



# Priory Primary School

## NEWSLETTER

Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Value for this half term is Honesty. This is also one of our key values for the whole school ethos, and I was delighted that the pupils can already explain what we mean by 'Honesty'. For example, they know that it is more than just telling the truth, it also means telling the whole truth. The children also knew that if they are not honest with their friends, they will not be trusted. The story of The Boy Who Cried Wolf is a really good way to talk about this: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IdNVeLoHWJA>

We also need to be honest with ourselves - recognising your feelings even when they are difficult feelings to express. For us as adults, modelling honesty is supremely important. Children pick up our behaviours, as well as our words.

For older pupils we will be exploring again 'Is the Internet Honest?' In this day and age it is very hard to know what information we can trust on the internet - we teach children to think carefully about the source of the information - if it is trying to shock, upset or outrage you, it is probably just after clicks and not being honest with you.

Finally we remind children that they must be honest themselves on the internet. Adults - you can support this value by checking the age restrictions on the apps and games you give to your children. If you want any support with keeping your child safe online, please just ask your teacher, message us on Seesaw or ask at the School Office. We have also created a new page on our website to help you <https://prioryprimary.co.uk/keeping-safe-online/>

And now onto all the exciting opportunities for your children - this week's newsletter is full of ideas - dates for events in school and also activities to do out of school. We hope the warmer weather and lighter days encourages you to get out and about with your children!

Kind regards,

*Mrs Fraser*

(Head Teacher)



## Attendance Cup



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



## Punctuality Award Winners



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

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



Dear Parents/Carers,

There has been an improvement in attendance and punctuality, and for this I would like to thank the parents who have understood the importance of getting their child to school in a timely manner.

There is still room for improvement, and I would like to encourage the parents who are still bringing in their children late to school to understand that it is for the benefit of their child in the long term.

Also, you must not take holidays during term time, as you have a legal duty to get your child to school. These absences affect your child's learning; and are recorded as an 'unauthorised absence' which could lead to the Education Welfare Service getting involved.

Kind regards,

Mrs Roberts

## Announcing our new School Houses!

Pupils took part in a big vote to decide on the names of our houses, all named after famous Bedford residents and many parents also had a vote if they attended a Parent Consultation last term. Thank you to everyone who participated.

The results are in!

**Howard House** - named after John Howard who lived in the 1700s - he was High Sheriff of Bedfordshire and improved conditions in England's prisons, starting with Bedford Prison

**Thomson House** - named after Pearl Thomson 1917 - 2014 - originally from Jamaica, she was a school teacher in Bedford (at Queens Park and Westfield) and a founding member of the Miracle Church, which provides our breakfasts at Priory Primary School

**Clough House** - named after Joe Clough 1887 - 1977 - Bedford's first black bus driver, chauffeur and taxi driver - in the First World War he joined the Army Service Corps at Kempston Barracks and drove a field ambulance at the Western Front.

**Radcliffe House** - named after Paula Radcliffe b. 1973 - a Bedford teenager who had asthma throughout her childhood, but joined the Bedford & County Athletic Club and went on to be three-time winner of the London Marathon and world champion long distance runner.

We will use our Houses to develop a friendly and respectful competitive spirit between our pupils. Look out for a note home to tell you which House your child belongs to, and which colour is connected with that House, as we will be asking pupils to wear the special colour t-shirt on Sports Morning - Monday 17th June 2024.

### Update on Anti-Bullying Consultation with Parents

The Governors have now agreed the new Anti-Bullying Policy, your contributions and ideas included. Thank you for your input - please see the policy [here](#):

[Anti-bullying Policy 2024](#)

### Consulting on the changes to our Relationships Policy (including Sex & Relationships Education)

Thank you to those who attended our meeting last term. As required by the DfE we are now consulting you on the changes we propose as we review and update our previous school policy. Please look out for the letter coming next week which explains more.

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> May  
**BANK HOLIDAY**

Mon 13<sup>th</sup> - Thurs 16<sup>th</sup>

May

**SATs Week for Year 6**

Fri 17<sup>th</sup> May

**'Wear It Green' Day for  
Mental health Awareness**

Weds 22<sup>nd</sup> May

**Year 1 & Year 3 trip to  
Hill Rise Nature Reserve**

Fri 24<sup>th</sup> May

**Year 3 & Year 6 trip to  
Bedford Park**

27<sup>th</sup> May - 31<sup>st</sup> May  
**HALF TERM HOLIDAY**

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> June

**Pupils Return to School**

Tues 4<sup>th</sup> June

**Triple E Day**

Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> June

**Y4 Gardening Project  
Workshop**

Mon 17<sup>th</sup> June

**Sports Morning Y1 - Y6**

**4pm Reception 'New  
Starters for Sept 24' -  
Parents' Meeting**



Swimming Dates for Y3:

