

# The Priory Post

Good afternoon,

Welcome to the first newsletter of the year. We have made a great start to the new academic year across school. Our new children in Reception and Nursery have settled so well into school life and are happy in their learning. We have launched a range of clubs and I was really impressed to find out that last year we had 1045 participants at all of the clubs we run in school - we are aiming to improve on this in 2023-24.

We continue to push the attendance of all of our pupils as this is an area of school life we need to continue to work with you all to improve. A new trust attendance policy has been created and will be shared with you after half term and I will ensure that the significant changes are clear for all. So far this year our attendance sits at 92.86% which is a solid foundation to move forward from.

Feedback from the parental survey was really positive and improved from last year. We are in the process of reviewing the feedback and looking at how we can further improve provision at school.

I wish you all a safe and happy half-term break,

Kind regards,

Mr K. Daley

## Key dates

Monday 6th November Inset Day

Tuesday 7th November Children  
back at school

Friday 22nd Children break up

## 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)

### Year 3 Cave Art Parental Engagement Sessions

This week Year 3 have invited parents in to work alongside the children on a large scale art project.

Over the last half term, the children have been learning about the Stone Age and cave art. They have learnt a variety of mark making skills using charcoal and pencils, become gathers in the forest school to collect leaves, rocks and sticks to use for painting, as the Stone Age people would not have had paintbrushes, and experimented with making paints from spices and berries.

The children and their parents used sticks, leaves, berries and spices to recreate the types of art-work left by the Stone Age people, found in caves across Europe, although we did also let them use real paintbrushes!

The year 3 team would like to thank all the parents, and younger siblings, for joining us and making three enjoyable, creative and memorable afternoons.



**Attendance continues to be an areas for improvement at Priory. So far this year our attendance is 93.08%. 83 children have been in school every day of the Autumn Term.**

## Safeguarding Section



**Snapchat** lets you send photos, short videos or messages to your friends. Pictures and videos, known as Snaps, usually appear temporarily before disappearing, though they can be captured via screenshots. The Stories feature lets you share Snaps in a sequence for up to 24 hours. Using the Discover screen lets you watch Stories from friends, celebrities and brands.

**Due to its content and use, the expert's view of this platform is that children are at a high risk of being exposed to bullying.**



**UNIFORMD**

Our pre-loved uniform shop can be found at <https://app.uniformd.co.uk/items/197>



**PROVISION  
HOUSE**

Provision House (formerly known as Loaves n Fishes) is a Christian charity based in the West Midlands. We are committed to the relief of poverty and all its effects on the people of Sandwell, Dudley and the wider Black Country. We aim to do this by delivering care in the way of furniture, clothes, household items, food and more to help those that need it most. We help them to build a home for themselves and also try to establish links with organisations for their ongoing benefit.

Charity No: 1147775



## ONLINE CONTENT 10 tips to keep your children safe online

The Internet has transformed the ability to access content. Many apps that children use are dependent on user-generated content which can encourage freedom of expression, imagination and creativity. However, due to the sheer volume uploaded every day, it can be difficult for platforms to regulate and moderate everything, which means that disturbing or distressing images, videos or audio clips can slip through the net. That's why we've created this guide to provide parents and carers with some useful tips on keeping children safe online.



### 1 MONITOR VIEWING HABITS

Whilst most apps have moderation tools, inappropriate content can still slip through the net.



### 2 CHECK ONLINE CONTENT

Understand what's being shared or what seems to be 'trending' at the moment.



### 3 CHECK AGE-RATINGS

Make sure they are old enough to use the app and meet the recommended age limit.



### 4 CHANGE PRIVACY SETTINGS

Make accounts private and set content filters and parental controls where possible.



### 5 SPEND TIME ON THE APP

Get used to how apps work, what content is available and what your child likes to watch.



### 6 LET CHILDREN KNOW YOU'RE THERE

Ensure they know that there is support and advice available to them if they need it.



