

The Priory Post

Welcome to our end of term newsletter! As usual, there has been so much going on here at Priory and so much to celebrate that will be shared within this newsletter. We have had sporting success with our Girls' football team being crown Dudley Champions 2023 which is amazing; we hosted the Dudley Maths Championships and welcomed over 80 schools to Priory and our Year 5 and 6 team have made it through to the final later in the year; we have hosted our first ever science fair and invited parents into school on a number of different occasions.

We finished the term this week with Easter songs and crafts in Nursery and an incredible Easter bonnet parade performed by the children in Reception. As ever thank you for engaging with these sessions, it really does make a difference! Parental engagement at parents' evening was up by 5% on last year with an engagement rate of 82% - in the Autumn Term we will be aiming for 90%!

Again, this term we have run a large range of clubs which have included new clubs such as Forest School and baking.

As we come to the end of the term, we say a fond farewell to Mrs Osbourne. Mrs Osbourne has worked at Priory in a number of different roles for 13 years and goes onto a role making a difference to the families across the authority. We thank her for her years of dedication to the children and families at Priory - she will be sadly missed.

As we move into the Summer Term, there is lots to look forward to - sports days, Priory Fest v3 as well as some new clubs to look out for. We also pull together the end of year assessments and conduct all of the statutory assessments. It is vital that your children attend school each and every day to attain as high as they possibly can!

Reminders

Uniform until Easter:

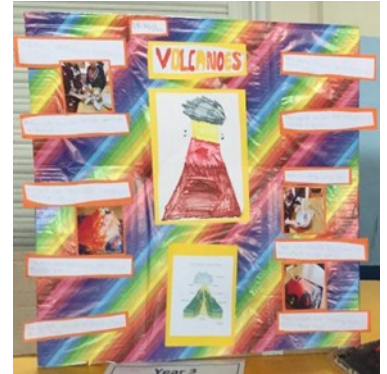
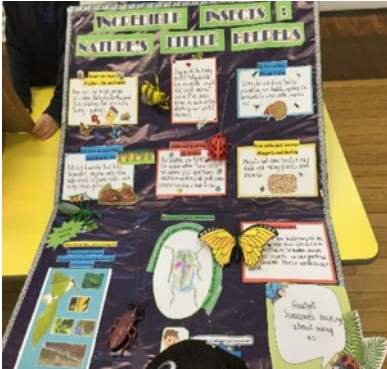
- White polo shirt
- Navy sweatshirt/cardigan (no hoodies)
Black or grey trousers/skirt
- Black sensible plain shoes (no trainers or coloured logos)

PE Kit

- White t-shirt/polo
- Black/grey joggers
- Trainers

Science at Priory!

March saw Priory Primary hold our first ever Science fair, and what a success it was. All the children who took part created informative research projects or took part in imaginative investigations. The pupils were all very knowledgeable about their work and able to talk about what they had found out. They should be extremely proud of themselves as we are of them. Thank you all for your support with the projects!



Attendance continues to be an areas for improvement at Priory. So far this year our attendance is 91.04%. 82 children have been in school every day of the Spring.

Currently, 5K are in first place across all of our classes with an attendance of 93.84%

SPRINGS CHURCH COMMUNITY GROCERY STORE



Open
Tuesday 10am - 2pm
Thursday 6pm-8pm

Weekly access to quality grocery items for local Gornal residents in need of low cost shopping.
£4 for a 20 item shop. Membership required.
Open Tuesdays 10am-2pm, Thursdays 6pm-8pm

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

TIKTOK

13+

Some features are restricted to over 18 only

TikTok is a free social media platform that lets users create, share and watch short videos ranging anywhere from 15 seconds to 10 minutes in duration. The app gained notoriety for its viral dance trends and celebrity cameos and can be a creative fun platform for teens to enjoy. Available in 175 countries, TikTok boasts three billion active users and has over 100 million videos uploaded daily. In the UK, the app was launched in June 2017. A 2021 Ofcom report found TikTok to be the most-used social media platform for young people, particularly among young people aged 12 to 17.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

While TikTok's "For You" feed only displays videos from users deemed to be "safe" for the age group, it is not always accurate. Parents should monitor their child's feed and report any inappropriate content to TikTok.

ADVERTISING

Parents should be aware that TikTok is a commercial platform and contains many advertisements. These can be disguised as organic content, so parents should be vigilant.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

TikTok allows users to follow other users and interact with them. This can lead to contact with strangers, which can be dangerous. Parents should discuss the risks of interacting with strangers and encourage their child to report any suspicious activity.

ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

Family Pairing allows parents to link their child's account to their own. This enables parents to monitor their child's activity and set restrictions. Parents should enable Family Pairing and use it to monitor their child's account.

MAKE ACCOUNTS PRIVATE

Parents should encourage their child to make their TikTok account private. This will limit who can see their videos and interact with them. Parents should discuss the importance of privacy and encourage their child to make their account private.

