

Priory Primary School

Newsletter February 2020



We have had a fantastic start to our Spring Term for 2020 and the children look very smart in their school uniform and school jumpers with our Priory school logo. The school attendance figures are on the up too, so hopefully we have said goodbye to the winter germs! It is so important that the children are here every day. Some of the classes have started exciting new learning journeys this term, for example; Year 4 have started swimming, Year 3 have started learning how to play the violin and Reception have started their Talkboost sessions.

Key Dates

7th May— Polling Day

8th May— May Day Bank

Holiday to celebrate VE Day

20th July— Inset Day

The school will be closed to pupils on all the above dates

Thank you!

Thank you for all of your support last term with our fund raising for charity. The children had decided that instead of charging for tickets from the Christmas Performances, they wanted to collect donations for charity and they decided that Mary Stevens Hospice was the charity that they wanted to support this year. We are very proud to say that we raised £295.50 and a further £183.77 for the NSPCC with our Christmas jumpers. Thank you again for your support.

Visit our website to see a video about Power Maths and how your children are learning Maths at Priory.

A Letter from the Mayor

Well done to the children who were chosen to have their Art work displayed in the Himley Hall windows as part of the Twelve Days of Christmas event.

The Mayor has sent Priory a letter, personally thanking the children for our contributions.

He said: *'I had the pleasure of viewing the artwork on Friday 13 December and would like to thank you personally for participating. All the images were fantastic!'*

The whole letter can be seen on our website in 'Latest News'



The Book Fair is coming to Priory!

This year, we will be holding our Scholastic Book Fair again. It will take place on Thursday 27th February until Tuesday 3rd March from 3:25pm – 4:00pm in the KSI hall. Please come along – we will have over 200 titles to choose from, with prices starting from only £2.99. Your child will be presented with a book token to the value of £1 in class. They can use it to get a free £1 book or can spend it to save money on other great titles. Don't forget that every book you buy can help to get free books for our school!

Parentmail

Please make sure that you have set up your Parentmail account, so that you have access to all communications from Priory.

All letters, forms and messages will be sent via Parentmail, as we are trying to become a paperless school in our bid to help the environment.

This is also the line of communication we would use in an emergency situation or a school closure, so please ensure that your phone number is attached so that we can use the text facility.

If you would like any help setting this up, please speak to a member of staff in the School Office.

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Roof and Playground

Thank you again for your patience while we have had major works going on at school with the new roof over part of the school and the new playground for the children. This work is all now very nearly complete and I am sure you were as glad as we were to see that all of the scaffolding had come down over the last few days. Priory is looking very smart with a new roof, new windows, new blinds and a new playground with all sorts of exciting challenges and calm places to sit. Please can I remind all parents to ensure they are supervising any children who may be on the equipment before and after school, as school staff cannot be responsible for the children at these times of the day.

Half Term

We hope you all have a lovely and safe half term and we will be welcoming the children back to school on Monday 24th February.

PE Kit

Please ensure your children have PE kit in school for their PE days because it is really important they the children can safely join in these lessons

Community

The Family Learning Centre on our site, are offering a range of different adult courses. Please pop in to see them and ask for their planned programme of events over the next term in case anything may interest you.

Some of the children in school have been involved in a Traffic Survey involving the roads around the school site. Their report has gone to Dudley Council to be considered so that the local area could be improved for the safety of the children and families in our local community. Well done children a very important piece of work for our local area! Watch this space!

Other News

I would like to say a big thank you to all of the children involved with The School Council, The RRSA Steering Group and The Trust Council. I was invited to their meeting yesterday afternoon and all of the children had some fantastic ideas about how to improve our school but also how we can help people to be better global citizens. They are passionate about trying to reduce the amount of litter around the school site and have asked me to purchase some recycling bins and fruit bins so that we can create some compost for our Forest School and ensure we are contributing positively to the environment. A brilliant idea! So watch this space for our new bins around the school.

Please support the children in this, by making sure all rubbish goes in the bins provided and keeping our school a lovely place to be.

The children are helping Miss Pearson work towards achieving the Silver Level Award for RRSA, which we will be being tested on in March as a school, so keep working hard everyone you are doing a great job!

Worried about a child:

It is everyone's responsibility for keeping children safe. If you are concerned about a child who attends Priory Primary school please contact a member of staff. If the concerns are not school based please refer to children's services and seek advice on 0300 555 0050 during the hours of 9am and 5pm and the out of hours emergency team is 0300 555 8574 or 999 in an emergency.

Article 3: All adults should do what is best for children. When adults make decisions, they should think about how their decisions will affect children.