



Priory Primary School

January 20th 2023

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

I look forward to seeing you in school this Mon 23rd Jan at 2.15pm for our coffee afternoon with the mental health schools' team. We are also starting to plan for Children's Mental Health Week in February. The theme is 'Let's Connect' - so please come along on Monday and **let's connect** too.

There is lots of news in this edition of the newsletter. I hope you take time to read and find out more about school life - how we can help you and how you can help your children.

Some staff news:

- Mr Ashley will be leaving Priory Primary School to go to a new job after half term. We are sad to see him go but I know you will join us in wishing him well in his new adventure!
- Exciting news for Year 1 - Mrs Morgan will be their new Class Teacher, and is already visiting the class to see how well the children have progressed, since teaching them in Nursery!
- Miss Green will be helping a new class teacher in Nursery when Mrs Morgan moves to Year 1.
- Finally, a warm welcome to Ms Allen who now teaches Year 2, with Ms Begum and myself teaching on a Monday.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,
Mrs Fraser

(Head Teacher)

Attendance Cup



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| Week 1 | Year 5 |
| Week 2 | Year 5 |
| Week 3 | Year 4 |

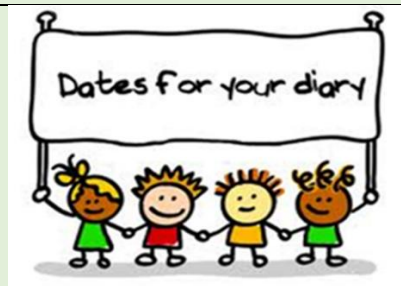


Punctuality Award Winners



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| Week 1 | Year 1 |
| Week 2 | Year 5 |
| Week 3 | Year 5 |

Neil the Sloth is awarded to the class that has the best record for arriving on time each day.



Mon 23rd Jan – 2.15pm Parent Afternoon (Mental Health Team: *How You Feel Matters*)

Fri 26th Jan – 3.15pm Used Uniform Sale in school hall

Jan 30th – Feb 3rd – National Storytelling Week

Tues 31st Jan – Y2 Trip to Hazard Alley

Feb 6th – 10th – Children's Mental Health Week 2023 Theme: *Let's Connect*

Tues 7th Feb – Safer Internet Day

Thurs 9th Feb – Evergreen KS1 Live Music Performance

February 13th – 17th – Half Term Break

Weds 22nd Feb – Pancake Races

Tues 2nd Mar – World Book Day

Tues 7th Mar – Year 3 & 4 Sports Festival

Fri 10th Mar – Annual School Reports

Tues 14th & Thurs 16th March – Parent Consultations 3.30 – 5.30pm

Fri 17th Mar – Red Nose Day

Weds 22nd Mar – KS1 Sports Festival

Tues 28th March – EYFS Ark Farm

Fri 31st March – End of Term

April 3rd – 14th April – Easter Holidays



Gates Open at: 8.50 AM Prompt

School Starts / Children in Class at: 8.55 AM

Arrival at 9.00 AM = TOO LATE!

School Ends at: 3.15 PM Prompt

A lot of children are coming into school late and after the school gates have closed. It is important for children to be punctual and to come to school on time. Lateness causes disruption in the office and in the classroom, it causes disruption for the teacher and the other children, and your child misses some vital learning.

Some of the reasons given - waking up late/alarm did not go off; too much traffic etc. - are not acceptable. It is your responsibility as a parent to ensure your child is in school on time.

Lateness also has an impact your child's attendance marks. The register is taken twice a day, which is two sessions a day, and lates after the register has closed are recognised as absent.

We hope to see an improvement in punctuality in the coming weeks.



You will have heard in the news that one of the teachers' unions has planned 4 strike days. Mrs Fraser has some important information for you:

- 'Strike' means that teachers withdraw their labour and do not get paid
- This strike is because teachers' pay has not kept up with cost of living for over 10 years
- Teachers are also worried that pay increases will not be funded fully from the Government
- **The school will stay open on these days**
- **Pupils must attend school as normal***
- The school leadership supports the teachers' right to strike
- If any of our teachers who are members of the NEU choose to strike, their class will be supervised by other staff but may not get their usual lessons that day

* In extreme circumstances (e.g. illness of support staff), the school may have to close a class, and home learning activities will be provided.



