



Priory Primary School

Friday, 13th October 2023

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Harvest - showing gratitude in difficult times.

On Tuesday 17th October, in our morning assembly, we will be celebrating Harvest. Each class has prepared a poem or a song, to celebrate this time of year when the earth produces fruits, vegetables, grains and cereals.

It is our tradition at Priory Primary School to collect food donations to give to the local foodbank, and in the past the school community has been amazingly generous. This year we know how much harder it is to afford the extra food, so please just donate a single item. If every child brings **one** thing, we will have a collection of over **200** items!

It is important to check the 'Best Before End' date - BBE - and please only bring items that are BBE Feb 2024 at least. These are items that will be useful:

Pasta, Rice, Cup a Soup, tins of sweetcorn, rice pudding or custard, long life fruit juice, long life sponge puddings, jar of jam, pack of tea bags, packet of biscuits.

Pupils can bring their harvest donation on Monday or Tuesday next week. Thank you in advance!

Have you noticed that there are some things that have changed and some things that remain the same concerning the gate opening and closing times? The information is on the following page. Please read through so that there will be no confusion regarding times to drop off and collect your children.

Since the last newsletter, we have celebrated both National Teaching Assistants' Day AND Teacher Appreciation Day - having a special day in the year is a lovely way to say thank you to a profession that goes 'above and beyond' in their jobs. We really appreciate it when parents and carers say a simple thank you - which I am thrilled to say, we hear and notice often. If you have a concern that you would like to raise with staff, please do so with respect and at a time when the staff member can give you full attention - the best way is to make an appointment via the school office.

Kind regards,

Mrs Fraser

(Head Teacher)

Some things have changed

- **In the morning** The school gate opens at 8.40am for morning Nursery class AND for families coming to have a breakfast bag
- **In the afternoon** The school gate opens at 3.20pm, pupils finish at 3.25pm and **the gate shuts again at 3.30pm** (this is a safety feature - our support staff finish work at 3.30pm so all pupils must be collected promptly)
- **In the afternoon** Families picking up pupils from Years 4, 5 and 6 are welcome to leave via the 'In' gate while it is still open - please just give priority to parents coming in.

Some things remain the same

- **In the morning** please observe the one-way system and leave school via the car park's footpath
- **In the morning** the gates will close once the school bell has rung at 8.55am for the start of the day
- **Mobile phones MUST be put away in pockets or bags whenever you are on site - this is a SAFEGUARDING REQUIREMENT**

Attendance Cup



Week 4	2
Week 5	6
Week 6	5



Punctuality Award Winners



Week 4	5
Week 5	6
Week 6	3 & 5

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



Tues 17th October

Harvest Festival

Thurs 19th October

Teddy Bears (indoor!) Picnic

Mon 23rd - Mon 30th October

Half - Term Holiday

Tues 31st October

Children return to school

Tues 7th & Thurs 9th November

Parent Consultation Meetings
3.30 PM - 5.30 PM

Tues 7th November

KS1 Cinema Trip

Thurs 9th November

KS2 Cinema Trip

Mon 13th - Fri 17th November

- Anti-Bullying Week - 'Make a Noise About Bullying'

- Inter Faith Week

Mon 13th November

Odd Socks Day

Fri 17th November

Children in Need Day

Sun 19th November

Booktastic Family Fest for Reception and Year 1 families

Sat 25th Nov

School Choir sing at Bedford Christmas lights Switch On

Thurs 7th December

Christmas Jumper Day

Wed 13th December

Pupil Christmas Lunch

Fri 15th December

Nativity performance to parents (Year Reception & Year 6)

Mon 18th December

Celebration Assembly
Afternoon Parties

Tues 19th December

Last day of term

20th December - 2nd January

Christmas Holidays

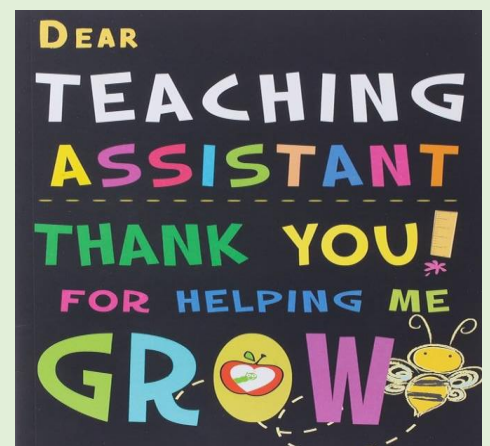
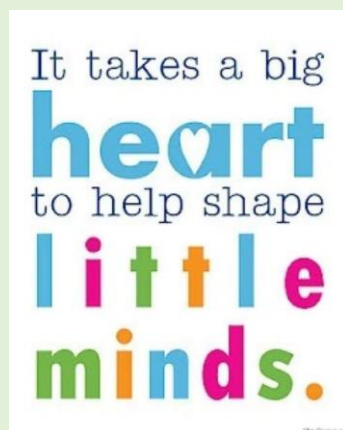
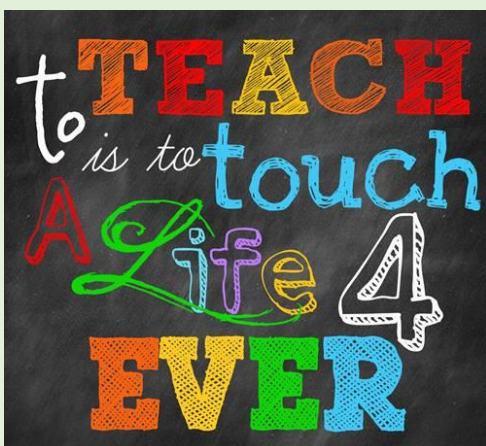
Thurs 4th January

Spring Term begins
Children return to school



Gratitude Towards our Staff

Since the last newsletter, we have celebrated both National Teaching Assistants' Day AND Teacher Appreciation Day. The job of teachers and teaching assistants has changed massively in recent years, and their role includes so much more than just teaching knowledge. For example, our staff also have your children's safeguarding, well-being, social and emotional development at the heart of their work, too. They care for 26 little people for 6.5 hrs per day. They look out for how the children are feeling, how they treat each other, celebrate their triumphs and guide them to learn from mistakes. They are totally committed to yours and 25 other human beings in their class. And that is before doing their planning, preparing resources, assessing the children's progress, having meetings with each other and meeting with Mrs Fraser! They are all in charge of at least one subject, usually two, for the WHOLE school, and are also expected to keep doing training courses about new ideas and new ways of helping your children. In short, they put their hearts and souls into Priory Primary School. We appreciate it when parents and carers recognise all the work we put into the lives of your children and say thank you.





The Teddy Bear's Picnic

Teddy Bear's Picnic For Reception, Year 1 and 2

On Thursday 19th October, the school hall will become the venue for a very special event! Children cannot come without an adult, and adults cannot come without a child, so make sure you team up, book your place with Mrs Lawrence and get your teddy bears ready.

Harvest Festival Tuesday 17th October

We will collect donations at the school for Bedford Foodbank.



Second Hand School Uniform

We had a fantastic sale at our Tea and Talk event last week, and sold over 60 items at 50p each. It is time to replenish the stocks, so if your child has grown out of uniform, and there is no-one in your family to pass it on to, please wash it and bring it in. All the money from sale will go to the School Council for their projects this year. We still have a number of boys school trousers in different sizes and in very good condition - please remember that jogging bottoms are NOT school uniform (except for PE).





LATENESS IS RUDE AND 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**
- * And is very disrespect to staff, other parents and children**

