

Preston Grange Primary School



Newsletter - June 27th 2017

Robinwood

Recently, Year 4 spent an action packed 3 days at the Robinwood Activity Centre near Alston in Cumbria. They began their trip with a 45 minute hike which led them to the centre while they learned about the local environment and got to know their instructors Harrison, Hannah and Laura.



Once there, the class had lunch, settled into their dorms and then began their activities. The activities gave them the opportunity to challenge themselves individually and to work together to develop communication and team building skills. Over the three days they completed many different activities: Challenge Course, Nightline, Caving, Zip Wire, Piranha Pool, Archery, Crate Challenge, Giant Swing, Trapeze, Dragon Quest, Canoeing, Team Challenge, Stream Walk, Climbing and abseiling. The children were absolutely fantastic and met the challenges with enthusiasm, courage and resilience.

A HUGE thank you to Miss Minto, Mr Young and Mr Whitenstall, who gave up their family time to accompany the children on the residential, and for the constant stream of tweets which kept parents up to date with what was happening on the residential. (Thank you for the lovely feedback from parents about this) Please note: there will be an opportunity for Year 4 parents to stay behind and see some of the Robinwood photos after tomorrow's assembly for 15 minutes, if you are able to stay a little longer.

Sports Day

Unfortunately due to the field being soaked already, and tomorrow's weather forecast not looking good, sports day will be postponed until **Wednesday 12th July**, starting at 1pm. Please keep everything crossed for good weather that day!

Annual reports

You will receive your child/children's annual reports on July 14th this year.

Open afternoon

Following annual reports being sent out, we offer the opportunity to come into school for a drop in session, where you will be able to look through your child's books with your child. Tea and coffee will be served, and juice for the children. The open afternoon will be on Tuesday 18th July from 1pm until 3.30pm. This is held in the school hall.

Congratulations!

Huge congratulations to Katie and Chanelle from Year 6, who both represented North Tyneside in the Northumberland County Athletics Championships at Gateshead Stadium over the weekend. Katie came 2nd in the 800 metres and they both came 3rd in the 80 metre relay. We are extremely proud of them both!



Champions!



Newcastle Eagles Community Foundation held an event for all year 6's across Tyne & Wear and Northumberland for the first time this year. The event saw 32 schools come together to battle it out for the cup. The atmosphere was incredible throughout the day and we are absolutely delighted that our Year 6 won the cup!! We are very proud of Chanelle, Katie, Paris, Lucia, Sam, Charlie W, James, Drew, Josh S and Josh O for their tremendous achievement. This week the Evening Chronicle have been into school to take the team's photo. Fingers crossed we make it into the newspaper!

Pirate Day

Year 4 will be walking to John Spence High School on **Wednesday 5th July** at 9:10am for a fun filled Pirate Day. Children can come to school dressed as a pirate or wear their school uniform. As it is an all day event children will need to bring a packed lunch. The class will be walking back to school at 3pm and we will require helpers to walk with us; please note helpers do not need to stay for the day, they only need to accompany us at 9:10am and 3pm. We would be grateful for any offers of parental help and all permission forms to be returned by Tuesday 4th at the latest thanks. If for any reason we do not receive a permission slip for a child, they will have to remain at school.

Holiday and training day dates for next year

Term one Term starts for students Half term Term ends for students	Tuesday, 5th September 2017 Monday 23 rd October to Friday, 27 th October 2017 Thursday 21 st December 2017
Term two Term starts for students Half term Term ends for students	Tuesday, 9th January 2018 Monday, 12th February to Friday, 16 th February 2018 Thursday, 29th March 2018

Term three Term starts for students Half term Term ends for students	Monday, 16th April 2018 Monday, 28th May to Friday, 1st June 2018 Friday, 20th July 2018
Bank holidays	Monday, 28 th August 2017 Monday, 25 th December 2017 Tuesday 26 th December 2017 Monday 1 st January 2018 Friday 30 th March 2018 Easter Monday 2 nd April 2018 Monday, 7 th May 2018 Monday, 28 th May 2018
School closures for Teacher Training	Monday, 4 th September 2017 Friday, 22 nd December 2017 Monday 8 th January 2018

Dates for your diary:

Wed 28th June - Year 6 at STEMtastic event (am)
 Thurs 29th June - Year 6 at The Dome, Whitley Bay (am)
 Mon 3rd July - Nursery welcome meeting 9am
 Mon 3rd July - Recycling assembly (whole school)
 Mon 3rd July - Ice cream van visiting Nursery (am)
 Mon 3rd July - Year 2 rugby coaching (pm)
 Tues 4th July - Year 5 PE leadership session (pm)
 Tues 4th July - NTLT awards (4.30-7pm)
 Wed 5th July - Pirate Day at JSCHS (all day) Year 4
 Wed 5th July - Year 5 PE leadership session (pm)
 Wed 5th July - Football team presentation (6-7pm)
 Fri 7th July - Party in the park choir (Rising Sun) (am)
 Mon 10th July - New Reception parents meeting 3.45pm
 Tues 11th July - Move up morning (chn to new classes)
 Tues 11th July - New Nursery chn intake visit to Nursery (am)
 Wed 12th July - Sports Day (pm)
 Thurs 13th July - Year 6 sleepover at school
 Thurs 13th & Fri 14th July - End of year activities for Y6
 Fri 14th July - Annual reports to parents
 Mon 17th July - Year 2 rugby coaching (pm)
 Wed 19th July - Year 6 leavers assembly (cake & coffee from 1.45pm, start 2.30pm)
 Fri 21st July - Break up for Summer

Please note: Children to return to school Tuesday 5th September.

Tracey Taylor, Headteacher, June 27th 2017