Hurray!

Mrs Fraser's favourite school week! We love National Storytelling Week and we are so happy we can meet together again like we did in 2020!

*Every morning that week, the school gate will open at 8.30am **for parents / carers and pupils** to come to the school hall where someone will tell a story before school.*

***Please note:** pupils must be supervised by a parent or carer, and cannot be left alone. Come and join us - storytelling is for everyone or every age!*

Stories in Home Languages

Can you tell a story in your home language? We would love to hear stories in different languages - you can translate or just let us hear your language. We will have a slot each day where parents, carers or children can tell a short story from their own language and culture. Please let us know if you would be able to tell a story, or if we can record you ahead of time (in case you are nervous to tell the story on the day!). Email the school office@priorsprimary.co.uk Subject Header: Storytelling.

Thank you!





Cost of Living Crisis

Some ways that the school can help you:

- Check to see if your child can get 'Pupil Premium' *
- Donations from Tesco - bakery goods on a Mon / Weds / Fri
- Local donations of fruit & veg usually delivered on a Monday

* Pupil Premium means that your child can get Free School Meals, can get subsidised rates for school trips and visits, and may be offered additional support from Bedford Borough for food and activities in the school holidays. It also means the school will get additional funding which we can use to support children's learning. Pupil Premium comes by applying for: Free School Meals - check here <https://www.bedford.gov.uk/schools-education-and-childcare/education-welfare/free-school-meals/apply-free-school-meals> or come and ask at the School Office for help completing the form.



Winter Uniform

Grey or black skirt/trousers (**no sweatpants, no logo**)
Blue polo shirt
School sweatshirt
Dark shoes (**low heels, no trainers**)
White, black or grey socks/tights

Summer Uniform

Grey or black skirt/trousers/shorts (**no sweatpants, no logo**)
Or blue dress (striped or check)
School polo shirt
Dark shoes (**low heels, no trainers**)
School sweatshirt
White, black or grey socks/tights
Hat for use during outside activities
No shirts/t-shirts with logos!

You can purchase school uniforms from Josens

Address:

25 Harpur St,

Bedford

MK40 1LA

You can also purchase online from:

<https://www.josens-schoolwear.co.uk>



Second Hand
Uniform Sale -
**Thurs 26th Jan -
from 3.15pm**

Come along to the
school hall and
grab a bargain -
**only 50p per
item!**



We will also be
selling the final
bits of our new
uniform stock.





Mental Health Support Team

Coffee Afternoon

Meet the team!



Come along and join us for a relaxed opportunity for parents and carers to meet with the MHST staff members embedded in Priory Primary School and find out more information around what support is available over a cup of tea and biscuits. This will also include a brief presentation on 'How you feel matters'.

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**Monday 23rd
January 2023
at 2:15pm**

Helpful resources:

- Calm Zone – www.childline.org.uk
- kidscape.org.uk
- familylives.org.uk
- psg.org.uk
- parentzone.org.uk



Who are we?

We are an early intervention service working in schools to support children and young people, their families and school staff by increasing accessibility to well-being support services and raising awareness about young people's emotional well-being.



ATSK Coaching Multi-Sports and Ninja Holiday Camp



Venue: Brickhill Primary School

Dove Road, Bedford MK41 7AA

Fun & Enjoyable Multi-Sport Activities embedding PE, Reactivity, Motivational and Personal Development skills while having fun throughout the day!

Activities include; Football, Dodgeball, Soft Archery, Basketball, Ninja Academy, MI7 Spy Academy, Arts & Crafts and Much More!

20% Discount for siblings*

Each Day 8:45am - 4:45pm

4-12 Years Old

All children will need to bring is a packed lunch and wear active clothing/ shoes.

Tuesday 14th February 2023 – Thursday 16th February 2023

Exclusive 20%
discount code:

ATSKOC1

£26.00 per day (per child)

Book as many or as little days as you need!

For more information or to book a place at the camp call us on **01234 353865** or email us

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