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Dear Parents,

Fair Weather at Last!

A Summer Fair that wasn't washed out! What a fantastic afternoon we spent last Saturday when the whole school and local community turned out to enjoy the best weather for 5 years and the great activities on offer. The Treasure Hunt proved very popular, with the Sheffield Family being overall winners (every question answered correctly – well done) and the Lewis Family coming in as runner up (*prize still to be collected from the school office*).

We were also delighted to be able to support our local Guide Group by providing them with the opportunity to raise money for their Mexico Trip, £200 in total.

Many thanks to everyone who turned out to help with setting up the fair, manned the stalls or just came along and enjoyed the whole afternoon.

The Band were tremendous and it was lovely to see so many people relaxing and enjoying the whole atmosphere of the event. A total of just over £1,500 was raised - money which is earmarked for the Early Years Outdoor Area. I know the PTA would wish me to thank you all for your support.

Raffle Winners:

- Prize A – Italian Foods – Helen Holts *
- Prize B – Jamie Oliver Cookbook and bowl - Tina
- Prize C – Children's paddling pool – Margaret Smith
- Prize D – M & S voucher – Fran Matthews
- Prize E – Coffee/tea hamper – Caroline Ennion
- Prize F – Black Sheep Ale – Freda Allen
- Prize G – Toiletries hamper – Mrs Wortley
- Prize H – Gordon's Gin – L Bloem
- Prize I – Body Shop goodies – Sheila Surplus *

** these two prizes are still to be collected from the school office*

Kingswood Visit

Last week our Year 6 pupils embarked on an exciting four day residential adventure to Dukeshouse Wood, Hexham. It proved to be a great success, with the children having the opportunity to participate in a wide range of activities including a Zipwire, High Ropes, Nightline, 3G (you would need to ask the children) and much, much more. It is an important part of their final year here at Preston Primary that the children have the opportunity to learn new skills, live and get along with each other

away from home and become a little more independent (for some of them it was the first time they had changed a duvet cover).

All three members of staff who accompanied the children reported that they had thoroughly enjoyed the experience and were a credit to their parents and the school. I was delighted two days after their return to receive the following e-mail from the Instructors;

'I would just like to complement your school on the exemplary behaviour displayed by each and every one of the students during their stay. It is a credit to you and your staff, as well as the parents of the school, to have such enthusiastic and co-operative students. It is students like yours that our instructors most enjoy working with and who make our jobs a pleasure!'



Well done Year 6, we are very proud of you and the example you set to the rest of the school.

Dates For Your Diaries

Our half term holiday begins today and the children are due to **return on Monday 7th June**, when dinner money for that week will be £9 per child or £59.40 for the half term. If you are paying weekly, please note that dinner money is due every Monday morning for the coming week.

Just a reminder that **Sports Day is Friday July 2nd**, weather permitting. **Reports** will also be sent out on that day. **Parent Consultation Meetings** will take place on **Tuesday 6th and Wednesday 7th July** and **school will finish for the Summer Break on Wednesday 21st July at 1.30 p.m.**

Healthy Fitness Week

The week beginning Monday 14th June is being given over to a Healthy Fitness Week. Mrs Coates, P.E. Co-ordinator, has planned a range of activities including 'Skip2Bfit', Street Dancing, Freddie Fit and many more. We are asking the children to come to school in their P.E. kit all that week.

Mrs Brown, School Cook, will be putting on a special menu, which will be open to children who usually bring a packed lunch. A letter will be sent out after half term.

We shall also be running a 'Walking Bus' from Preston Park during this week. Children may be dropped at the Park's main car park between 8.35 and 8.45am and will be escorted to school by two members of staff. More information to follow.

I hope you all have an enjoyable half term break.

Yours sincerely,

Shirley Winters (Mrs)
Head Teacher