



Priory Primary School

April 28th 2023

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the Summer Term - all we need now is the good weather!

There are so many things happening in the coming weeks, that it will be hard for us all to keep a steady routine, but I hope that the important moments in our school life will be enjoyed and remembered. One of these is the upcoming Coronation celebrations - read about our plans in this newsletter.

Our pupils are also reaching important moments in their schooling. Year 6 will have the national SATs tests in less than two weeks' time - a moment for them to show and be the very best of themselves after all their hard work. Pupils in Year 1, Year 2 and Year 4 also have national tests during this summer term, again a 'rite of passage' before moving on to the next phase of their schooling.

The summer term is a time when we often see children make rapid progress, so parents, please do help keep them focussed on good sleep, good attendance, good punctuality, regular reading at home and homework when set. We all want to give our children the very best chance of achieving well.

It has been a great joy to welcome so many new pupils to Priory Primary recently. We hope everyone has had a chance to make new friends!

Kind regards,

Mrs Fraser

(Head Teacher)



Attendance Cup



Week 1	Year 4
Week 2	Year 5



Punctuality Award Winners



Week 1	Year 1
Week 2	Year 1

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



Mon 1st May – Bank Holiday

Thurs 4th May
Y4 Multi-Sports Festival

Fri 5th May
Coronation Celebrations

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

Tues 9th – Fri 12th May
KS 2 SATs week

Mon 15th May
Y5/6 Multi-Sports – Scott Primary

May 29th – June 2nd – Half Term Holiday

Mon 5th Jun – School re-opens

Wed 7th Jun
Y3 trip to Natural History Museum

Fri 9th Jun
KS1 Multi-Sport Festival – BMS
Y5 & 6 online concert 'When Bedfordshire Sings'

Mon 12th – Fri 16th Jun
Y6 Germany trip

Tues 27th Jun
Y5 ESU Debate competition at University of Bedfordshire



Coronation Celebration - Friday 5th May

Pupils are invited to come to school dressed as a King, Queen, Knight or Dame... Basically, anything royal and fancy!

We will have lessons as normal in the morning, so suits of armour are not advised, but in the afternoon we will be setting up for a Grand Procession and Playground Party.

Parents and Carers are invited to join us at 2pm, as long as you come prepared to **join in the fun!**

Contributions to the street party would be much appreciated - any finger food, such as:

- mini sausage / veggie rolls
- patties
- samosas
- cherry tomatoes
- carrots sticks
- cucumber slices
- cup cakes
- satsumas
- grapes
- crisps

Bunting! Can you help us make enough bunting to go all around the playground? Send in paper or material triangles, about the size of a pizza slice, and we will attach it to our string. You can decorate it any way you wish. It would be lovely to see the flags of your home countries, or the Union Flag, or just a bright, bold colour!

As you know, for safeguarding reasons, you cannot have your mobile phone out on the playground, so we are going to set up a **Photo Booth** in one of the play sheds where you are welcome to take photos of your child, with a special Coronation background!

School will finish at 3.15pm as usual. Parents who collect their children straight from the playground party must sign their children out on the sheets outside the classrooms. This will be explained on the day.



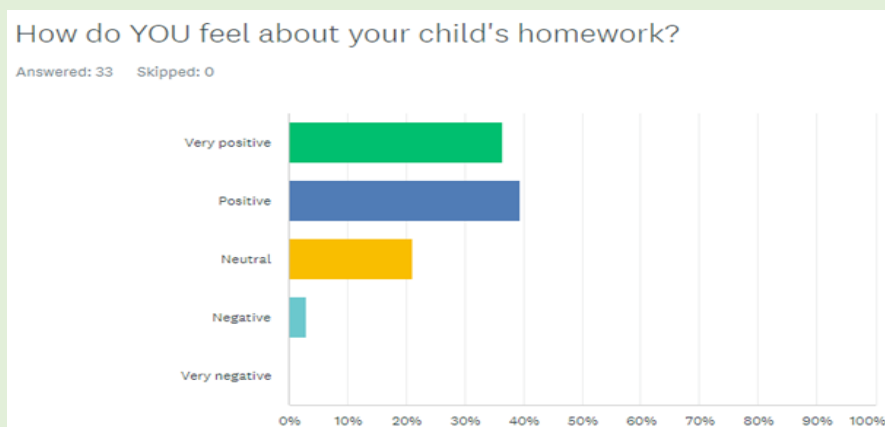


Parent Voice Feedback

Homework Survey for Years 1 to 6

Thank you, we had a super response to the Homework Survey - it is still open until Tuesday 2nd May if you still want to say what you think. We especially would like to hear from more Year 1 and Year 3 parents.

