

Preston Grange Primary School

Newsletter – October 11th 2024



Halloween discos

We have made some plans with the children for Halloween. Along with Mrs Smith our Business Manager, the Incredible 8 (group of Year 6 children) we are planning Halloween discos for the children on Friday 25th October.

Children in Nursery are asked to come into school dressed in Halloween costumes ready for a morning of spooky fun. Reception, Year 1 & 2 will be having their disco 1-2.15pm, Years 3 to 6 will be having their disco 2.15 - 3.25pm. There will be a letter sent out next week with the full details.

Swimming

After half term, Year 6 will be walking to Tynemouth swimming pool, and swimming costs to parents will be reduced accordingly. Miss Hogarth will be sending out a text and a booking link ahead of half term, with the revised cost.

On Friday 25th October, swimming will have to be cancelled due to the Halloween disco. Year 6 parents will receive a credit for next half term and the full details will be sent home in due course.

Children's swimming lessons – outside of school

Your child can enjoy socialising with other children, be more active and learn an essential life skill while learning to swim.

You can register your interest in level 1 swimming lessons for your child once they are 5 years old (your child must also be at least 90cm tall). Level 1 is the entry level for lessons. It helps build water confidence while introducing water safety and the basic skills needed to build swimming ability. If your child has previous swimming experience they can join the programme at one of the other stages too.

More details on lesson content and competencies can be found in [Learn to Swim Stage 1-7 Awards | Swim England Learn to Swim \(swimming.org\)](#).

If you are interested in registering your child, please complete the form on the NTC website [Swimming lessons | North Tyneside Council](#). Once you are registered, your preferred pool will email you when a space becomes available.

The deadline to register for next cohort of intake for swimming lessons is week commencing 7th October 2024.

Harvest Festival



You will have received a letter from Oscar in Year 6 on behalf of the children about how school is celebrating Harvest Festival this year. The children are collecting donations of food for the Bay food bank. Thank you SO much for the generous donations that have been sent into school already. We have a display of the food already collected in the entrance hall; please ask Miss Hogarth at the office if you would like to add any other food to our collection. Thank you for your support!

In addition, Ethan in Year 5 has been selling his comics from each day, for £1 each. The money raised from this will be used to buy food shopping for the foodbank also. Thank you so much for your support!

FREE MUSIC ACTIVITIES FOR ALL CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN NORTH TYNESIDE WITH YOUR LOCAL MUSIC EDUCATION HUB!



Music Opportunities

If there are any children who would like to come together on a weekly basis to sing with others, North Tyneside Youth Choir is held at John Spence School between 4.30-6.00pm on a Wednesday evening.

Please also visit the following link for a full range of music activities and events for children:

<https://ntmeh.org.uk/activities-for-young-people/>



Mental Health Support Team

Support meetings for parents

I would like to inform families that our Connect Mental Health Support Team are running virtual support meetings for parents. The theme this month is Managing and Regulations Emotions and Self Harm/ways to support.

Each month we will share these session dates with families either by newsletter or text. If you are interested, you can register your interest and also receive the monthly zoom link. Please contact them on connectmhst@northtyneside.gov.uk.

Wellbeing courses

Please share the below wellbeing news update from the Solihull Approach, the NHS team behind inourplace.co.uk with parents.

inourplace.co.uk is an online learning environment developed by psychologists and health practitioners providing accessible learning about emotional health and wellbeing, proven to positively impact mental health, behaviour and relationships. As part of our sponsorship of inourplace, all of the courses and content is free to local parents and we welcome your support to raise awareness.

Parent appointments

Parent appointments have been moved to Tuesday 12th November. The booking system will go live on Tuesday 5th November.

Admissions

A reminder for parents who are applying to High School - Year 7 in September 2025. The deadline date is the **31st of October 2024**, parents can apply using the online provider portal at North Tyneside Admissions.

Early Years family sessions

The Early Years team would like to invite families into school on the following dates to join in with some exciting activities with the children. All sessions will run from 9am – 10.30am. We look forward to seeing you all then.

Friday 6th Dec - Christmas Crafts
Thurs 13th Feb - Maths
Friday 11th April - Funky Fingers
Thurs 19th June - Physical / Outdoor

Christmas arrangements

Please find below the dates for Christmas performances and parties. **Please note, start times for the afternoon are to be confirmed:**

Fri 13th Dec – Early Years performance 9.10 AM
Mon 16th Dec – Y4,5,6 performance 9.10 AM
Mon 16th Dec – Y1,2,3 performance PM
Tues 17th Dec – Early Years performance 9.10 AM
Tues 17th Dec – Y4,5 & 6 performance PM
Wed 18th Dec – Y1,2 & 3 performance 9.10AM
Wed 18th Dec – Y4,5 & 6 Party
Thurs 19th Dec – Nursery & Reception party AM
Thurs 19th Dec – Y1,2 &3 party

Dates for your diary

Mon 21st Oct – Year 4 trip to Arbeia Roman Fort
Fri 25th Oct– Girls football festival @JSCHS ((Y1 & 2 AM, Y3&4 PM)
Fri 25th Oct – Halloween discos (PM) more info to follow
Fri 25th Oct – Y1 & 2 girls football festival @JSCHS (AM)
Fri 25th Oct – **Break up for half term**
Mon 4th Nov – **Children return to school**
Thurs 5th Nov – Parents appointments booking system goes live
Tues 12th Nov -parent appointments
Tues 12th Nov – Early Years open morning

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