortunately we have had to give the places on a first come first served basis for next half term, and cap the numbers at 25. You will receive a letter from the school office as to whether your child has got into the Summer or Autumn term club, or unfortunately neither.

'Sponsored 100' event

If your child is choosing to take part in our 'sponsored 100' event on Wednesday this week, they will need to have already returned their sponsor form by now. This is due to us needing to plan what PE equipment the children will require on Wednesday afternoon. Any last minute forms must be in school by Wednesday morning, otherwise the children will not be able to participate. Thank you so much for you and your families/work colleagues sponsoring the children, we really appreciate your support and are delighted at the amount which has been sent into school so far. Sponsor forms will be sent home with the children on Wednesday. We would be grateful if you could please collect any due money and send it into school as soon as possible thank you.

Welcome

We would like to welcome Paris to Year 5, and her family to our school. Paris moved from King Edwards Primary School and started last Monday, and it already seems like she has been part of that class throughout school.

Reminders for Sports Day

We are hoping for decent weather on Thursday afternoon for sports day. The afternoon starts at 1.10pm. If you have not received your detailed letter about the coloured t-shirts the children wear on sports day, linked to their 'Castle' colours, please ask at the school office for a copy.

In order that teachers know where the children are at all times during the afternoon, we ask that parents do not encourage them to leave the mat where they sit with the rest of their class. Teachers and Teaching Assistants will supervise toilet trips for the children. There will be refreshments available at Mr Conaty and Mr Young's café. Again, we ask that parents do not send food/drinks over to the children but hold onto these until after the event. All children will have their water bottles with them during the afternoon.

If the sports afternoon finishes earlier than 3.30pm, the children will go back to classes in order to get changed. Parents are asked to wait where they usually do at the end of the school day. Once they have got changed, the staff will bring the children out of their usual exits and dismiss children to parents who are there. Should any child not have a parent with them, those children will be taken back into school until 3.30pm.

Freeze Pop Friday

Freeze Pop Friday is back! Please note that every Friday after half term, ice pops will be sold at 20p each after school on the Key Stage 1 yard.

Dates for your diaries

Wed 25th May - sponsored '100' event (pm)

Thurs 26th May - final of PG has talent (9.05am)

Thurs 26th May - sports day (1.10pm-3pm)

Thurs 26th May - last day of half term for children

Fri 27th May - Teacher Training Day

Mon 6th June - children return to school

Tues 7th June - Year 5 at Kirkley Hall (forest skills)

Tues 7th June - Years 3,4 and 6 to Wizard of Oz (at JSCHS, pm)

Thurs 9th June - Girls football team to Norham High (after school)

Fri 10th June - class photographs (Tempest)

Fri 10th June - Years 2 & 3 at Reading Festival (Langdale, pm)

Fri 10th June - Magistrates in Year 6 (pm)

Mon 13th June - Year 1 Phonics test

Tues 14th & Wed 15th June - Year 1 Phonics test

Tues 14th June - Year 5 class assembly

Thurs 16th June - Newcastle Eagles basketball coaching - Year 6

30th June - Fire Service visit for Year 2 & 5 (pm)

Thurs 16th June - Girls football team at JSCHS

Fri 17th June - Year 3 at Kirkley Hall (forest skills)

Fri 17th June - Magistrates in Year 6

Tracey Taylor, Headteacher, May 24th 2016