



Priory Primary School

March 31st 2023

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to a special edition of our school newsletter where we will be giving you feedback on the Parent Voice survey that we carried out earlier in the term.

Please also find within this edition important diary dates for the coming term.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy Easter and I hope you all have a much-needed break.

I look forward to seeing all the children back in school on Tuesday the 18th of April.

Mrs Fraser

(Head Teacher)

*Happy
Easter*

Attendance Cup



Week 4	Year 2
Week 5	Year 1
Week 6	Year 4



Punctuality Award Winners



Week 4	Year 3
Week 5	Year 2
Week 6	Year 5

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



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

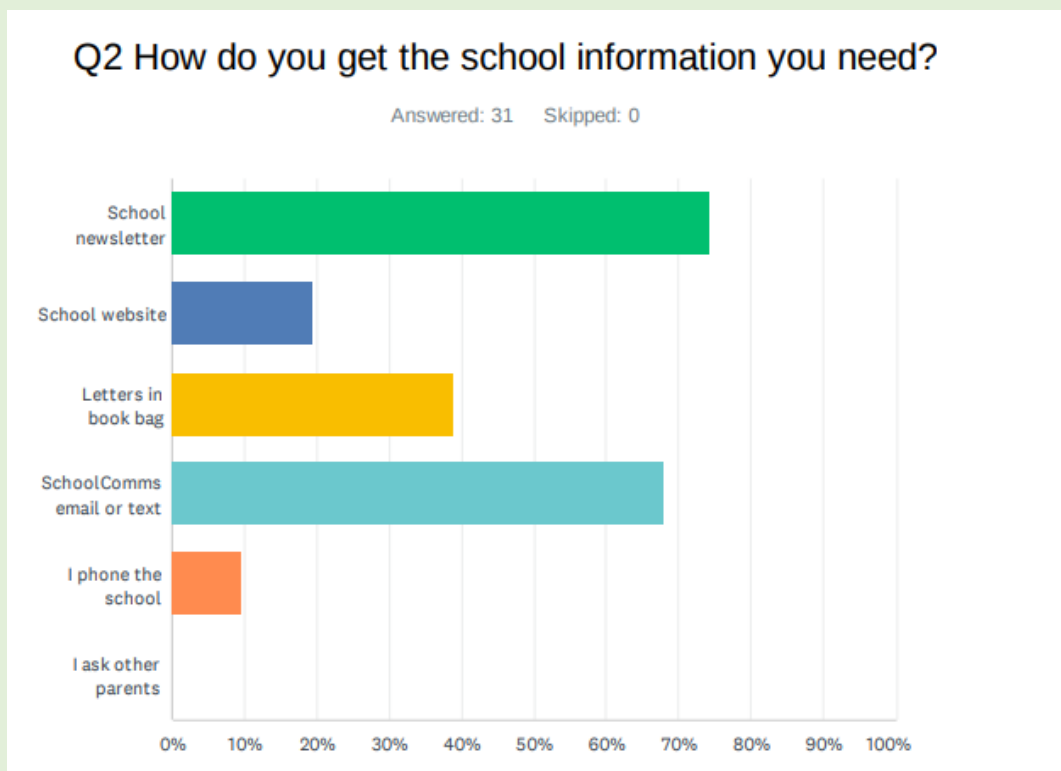


Parent Voice Feedback

Thank you to all the parents and carers who responded to our first parent survey about communication home.

Here is what you told us:

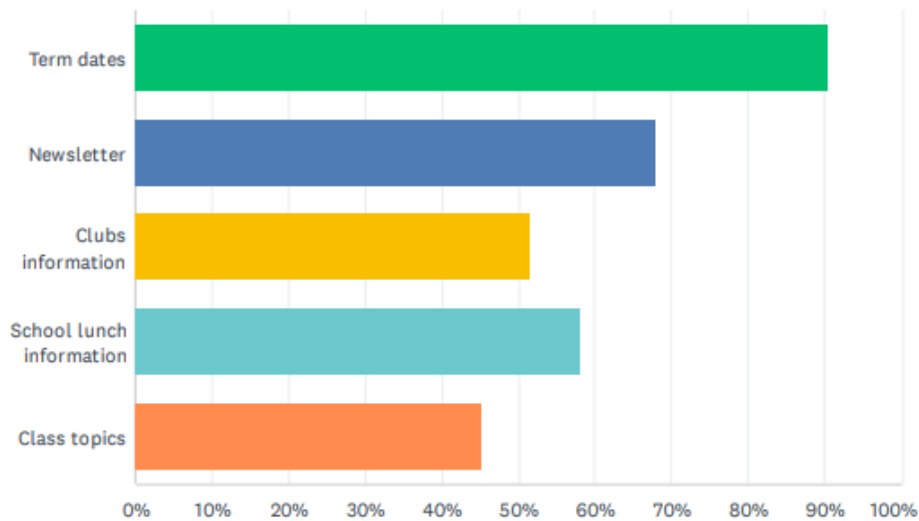
1. Survey Monkey is 100% easy to access!
2. This is how parents get school information: We will continue to use a range of ways to communicate; remember, the current and previous newsletters get posted on the website if you lose your email version!



3. You are able to find key information on the website:

Q3 Please look at the parents' page of our website
<https://prioryprimary.co.uk/parents/> Have you found the:

Answered: 31 Skipped: 0



4. Your ideas for what else could be on the website:

School / Year Group timetables - we will investigate how best to do this.

School events - upcoming events are always in the newsletter.

Community page - yes! We agree, we have plans to work on this next term.

Weekly lunch menu - this can be accessed from the Relish website, but we certainly find a place on our website too.

Information on how each class is progressing - we can only report to individual parents/carers about their own child's progress; please do look at Class Topics to see the progression of their learning through the terms / years.

Available Childcare in the holidays - this is always a struggle, but if we get information about this, we can include in the Community page.

Thank you everyone for your suggestions!

Next Topic - Homework!

What do our pupils say?

We have already surveyed some of our Year 6 pupils. There were a range of responses.

"My opinion about homework is we should only have a certain amount of homework for our happiness and we should also have homework that we're working on in school or even custom questions for our level."

"I think that homework as it is right now, is completely fine because 15 minutes is enough time to complete."

"There is nothing bad about homework because the more you do your homework, the more you are going to accomplish your dreams."

"I feel bad about homework because it takes a lot of time during the week, because I have to do my chores and I get angry when I find it hard."

"My opinion is that we shouldn't have a lot of homework because some of us have to take care of our little brother or sister. Also some of us have Mosque or Church."

"I think there should be a certain amount of homework because when I get frustrated with myself sometimes I don't feel I've learned, it reminds me of what we do in school and it prepares us for Secondary School."

"It's kind of boring and I get tired by doing it. Most of it I understand but I could be stressful."

"I think the homework we get now is a good amount of work that is there to help us. If we don't do our homework, we're not going to be learning what we need to and I will keep worrying about it."

What does the research say?

The Education Endowment Foundation says that if homework is done properly, and children have a quiet place to work at home, it can improve pupils' progress by 3 months (up to 5 months in Secondary School). You can read more about it here: <https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/homework>

The University of Hull says that homework at secondary school is helpful but at primary school it was a significant source of stress and negatively affected family life. You can read more here:

<https://www.hull.ac.uk/work-with-us/more/media-centre/news/2022/primary-school-children-get-little-academic-benefit-from-homework>

What do our parents say?

This is your chance to tell us - take the Survey!

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/6FLGTMF>



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

