



Preesall Fleetwood's Charity School
Spring 10
Thursday 21st March 2019

Gordon McCann

It is with great sadness that I must let you know that our Chair of Governors, Gordon McCann, passed away this week. There is an article on the Knott End and Preesall Facebook site which writes about the many and varied ways in which Gordon worked towards the success of the local community. Our school is briefly mentioned, but I would like to say more about what a great help and friend to the school, Gordon McCann has been.

Gordon has been a Governor of our school for more than 20 years and has been the Chairman since before I became Head in 2005. Parents & children might not have really known Gordon, but most children will know Mrs McCann, because she has been a volunteer in classes, listening to readers and helping learners for a long time.

Gordon has been a key person in the leadership of our school. He has met with me on a weekly basis to talk through developments and to make sure the Governing Body is fully involved with school, he has also judged the Public Speaking competition, has come into classes and has given out prizes to children at the Leavers' Service each year.

He has questioned and challenged me, and he has also trusted and supported me. As Chair of Governors he has worked tirelessly, often in the background, to ensure that our school is as successful as possible. The Headteacher's role can be challenging in many ways – when things have got tricky I have always had Gordon to talk to, to give advice and to give encouragement. Our school will miss Gordon McCann; I personally will miss him tremendously. Our love and prayers go out to Yvonne and the McCann Family.

John Belshire, Headteacher

Outstanding money

Parents and carers are really supportive of school in many ways – sending in cakes and money for charity and fundraising events, attending events, making sure children are ready for school and supporting learning at home.

However, there are far too many parents who are slow to pay for things such as music lessons, school trips and school meals. Each individual amount may not be much, but together they come to a lot – please, please, please check your account and clear any debt. The financial year closes next week so please settle up today!

Our school is not a multi-national company with unlimited resources – every penny counts and we still have to pay wages and bills. **Every £5 outstanding is effectively one less book for your child's class, or 30 minutes less support from a teaching assistant.**

Thank you for attending to this, John Belshire, Headteacher.

Year 6 Fundraiser – Non uniform and Cake Sale

A total of **£266.95** was raised to go towards the fundraising for Year 6. Thank you to all those who contributed it is greatly appreciated.

Recycle 4 School

We have arranged another collection date for your unwanted winter clothes and shoes before we begin to enjoy warmer weather. Please fill the bags we have sent home or any bin liner with clothes/shoes/trainers/handbags/belts/underwear & socks. We need the bags back in school on Monday 1st April 2019 before 9.00am. Unfortunately, we cannot store any items in school before this date and time.

This is an excellent way to help raise money for school funds, the bags are simply weighed, and we are sent a cheque based on the total weight of all our bags – please help us by donating.

Electronic devices & Play Equipment

Please do not allow your child to bring any electronic devices into school including mobile telephones and with regards to play equipment please do not allow them to bring in Moon Balls.

BAE Systems Visit

Year 6 had a very successful visit to BAE Systems at Salmesbury on Wednesday 20th March 2019. Many thanks go to A&G Precision, especially Mr Steve Crewe, for all the organizing he did to ensure we had a great time.

Rossall Choir Event – Thursday 21st March

The choir will be taking part in an event at Rossall School today. We will leave school at 09:45 a.m. and return at approximately 4:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

Ash Class

As part of our topic 'Traditional Tales/Castles' on Thursday 4th April 2019, Ash Class are having a 'dressing up as your favourite character' day. The children can come to school dressed up as a traditional tale character or a castle themed character.

Communication and Costs

Thank you to all those who are following us on Facebook, it is really helping to raise our profile within the local community and further afield.

As the majority of parents now have smart phones we are intending to communicate with everyone via email (as it is free) and not by text (which is costly). We are always trying to save money where we can and redistribute it where it is needed more.

Easter Egg Bingo – Whole school event

On Thursday 4th April 2019 our whole school will be taking part in our Easter Bingo. This will cost £1.00 per child for the purchase of a bingo card. Please send in the money in a named envelope by Wednesday 3rd April 2019. Easter Egg prizes will be given to those who win a line/house. All prizes have been donated by Y6 parents.

Dates for your Diary

- 21.03.19: Choir at Rossall.
- 25.03.19: Fire Service talk to Year 6 about road safety.
- 26.03.19: Ash class visit to Lancaster Castle.
- 27.03.19: Reception pupils Vision Screening.
- 27.03.19: Year3/4 Football Tournament.
- 28.03.19: Messy Play, 10.00am to 11.00am in the school Hall.
- 01.04.19: Recycle4School
- 01.04.19: Litter Pick Day
- 02.04.19: Fire Service talk to Year2 re child safety.
- 04.04.19: Easter Egg Bingo.
- 05.04.19: School closes at 2.00pm for Easter Half Term.

- 23.04.19 (Tuesday): School opens at 9.00am