



# Preston Primary School

Laurel Road, Eaglescliffe, Stockton-on-Tees, TS16 0BE

Autumn News 2021

from School, Governors and PTA



## Remembrance Day

Armistice Day, or Remembrance Day as it's also known, marks the very day that World War One ended in 1918.

Every year, we hold a two-minute silence at 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month to remember those who have died in any conflict.

On Thursday, 11th November, all our children and staff paid their respects. Every child made their own individual poppy which was then included in a class wreath.



All of the children, from the Reception class up to Year 6, walked down to Eaglescliffe war memorial in Tittybottle Park, to observe two minutes' silence and lay their wreaths.



*"They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old;  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning,  
We will remember them."*

*'For The Fallen' By Laurence Binyon*

# Our School Governors

The Governors are a group of people drawn from the staff, parents and the community who work together for the benefit of our school.

The Governors serving on our Local Governing Body are accountable to the Trustees (who in turn are accountable to the Department for Education) as well as to the communities they serve. Whilst not Trustees under charity law, nevertheless, the Governors are under a duty to act in good faith and in the best interests of their school and Lingfield Education Trust.

The aim of the Governors at Preston Primary is to work with the staff in helping the children achieve their full potential in a happy and caring environment.

**This duty includes a responsibility to do the following:**

- To ensure their Academy complies with its legal obligations.
- To fulfil the charitable object of Lingfield Education Trust.
- To set targets, monitor pupil progress and attainment, and to challenge the Head teacher and Senior Leadership Team (SLT) to achieve the objectives of their Academy.
- To act with integrity, to avoid any personal conflicts of interest and not to misuse any charitable funds or assets of their Academy or Trust.
- To act prudently in the financial management of their Academy, avoiding putting any assets, funds or the reputation of their Academy or the Trustees at undue risk

You can email the Governors at the following address: [governors@prestonprimary.co.uk](mailto:governors@prestonprimary.co.uk)

**Chair of Governors: Mrs Charlotte Benjamin**

## How We Help Others

**On Friday, 22nd October, pupils and staff were all invited to wear something red for 'Show Racism the Red Card' day, and bring a donation for the Billingham and Stockton Borough Food Bank. Our two Pupil Ambassadors helped Mrs Richardson deliver the food to the bank. We are so proud of our Preston Family, for making such an amazing contribution, to help other families in need. Thank you.**



## Did you know we have a school allotment?

For a number of years, we have rented an allotment at Quarry Road. Each year, one year group takes responsibility for looking after the allotment, with the dedicated help of Mr Gibb, whose grandchildren used to attend the school.

The children walk down to the allotment from school, taking their trugs and tools, and learn how to prepare the ground, sow seeds and look after the plants until they are ready to be picked. The main harvest usually takes place when the children return after the summer holidays, after which the next year group start their allotment year.



On return to school, the children made soup from some of the vegetables and each child also took some produce home.



Our current Year 6 children bringing in the harvest with the help of Mr Gibb.

# Our PTA

## The Aims of the PTA

- Fundraising to provide extra facilities and equipment for the school
- To provide fun and educational extra-curricular activities for pupils
- To encourage family participation within the school



## Questions & Answers

- What happens to any money raised? *Profits are used for specific projects*
- Who is in the PTA? *All parents and teachers are automatically members of the PTA and have a chance to get involved on many levels.*
- Who runs it? *A Committee is elected each year at the Annual General Meeting to manage the funds and activities of the PTA.*
- How often does the Committee meet? *The Committee meetings are generally held once a month, in school, during term time. All parents/carers and teachers are welcome at any meeting. The AGM is held every September.*
- How much would be expected of me if I were to get involved? *It is entirely up to you; you can contribute an idea, help at an event or activity, come along to a meeting, or become a Committee member.*
- How can I get information on what is going on? *There is a PTA notice board outside the main entrance to the building, or you can email the PTA at [pta@prestonprimary.co.uk](mailto:pta@prestonprimary.co.uk)*



Despite fundraising activities being curtailed due to Covid-19, in July, the PTA were still able to contribute £1,000 from their funds, towards a fantastic end of year fun day, for all the children (and staff!) to enjoy. We were very happy to be able to use our other field, behind Oak Road, to host some of the giant inflatables.

**We were very sorry to have to cancel our planned Christmas Outdoor Market, but hopefully, fundraising events will be possible again next year!**



## Our contact details...

We love hearing from you, so if you want to let us know your views on any matter, or for further information, please contact:

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