



Preston Primary

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Dear Parents,

Fire Damage

I'm sure, by now, everyone is aware that our two sheds, housing the Early Years play and outdoor equipment, were set on fire on Monday evening. Thanks to the quick actions of our local community, the Fire Service were able to prevent it from extending to the Nursery Unit and from irrevocably damaging a well established tree in the school grounds. I don't suppose we shall ever know what motivates these people to carry out such mindless acts of vandalism; we can only be grateful that they are in the minority. The support of parents and the offers of help we have received have reminded us all how grateful we are to belong to such a generous school community.

We shall not be replacing the sheds at this time, as our new building has built-in storage for both indoor and outdoor equipment. Once the new build is completed we will make a decision as to whether additional storage is necessary.

Healthy Fitness Week

Moving onto more pleasant topics, next week is our 'Healthy Fitness' focus week. Mrs Coates, P.E. Co-ordinator, has put together a wide range of activities as follows:

Monday	Skip2Bfit, Pilates & Stress Busting
Tuesday	Key Stage 2 Town Sports
Wednesday	Boxercise, Urban Kaos Street Dancing, Egglecliffe School Young Leaders organising Kwik Cricket and a carousel of fitness activities
Thursday	Orienteering
Friday	Freddie Fit (who was a great success with the children the last time he visited the school)

It promises to be a really eventful week. **We are asking that all children come to school in P.E. Kits, Tracksuits etc. during the week to avoid the need to keep changing.**

Mrs Brown, School Cook, is joining in with the fun and organising a varied menu with a sporting theme for us. **Any pupils who normally bring a packed lunch but wish to have school meals this week should bring in £9.00 dinner money on Monday morning, 14th June, so that meals may be ordered.** Cheques should be made payable to Stockton Borough Council.

I mentioned in the last newsletter that we would be trialling a 'Walking Bus' scheme during fitness week. This will commence on Monday 14th June from Preston Park car park. Parents are welcome to drop their children off between 8.35 a.m. and 8.45 a.m. The children will be led round to the school by two members of staff using the Pelican Crossing. If successful, we may look to extend the scheme in the new academic year.

Mint Moments

The Friday before half term, a number of our Year 6 pupils held a special 'Mint' themed coffee & cakes event. The children have been involved in designing recipes which creatively use mint as a key ingredient. They raised £107.00 which will be donated to the 'Hands of Love' Orphanage in Uganda. Well done to everyone who participated in the event.

Elijah Sebuchu, Principal of the Orphanage, is visiting the area in July and we hope that he can include a visit to Preston Primary, as the children always delight in hearing how the Orphanage is progressing. Anyone interested in sponsoring a child can request an information booklet from the School Office.

Helping Zoe

Zoe Garnett is an ex-pupil of Preston Primary School, who is now studying at York University for her Philosophy degree. In July, she is embarking on an expedition to Mount Kilimanjaro to raise money for charity. Whilst in Tanzania, she will be carrying out volunteer work in the charities' schools and is looking to see if we can help her with sponsorship. We will be holding a cake sale and raffle on **Friday 18th June** when **children may bring 50p into school** for a cake and a drink. Parents are very welcome to join us for cakes, tea and coffee between 10.30 a.m. and 11.00 a.m. **We would also be very grateful for any cakes or raffle prizes you are able to donate towards helping Zoe achieve her goal.**

Financial Reporting to Parents:

Financial Information Reporting to Parents		School Budget
		2009/2010
		£
Employees		481,535
Curriculum		13,126
Premises		47,959
Transport		0
Other Funding - Extended Schools		830
Income		(29,332)
Total Net Expenditure		572,621
Budget Share		584,175
Final Outturn		11,554

Charity Donations	2009/2010
	£
Children in Need	£134.98
Macmillian Nurses	£197.12
Hand of Love Orphanage	£355.00
Cystic Fibrosis Trust	£249.82
Children's Society	£161.21
Gazette Wish Tokens	£55.45
Marie Curie Pots of Care	£294.15
Hands of Love Orphanage	£100.00
Total Raised	£1,547.73

Parent Teacher Association Financial Summary:

Our Parent Teacher Association continues to show tremendous dedication to raising money for the school. Throughout 2009/10 the PTA members have given their support to a large number of after school activities including;

Gymnastics, Chess, Choir, Table Tennis, Guitar, Sign Language, Street Dance, Drama, Mini Tennis, Circus Skills, Arts & Crafts, Football.

The money received from children attending after school clubs covers the cost of providing qualified tutors, coaches & equipment.

In the 2009/10 school year, the PTA has raised over £5,000 through events including;

Christmas Fair £1,685

Summer Fair £1,588

Pamper Night £431

Lottery Bonus Ball £340

Nearly New Sale £205

as well as a Ceilidh, Jamie at Home raffle and the Chocaholics Christmas orders.

From these funds - along with the remaining funds raised last year - the PTA has provided the following to the school:

£8,000 towards Playground Equipment for the new Early Years / Key Stage 1 building

£200 for the Chick Incubator in Nursery

£200 to provide additional Nursery Splat Bags

as well as money towards Wake Up, Shake Up, the allotment fencing and Easter Eggs.

The PTA also made a £134 donation to Sports Relief 2010 from the proceeds of the March school disco.

School Uniform

Mrs Matthews will be placing the final order, this academic year, for school uniform on Monday 28th June. Any one wishing to place an order should return the attached order form to the School Office by **Friday 25th June** to ensure the uniforms are delivered before the end of term. Please make cheques payable to Preston Primary Private School Fund.

Yours sincerely,

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Head Teacher