



Priory Primary School

February 10th 2023

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another incredibly busy few weeks! We have had:

- International Mother Language Day where children spoke to each other about their first languages and gathered ways of saying things in up to 21 different tongues!
- A research visit from Ofsted, fact finding about how we are using our funds for tutoring
- A trip to Putnoe Woods, a trip to the V&A in London
- World Book Day
- A Sports Festival at Goldington Academy

At the same time we have been preparing reports for Years 1 to 6 pupils, checking our pupils' attainment against their personal targets and against the national standards, preparing for the national testing of KS1 and KS2 SATs, the Phonics Check and the Multiplication Tables Check - our heads are spinning! I see so many of your children trying their hardest every day, and the adults working hard to make the learning exciting and meaningful.

You will know from my letter on Monday that the Industrial Action (Teachers' Strike Days) - designed to draw our attention to the needs of the profession - has impacted more heavily on our school this time around. Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,
Mrs Fraser

(Head Teacher)



Attendance Cup



Week 1	Year 1
Week 2	Year 3
Week 3	Year 1



Punctuality Award Winners



Week 1	Year 5
Week 2	Year R & 5
Week 3	Year 2

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



Fri 17th Mar

- *Annual School Reports for Y1 – Y6
- *Red Nose Day
- *Mother's Day Afternoon Tea

Tues 21st & Thurs 23rd March

Parent Consultations 3.30 – 5.30pm

Thurs 23rd March

Nursery Drop-in for Parents 3.00 – 4.30

Weds 22nd Mar

KS1 Sports Festival

Tues 28th March

- *EYFS Ark Farm
- *Year 6 Faith tour

Weds 29th March – One Day Creative

- *Y2 History of Transport
- *Y1 Great fire of London

Fri 31st March – End of Term

April 3rd – April 14th – Easter Holidays

Tues 18th April – School Re-opens

Thurs 27th April

Y5 & Y6 Multi-Sports at Biddenham

Mon 1st May – Bank Holiday

Thurs 4th May

Y4 Multi-Sports Festival

Mon 8th May – King's Coronation – Bank Holiday

Tues 9th – Fri 12th May

KS 2 SATs week

Mon 15th – Fri 19th May

KS1 SATs Week

May 29th – June 2nd – Half Term Holiday



Have you had your say? The first survey about Parent Communication closes on Friday, 17th March.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/M2T5PSY>

So far, we have had 28 responses - please get your voice included, it takes 2 minutes.

Coming next week - Homework Survey!



Road Safety - especially in the bad weather - not many of us use cars but...

Mrs Fraser has been **deeply concerned** that some parents have **continued to put their children at such risk** by dropping off for school on the pavements between Cycle King and the bus stop. We have two very clear signs asking you not to do this, but in fact, the Highway Code makes even clearer **it is illegal** to do so on the double yellow lines and hatched area. This law is in place for the protection of your children - we have witnessed some very, very dangerous situations in the bad weather.

We must be the luckiest school in the Borough to have a public car park directly opposite us, and as we have assured you, there will be no charge or fine for the period of time it takes to cross the road safely and walk around the school's one-way route. When crossing the road, please use the designated place where a safety barrier protects you on the car park side and on the central crossing.

If we continue to witness the dangerous situations like this, we will have to request the support of enforcement officers, simply to keep your children safe... please understand the seriousness of the situation, thank you.



Our Picture Gallery

Year 6 Visit to Victoria and Albert Museum



We went to the V and A to compare some of our sketching to the real items and to use our map skills to locate the items.



Borrowed Clothes Spare Clothes



If you have borrowed spare clothes from the school, please can they be washed and returned to school?



We have run out, and we specifically need trousers, pants and socks from Nursery age up to year 2!



If you have any of these items that you could donate, please bring them to the office.



Thank you,





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



SCHOOL UNIFORM

**You can purchase school uniforms
from Josens**

Address:
25 Harpur St,
Bedford
MK40 1LA

**You can also purchase from their
online shop:**

www.josens-schoolwear.co.uk

Winter Uniform

Grey or black skirt/trousers (**no
sweatpants**)

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**)

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!

P.E. Uniform

Blue Priory Primary P.E. T-shirt or Plain
white T-shirt (**no logos**)

Plain Black shorts or Plain Black

Tracksuit bottoms (**no logos**)

School Jumper or Plain Black Jumper (**no
logos**)

Black/dark Trainers and socks

FREE ENGLISH CLASSES

Bedfordshire University are offering Free English classes for the community

The language improvement classes focus on everyday communication. There is no charge as these classes are taught by trainee teachers under supervision and run during term time each Tuesday from March to May (and again between October and Christmas).

They currently offer two levels: intermediate in the morning and a lower level in the afternoon (folk do not always know their level and so we expect a bit of a range).

09-50am for the 10.00-12.00 class - intermediate

11.50am for the 12.00-14.00 class - elementary-ish

If you come to the Gateway reception (main building); we will meet you there. People can dip in and out, although more progress is made with regular attendance.

For queries, please contact, Claudia.saraceni@beds.ac.uk