DISCUSS THE DANGERS

Parents should discuss the dangers of TikTok with their child. This includes the risks of interacting with strangers, the risks of sharing personal information, and the risks of using the app for too long. Parents should encourage their child to use the app responsibly.

Meet Our Expert

Dr. Sarah Jones is an experienced technology journalist with a focus on digital safety. She has written extensively about the risks of social media and has been featured in several national publications. She is also a frequent speaker at conferences and events.



IN-APP SPENDING

TikTok has a feature called "Gifts" that allows users to send virtual gifts to other users. These gifts can be purchased with real money, so parents should be aware of the risks of in-app spending. Parents should discuss the risks of in-app spending and encourage their child to use the app responsibly.

ADDICTIVE NATURE

TikTok is designed to be addictive, with its "For You" feed showing videos that are tailored to the user's interests. This can lead to excessive use of the app, which can be harmful to the user's mental health. Parents should discuss the risks of addiction and encourage their child to use the app responsibly.

TIKTOK NOW

Introduced in June 2017, the "TikTok Now" feature allows users to see a feed of videos from users who are following them. This feature is designed to help users discover new content and connect with other users. Parents should discuss the risks of interacting with strangers and encourage their child to use the app responsibly.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

Family Pairing allows parents to link their child's account to their own. This enables parents to monitor their child's activity and set restrictions. Parents should enable Family Pairing and use it to monitor their child's account.

MAKE ACCOUNTS PRIVATE

Parents should encourage their child to make their TikTok account private. This will limit who can see their videos and interact with them. Parents should discuss the importance of privacy and encourage their child to make their account private.

DISCUSS THE DANGERS

Parents should discuss the dangers of TikTok with their child. This includes the risks of interacting with strangers, the risks of sharing personal information, and the risks of using the app for too long. Parents should encourage their child to use the app responsibly.

Meet Our Expert

Dr. Sarah Jones is an experienced technology journalist with a focus on digital safety. She has written extensively about the risks of social media and has been featured in several national publications. She is also a frequent speaker at conferences and events.

LIMIT IN-APP SPENDING

Parents should encourage their child to use the "Family Pairing" feature to limit in-app spending. This will prevent their child from purchasing virtual gifts or other in-app purchases without their permission. Parents should discuss the risks of in-app spending and encourage their child to use the app responsibly.

READ THE SIGNS

Parents should be aware of the signs of addiction to TikTok. These include spending too much time on the app, neglecting other activities, and feeling irritable when not using the app. Parents should discuss the risks of addiction and encourage their child to use the app responsibly.

Meet Our Expert

Dr. Sarah Jones is an experienced technology journalist with a focus on digital safety. She has written extensively about the risks of social media and has been featured in several national publications. She is also a frequent speaker at conferences and events.

Meet Our Expert

Dr. Sarah Jones is an experienced technology journalist with a focus on digital safety. She has written extensively about the risks of social media and has been featured in several national publications. She is also a frequent speaker at conferences and events.

@nationalonline_safety | @nationalonline_safety | @nationalonline_safety | @nationalonline_safety

Stay at the forefront of digital safety with the latest news, tips, and advice from the experts at National Online Safety.

© National Online Safety 2022. All rights reserved. | Privacy Policy | Terms of Use

Crazy Hair at the Science for Comic Relief

On Friday 17th March we supported Comic Relief by inviting children to wear their hair in a wild and wacky way. Here are some photos of the amazing hair we saw:

Thank you to everyone who supported this brilliant cause. So far we have raised £25. If you haven't had chance to donate and would like to support Comic Relief, visit our Just Giving page:

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rednoseday23-priory-primary-school-1e819ed1-ab50-4b56-b8e5-c4b64b2077ba?utm_source=copyLink&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=rednoseday23-priory-primary-school-1e819ed1-ab50-4b56-b8e5-c4b64b2077ba&utm_campaign=pfp-share&utm_term=ec7b97c1dbac4ad896bfde0eca183efd



Sandwich Making and Evaluating – Parental Engagement

On Thursday 30th March, Year 3 invited their parents and carers to join them to make and evaluate sandwich snacks. Over the half term, the children have spent their Design Technology lessons evaluating a range of sandwich snacks, looking at nutritional values of different foods, designing a sandwich snack and writing a recipe.

With their parents and carers, they followed their recipe to make delicious sandwich snacks including sandwiches, wraps and pittas. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the making and the tasting!



Bake Sale

Thank you for all your support towards Cancer relief. Your generous donations helped us raise £175. Wow!!



Please can I remind all parents and carers that abuse towards our staff will not be tolerated. Sadly, this term we have had a few incidents where staff have been the victim of verbal abuse. We understand that there are times when things happen in school that may cause anger and frustration. We are here to communicate and work with you to help find resolutions in the right way

