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# GREAT PRESTON CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Weekly Newsletter 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Dear parents and carers,

I had the pleasure this week of attending the Leeds Book Awards with Ms Taylor and a group of Year 6 children who represented Great Preston Primary School wonderfully. They enjoyed an entertaining award ceremony followed by the opportunity to get their books signed by two authors of the books they have been reading and reviewing over the last few months. Excitingly, the ceremony was filmed by Made in Leeds and a short interview with the organiser of Leeds Book Awards can be seen on their website.

I must say, another highlight of my week was eco-clubs fantastic assembly on Wednesday morning for the whole school. I've included more information later in the newsletter but they were superstars!

Have a great half term break and I look forward to welcoming children back on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June.

Yours in learning,

Mrs Katie Pashley



### Thankfulness Celebration

This week we celebrated the following children who have all demonstrated thankfulness in some way:

Nursery: Lauren M and Kye H

Reception: Jack L and Ava L

Year 1: Alfie L and Emily G

Year 2: Zac M and Eva B

Year 3: Mason G and Emmy N

Year 4: Hay H and Harrison D

Year 5: Jack D and Molly W

Year 6: Amber W and Thomas M

Well done to you all!

### Christian Aid



Thank you to those of you who kindly made donations to support the people of Haiti. A total of £60.80 was raised which has already been passed on to the Christian Aid coordinators. Many thanks.

### PTA News

Many thanks to those parents who joined the PTA for cake and coffee on Tuesday and for your suggestions and offers of support. There will be another opportunity to join the PTA for cake and coffee on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June at 2pm. Please do come along if you can make it.

The next planning meeting for the summer fair will take place in school on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 2pm- everyone very welcome!



We're working towards Artsmark  
Awarded by Arts Council England



## African storytelling

This week the whole school enjoyed learning about Senegal when Karim Mbaye visited with many exciting artefacts to share. He told stories and entertained each class with his fantastic drumming. Throughout the week, children have been writing their own versions of the stories and the quality of the work produced has been truly impressive.



## Bling-a-Bike!

This week our Year 5 children have worked hard with Mr Portch and Miss Lyndon-Hogg to create a 'bling-a-bike' entry for a competition against other Leeds schools. The theme was Yorkshire and our entry is a reflection of the mining history of our local area, complete with red 'mining wheels' to represent our school logo!



## Attendance

Congratulations to Year 3 who are this week's attendance superstars with a combined attendance of 98%. Well done Year 3!

## Bee involved!

Our fantastic eco-club led a whole school assembly on Wednesday, requesting the support of all children. They would like to plant a wild meadow in the school grounds but they need a little bit of help to gather enough seeds.

Children have been asked to send a SAE to the following address, requesting a free packet of seeds:

The Worker Bees  
Just Bee Drinks  
PO Box 5481  
Manchester  
M61 0NL

## Important Dates

The final half term looks set to be incredibly busy – please check the newsletters regularly for updates and details of events.

Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> June	School reopens to children
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Class photos
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 phonics screening week
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> June	New starter parents meeting 6.00 – 7.00pm
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Reports sent home to parents and carers
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Production 9.15am and 4.30pm
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Reports sent home to parents and carers
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Brigshaw Transition Day Great Preston Transition day
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers Service at Wakefield Cathedral 1.30 – 2.30pm
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer fayre from 3.15pm
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Thankfulness service for Nursery & Reception – parents and carers very welcome
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers Celebration 5.30-7pm
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers Service at Allerton Bywater Church – EVERYONE WELCOME School closes for the summer