

Preston Grange Primary School



Newsletter - November 23rd 2016

Shoe boxes

Thank you to the parents who donated shoe boxes for the Samaritan's Purse appeal. We sent 28 shoe boxes off last week. Interestingly, we have had a suggestion from one of the parents who has mentioned that perhaps next year, that if you are unable to donate a whole shoe box, then families could donate items, and these could be made up into shoe boxes in school. A thought for next year?



Children in Need

Thank you for the generous donations for Children in Need. We raised a total of £207.10!

Christmas jumper day for Save the Children

We are having our annual non-uniform Christmas jumper day in aid of Save the Children on Friday 16th December. We look forward to seeing this year's range of festive jumpers!



Book swap

This Friday the School Council is holding a book swap in school. This will be an opportunity for the children to come to school with any books that they do not want anymore and take a new and exciting book home. The children will be allowed to swap one book, but if you would like to send in more books that you are happy to donate to the school that would be appreciated. We ask that the books are in good condition with no pen marks or damaged pages.

Christmas Dinner

On Thursday 8th December we will be having Christmas lunch in school. If your child doesn't normally stay for school lunch, please go to www.joinos.com and register. The cost of the school lunch will be £2.10 which should be paid online. Lunch will be: Roast turkey, Chipolata sausage, Sage & onion stuffing, or quorn roast, roast potatoes, diced carrots, peas, sprouts. This will be followed by Festive crispy cake or Christmas pudding & vanilla sauce.

Friends of Preston Grange

We are looking for any members of our school community who would be interested in helping to fundraise and organise events for our children in school. Thank you to parents and Grandparents who attended the meeting on Thursday 17th November. We realise that some people may have been unable to attend the first meeting, but there will be another meeting on Thursday 1st December in school. All are welcome.

Pantomime trip

Next Wednesday we will be going to see Cinderella at the Theatre Royal in Newcastle. If your child has changed their mind or is wobbly about going to the panto, we ask that you inform us by Monday at the latest. If your child is not going to the panto, they must be collected from school by **12.30** at the very latest thank you. This is so that we can work out final numbers for buses and seats. Thank you to parents for offers of help, but we have all the adult helpers we require. If you are helping, we ask that you arrive at school by 12.40. Please note, children will get a drink and snack at the panto, but we will not be allowing children to bring their own snacks. A final letter regarding the panto trip, along with drop off arrangements will be sent out at the beginning of next week.

Helpers for parties

If you are able to help out at the class Christmas parties in the last week of term, please speak to your child's class teacher thanks. Parent helpers normally set out the tables for party food for staff whilst they are in the hall with the children. Thank you for your support.

We North Tyneside

Further to the letter sent out this week. if you have any donations of items for the Whitley Bay Food Bank which serves our community, please send them into the school office. Thank you for the items we have received so far. We are collecting personal hygiene items, non perishable items and Christmas treats and are collecting items up until December 9th. Thanks for your support with this matter.

Dates for your diaries

Thurs 24th Nov - Praise party in Year 2

Fri 25th Nov - Book swap (lunchtime)

Tues 29th Nov - Christingle rehearsal (pm)

Wed 30th Nov - whole school trip to the pantomime (Cinderella, Theatre Royal)

Mon 5th Dec - Choir singing at the Quadrant for the mayor (am)

Tues 6th Dec - Christmas music session in Nursery with Piccolo Music (am)

Tues 6th Dec - Christingle service at Christchurch (6.30pm)

Thurs 8th Dec - KS2 Christmas performance 9.30am

Thurs 8th Dec - KS1 Christmas performance 2.30pm

Thurs 8th Dec - Christmas lunch

Fri 9th Dec - KS1 Christmas performance 9.30am

Fri 9th Dec - KS2 Christmas performance 2.30pm

Mon 12th Dec - Christmas storyteller in school all day

Tues 13th Dec - Year 1 & 2 Christmas party (pm)

Wed 14th Dec - Nursery Christmas performance for parents (10.30 am)

Wed 14th Dec - Year 3 & 4 Christmas party (pm)

Thurs 15th Dec - Early Years Christmas party (am) (Nursery + Reception)

Thurs 15th Dec - Y5 & 6 Christmas party (pm)

Fri 16th Dec - break up for Christmas holidays

Fri 16th Dec - Christmas jumper day - non uniform

Please note, children return to school on **Wednesday 4th January** (Tues 3rd is a Teacher Training Day)

Tracey Taylor, Headteacher, November 23rd 2016