In the meantime, this is what you have been telling us...

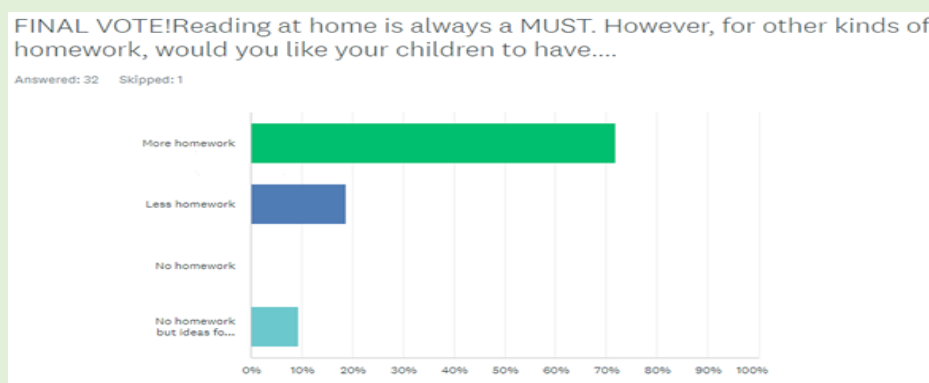


▼ I can help my child do better at school	54.55%
▼ I like to know what my child is learning at school	66.67%
▼ I like spending time working with my child	36.36%
▼ Other (please specify)	Responses 12.12%

These are reasons why parents & carers DON'T LIKE their children having homework

▼ We get into arguments	3.13%
▼ They can't do it and I can't help	6.25%
▼ It takes time away from other things we have to do in our home life	25.00%

Parents gave us some really useful feedback about what would make homework better for them – there are lots of different points of view so we will need to find the best solution which may not suit everyone, but overall, 72% of parents want their children to have more homework.



School Attendance

Why is it so important for your child?

Your child will do better in their learning!



Your child will start to work towards life goals.



Your child's education will lead to a good job.



Your child learns social skills.



Your child feels like they belong to a community.



Your child gets to do clubs and develop hobbies and interests.

Children with good attendance



are much more confident in school!

Research shows....

Coming to school everyday reduces children's stress.



Research shows...



Coming to school every day improves children's health.

Please speak to your child's class teacher or Mrs Roberts if you want help with your child's attendance.



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



LATENESS CAUSES:

***Disruption in the office * Disruption in the classroom *Disruption for the teacher and the other children * Impacts your child's learning * Impacts your child's attendance marks**

CAUTION



**ATTENTION PARENTS! FOR THE
SAFETY OF YOUR CHILDREN:**

**WHEN COLLECTING YOUR CHILDREN OR
DROPPING THEM OFF AT SCHOOL, DO NOT
WALK THROUGH THE CAR PARK OR USE THE
GATE THROUGH WHICH THE CARS COME IN
AND OUT! USE THE PEDESTRIAN PAVEMENT
AND THE PEDESTRIAN GATE.**

Uniform Policy

All schools should now have a uniform policy. Ours is on the website at <https://prioryprimary.co.uk/uniform/>

It explains that:

- The branded Priory Primary polo shirts, cardigans and sweatshirts are optional, but the royal blue colour is not optional and is required for all cardigans or sweatshirts. It is possible to buy plain royal blue sweatshirts and cardigans at most supermarkets or clothing stores that advertise 'back to school' or 'school' clothes. However, we have sourced a local shop - Josens - that gives parents the best value for our smart, branded items.
- School shoes must be a dark colour, and must NOT be trainers, other than for PE lessons.
- Pupils must NOT wear jogging bottoms in place of trousers.
- Strictly, NO LOGO items should be worn as part of school uniform.
- Parents are expected to label uniform items with their child's name - items can get easily mixed up, especially when pupils take off their jumpers for PE or on hot days. If it has your child's name inside, teachers or other parents can quickly spot the right owner!

**School uniforms can be purchased from Josens
either online or in store**



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Bedford
MK40 1LA
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Email - info@josens.com

Our Photo Gallery

Pictures from our Eid party



Nearly New Sale

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Saturday 20th May **1-3pm**
Sunday 25th June **2-4pm**
Sunday 17th Sept **2-4pm**
Saturday 14th Oct **1-3pm**
Sunday 26th Nov **2-4pm**

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