### 7 ENCOURAGE CRITICAL THINKING

Talk about what people might post online and why some posts could cause distress.



### 8 LEARN HOW TO REPORT & BLOCK

Always make sure that children know how to use the reporting tools on social media apps.



### 9 KEEP AN OPEN DIALOGUE

If a child sees distressing material online, listen to their concerns, empathise and offer reassurance.



### 10 SEEK FURTHER SUPPORT

If a child has been affected by something they've seen online, seek support from your school's safeguarding lead.



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## Off to a flying start!

Our Reception children have settled really well during the first half of the autumn term. Children have shown enjoyment in coming to school and new friendships are forming each and every day.

The children have been learning the first 13 phonic sounds, investigating numbers and shapes and we have recently had a visit from the school nurse. She joined both classes and led a workshop on handwashing. I hope the children show you what they learnt at home.

## Early Years open days

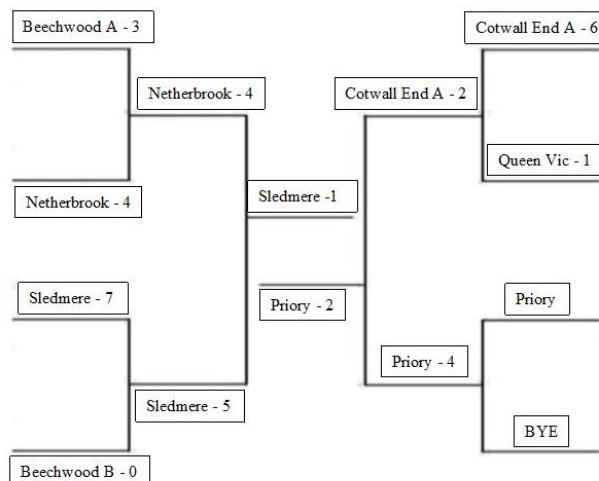
After half-term, we will be holding two open days for prospective parents to come and view our setting. If you have a child who will be starting nursery or Reception soon, we would welcome you in on these days: -

Nursery open day- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 4:30-5:30pm

Reception open day Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 4:30-5:30pm

## Tag Rugby

**Big congratulations to the children who attended the competition at Stourbridge Rugby club!**



Winner of Plate Competition - **PRIORY**

### Priory JLT

The start of this year has seen the recruitment and training of our Junior Leadership Team. This consists of a variety of roles such as our Head Pupils, Housecaptains and Year Group representatives. Throughout the year, they will play a vital role within school and will work with Mrs Lees on a number of things. So far, we have reestablished our link with Broadway Halls Care Home in Dudley, established a link with St Francis Church, here on The Priory and chosen our three Trust Charities. These charities were decided at our first Trust meeting. Our local charity is **The Black Country Food Bank**. Our National Charity is **The NSPCC** and our International Charity is **Save The Children**. Please keep a look out for how we will support these and keep your eyes open for our JLT Journal.

### **Boys Football**

Last week our Y6/5 team were part of a tournament at the WBA ground. The team produced some mixed performances which saw them lose their first two games 1 nil and then win 4 nil and 5 nil. There are promising signs for the season ahead. Well done!





Mental Health  
Support Team



## CRAFT 'N' CHAT

Free drop in event for children, young people and their parents and carers.

**Friday 3rd November 2023**

Drop in any time between 10am and 3pm

### Location:

Mark Round Room, Dudley Library,  
St James's Road, DY1 1HR

### Parking Information:

- Street parking available near venue
- Stafford Street Car Park
- Duncan Leisure Centre, Free for 2 hours



## I am the Bread of Life



Come with your family  
to enjoy FREE crafts,  
worship and food.



**St Francis Parish Centre,  
Poplar Crescent, Dudley DY1 4AF  
4pm Sunday Oct 22nd**

**Other Messy Church dates for your diary :-**

Sun 26<sup>th</sup> Nov 2023;

Sun 14<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024; Sun 11<sup>th</sup> Feb 2024

**For further info phone Clare on:  
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