



Provo Primary School

Spring Term Newsletter

Friday 11th January, 2013



We hope you all had a restful holiday and welcome you back to the Spring Term. A special welcome to our new Year 2 teacher, Mrs Charissa and all our parents and children. We hope you will soon make new friends and feel at home here at Provo Primary.

We have a term packed full of events and activities including a Science Week and Keeping Healthy Week, along with lots of exciting PTA events so be sure to keep on eye on your child's class and school noticeboard to ensure you are up-to-date with the latest news and information.



School Photos (Wednesday 23rd January)

Brilliant by Tropical Imagining will be taking our **School photos on Wednesday 23rd January**, so plan ahead with any needed haircuts! School uniform is also available in the office if you need any new T-shirts to help your child to be dressed their best for the event.

Remember to keep checking our School Blog each week for a glimpse of what is going on in your child's class and around the school.

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Science Week – National Education Week (4th – 8th March)



Each year, during the TCI's National Education Week at the beginning of March, we have a theme week in school. This year's week will have a strong Science focus, with children investigating and experimenting across



the school! Teachers throughout the school will be planning a range of activities linked to the theme during the week and we will conclude with an open house Science Fair on the Friday. We hope to see lots of you there as children demonstrate their discoveries!

The Thursday of Science Week is also **'World Book Day'** and we will be celebrating this with a focus on non-fiction reading. Children will participate in non-fiction reading activities and library challenges. We will be having a **'Phenomenal Phenomenon Dress-up Day'** and we invite children to create a costume to represent an amazing fact, or find a fact that fits well with an amazing costume! We hope this fun activity will encourage the children to use both their creativity and research skills!

Keeping Healthy Week (18th - 22nd March)

Linking with our Science theme, our 'Keeping Healthy Week', will focus on 'The Science of Keeping Healthy.' We'll send out details of our activities later in the term.

Exciting PE opportunities this Spring

We are excited to inform you of some of the fantastic Physical Education opportunities planned for this Spring Term. In Key Stage 1, children will be preparing for Sports Day by developing their athletic skills in PE lessons. We are also pleased to have Mr Jamie back in school to lead specialist Rugby lessons once a week. In Key Stage 2 we are delighted to introduce two new sports to our curriculum. Handball and Squash will be taught to all children this term, in addition to building upon last year's gymnastics units. Children will be busy developing their skills for a Gymnastics Showcase and Handball Tournament at the end of each mid-term. Please look out for further information about KS1 Sports Day and the KS2 Showcase events in the coming weeks!



The Spring term is also a busy one for sport clubs. We are pleased to offer an after school Rugby club with Mr Jamie and a Soccer club for boys and girls with Mr



Toby and Coach Jo Gray. With the Early Years soccer club continuing, we're thrilled to make soccer clubs available for all children from Junior Kindergarten to Year 6! As a school we are again looking forward to participating in the TCIFA's School Soccer Tournament in March. Our

U11 Boys team enter as defending champions and we have high hopes for this year's crop of Provo Primary girls! We also plan to organise some friendly inter-school matches.

PTA News from PTA Chair, Haley Weldon

Happy New Year and welcome back to school! I wanted to thank the many parents who volunteered last term at the Halloween Party, Yard Sale, Early Years Work Party, Movie Night and Holiday Shows (whew!), as well as in the library and classrooms; such an amazing effort all around and a perfect illustration of the community spirit that makes Provo Primary such a special place.

Looking ahead, please plan on attending the PTA meeting coming up on Wednesday, January 30th for details on upcoming Term 2 events (listed below), as well as information on how teachers spent their PTA-funded stipends and a rundown of our current account status. We also need your input on goals for the rest of the year – where do you think monies raised should be spent? And if you've got any other ideas for events, clubs or activities, please don't be shy about sharing.

We look forward to another great term at school!

Regards,

Haley Weldon – PTA Chair (Mum of Theo in Yr. 5/6, Spencer in Yr. 3 & Nate in Yr. 1)

UPCOMING PTA SPRING TERM EVENTS:

Movie Night (movie to be announced soon!

Friday 25th Jan. - 5:30 @ school

\$5 entry fee/children 4 and under must be accompanied by a parent

PTA meeting

Wednesday 30th Jan. - 6-7pm @ school

Secretary position is open

Yard Sale

Saturday 16th Feb. - 9-11am @ school

Email Mary Scholar to book a table (\$20) or help out: maryscholar@gmail.com

We will be taking donations in Feb. for the PTA sale table

2nd Annual Family Skate Night

Friday 22nd Feb. - 5:30-7pm @ Graceway Sports Centre

\$10 skater/\$5 non-skater entry fee

Volunteer sign up list will be posted in February

Family Beach Day

Sunday 10th March - 3pm-6pm. Beach TBD

Egg Hunt @ school

Friday 22nd March

Volunteers needed to "stuff eggs" and help run egg hunt.



Diary Dates for Spring Term

January

Week beginning 14th - School Clubs start

Wednesday 23rd - School Photos taken by Brilliant by Tropical Imaging

Friday 25th - Dress Down Day

PTA Movie Night - 5:30pm @ school

Wednesday 30th - PTA Meeting- 6-7pm @ school

February

Thursday 7th - KS2 (Yrs. 3-6) PE Showcase 9am @ Graceway Sports Centre

Monday 11th - Mid Term Break - School Closed

Tuesday 12th - Mid Term Break - School Closed

Saturday 16th - PTA Yard Sale – 9 -11am@ School

Friday 22nd - Dress Down Day

PTA Family Skate Night 5:30 -7pm @ Graceway Sports Centre

Monday 25th - Yr. K – 6 Reports go out to parents

Tuesday 26th - Thursday 28th - Parent/Teacher Consultations

March

Monday 4th - Friday 8th - Science Week (National Education Week)

Thursday 7th - World Book Day - 'Phenomenal Phenomenon Dress-up Day'

Sunday 10th - PTA Family Beach Day @ 3 - 6pm (Beach TBD)

Monday 11th - Commonwealth Day (Public Holiday) – School Closed

Monday 18th - Friday 22nd – Keeping Healthy Week

Wednesday 20th - PS, JK and K Sports Day - 9am @ Graceway Sports Centre

KS1 (Yrs. 1&2) Sports Day - 10:30am @ Graceway Sports Centre

Thursday 21st - KS2 (Yrs. 3-6) PE Showcase - 9am @ Graceway Sports Centre

Friday 22nd - Dress Down Day

Spring Bonnet Parade

PTA Egg Hunt

Term Ends @ 12/12:30pm

April

Monday 8th - Term 3 Commences