



Preston Primary

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Dear Parents,

Proposed Change to School Finishing Time Parents' Meeting

Just a reminder that we are holding a Parents' Meeting this coming Thursday, 24th March at 6.30 p.m. to consult with you on moving the school finishing time to 3.15 p.m. for all classes. This has come about because of the increase in Nursery hours to 15 hours per week from September 2010 which means that our afternoon Nursery children finish later than other year groups. We would welcome the opportunity to discuss this proposal with you and do hope you are able to attend. The meeting will be held in Mr Clift's Year 5 / Year 6 classroom.

Congratulations to our Eco Council

You may have already seen the article in the Gazette and other local papers, praising Preston Primary School for winning first place in an Eco Competition. The children were invited along to the Croft Spa Hotel on Friday 4th March where they were one of five finalist schools from five Local Authorities. Each school had previously submitted a video presentation detailing why they, as a school, would benefit from winning a pond for the school grounds. The judges were very impressed with our Eco Council's presentation and I believe it was their enthusiasm for all things ecological that won the day. Well done to everyone involved including Miss Blair (Eco Council Co-ordinator), Mr Hewitt, Mr Portas and Mr Quince (School Governors).

The pond will be installed during the Summer Term.

School Choir

I had the opportunity to listen to our School Choir, who made up the majority of the Stockton Voices Choir, when they participated in the regional 'National Festival of Music for Youth' this month. The whole event was delightful but our children, especially, sang their hearts out and were commended by the judges for their beautiful singing and their enthusiasm, which shone through. Well done to our School Choir.

ParentMail

You will all have received the ParentMail details letter requesting information regarding e-mails and mobile phone numbers for texts. We are hoping to have

the system up and running at the start of the Summer Term. Could I ask that all ParentMail Contact details are returned to school by this coming Friday if you haven't done so already. Additional Contact Sheets are available from Mrs Matthews in the School Office. We are really keen that all families are signed up to this new system of communication and would appreciate you taking the time to complete and return the form.

Red Nose Event

Thank you to everyone who purchased Red Nose merchandise, be it noses, gigglers, headbands, plants or runny noses. I'm delighted to inform you that, along with the takings from the PTA Red Nose Disco and the proceeds of the biscuits made by our School Cook, Mrs Brown, we have been able to hand over to the Yarm branch of Sainsbury's, a total of £610.53 towards their target of £10 million. A tremendous effort from everyone. Special thanks go to the School Council who organised the event.

Yours sincerely,

Shirley Winters (Mrs)
Head Teacher