**Thurs 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> May**

Swimming Dates for Y4:

**Weds 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> May**

Swimming Dates for Y1:

**Mon 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>**

**June; 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>**

**July**

Swimming Dates for Y2:

**Mon 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>**

**June; 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>**

**July**

Swimming Dates for Y5:

**Thurs 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and**

**27<sup>th</sup> June; 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and**

**18<sup>th</sup> July**

Swimming Dates for Y6:

**Weds 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and**

**26<sup>th</sup> June; 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and**

**18<sup>th</sup> July**



Weds 19<sup>th</sup> June

**Y3 trip to Natural  
History Museum, Tring**

**6pm Reception 'New**

**Starters for Sept 24' -**

**Parents' Meeting**

Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> July

**Transfer Day for Y6 to  
secondary**

**'Move Up' Day for**

**Nursery to Y5**

Weds 3<sup>rd</sup> July

**Y4 Gardening Project**

**Market Day**

Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> July

**Nursery Family Trip to  
Dinosaur Land**

Tues 9<sup>th</sup> July

**\*Summer Fayre (TBC)\***

Weds 10<sup>th</sup> July

**STEM Fair at Biddenham**

Fri 12<sup>th</sup> July

**Y4 Camping Night**

Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> July

**Leavers' Show**

Fri 19<sup>th</sup> July

**Last Day of Term**

22 July - 3<sup>rd</sup>

September

**SUMMER HOLIDAY**

Weds 4<sup>th</sup> September

**Pupils Return to School**



**MENTAL  
HEALTH  
AWARENESS  
WEEK**  
13-19 MAY 2024



Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May is 'Wear It Green Day' at Priory

Children can come in wearing **Green** and donate  
£1 to the Mental Health Charity  
(Money will be collected in class rooms)

During the day children will also participate in a  
Scavenger Hunt organised by Mrs Lawrence.

For queries please contact Mrs Lawrence

[jlawrence@prioryprimary.co.uk](mailto:jlawrence@prioryprimary.co.uk)



## Cyber Choices and Online Safety Events

For parents / carers of children aged 9 and up

You are invited to attend two **free** online sessions to discuss all things "cyber".

These sessions will be suitable for parents/carers of children in Year 5 (age 9) and above. This will be a fantastic opportunity to learn and ask questions regarding your child's online world and it shouldn't be missed!

**Part 1** will introduce you to the Cyber Choices programme which will be delivered by the Eastern Region Cyber Choices Team. They will provide:

- An overview to parents and carers on what cybercrime is.
- What the risks to young people are.
- How the Cyber Choices programme supports at-risk individuals.
- How you can refer a young person into Cyber Choices.

You will also hear from Kent County Council's Education Safeguarding Team, who will provide an overview of;

- Some of the potential risks that children and young people may experience online.
- Advice to support parents to make informed decisions and keep their children safer online.

Please visit the NCA website to find out more about [Cyber Choices](#)

Please register for **one** part 1 session only (as these will be duplicated), by clicking on the link below.

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2024 @ 1000 - Part 1  
[Book here](#)

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2024 @ 1300 - Part 1  
[Book here](#)

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2024 @ 1600 - Part 1  
[Book here](#)

**Part 2** will be delivered by the Eastern Region Cyber Protect Team. They will provide:

- Advice on how to improve your personal cyber security.
- Identifying and protecting yours (and your children's) key accounts.
- Threats and techniques that cyber criminals may use to target you / your family.
- Benefits of family accounts.
- Parental controls on your router.
- Signposting to useful resources.

The aim of the session is to provide you with tools and techniques to improve the cyber security of your family.

Advice and guidance from the session will be in line with the Government's [Stop! Think Fraud](#) and the National Cyber Security Centres [CyberAware](#) campaigns.

Again, please register for **one** part 2 session only (as these will be duplicated), by clicking on the link below.

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024 @ 1000 - Part 2  
[Book here](#)

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2024 @ 1300 - Part 2  
[Book here](#)

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2024 @ 1600 - Part 2  
[Book here](#)

If you have any questions or would like us to cover a certain topic within our sessions, then please complete our [online form](#).



**TADS**  
Theatre Group

**AGE 7-17  
YEARS**

# SUMMER SCHOOL

**5TH-9TH AND 12TH-16TH**

**AUGUST**

**10 AM - 4 PM**

**(1PM - 6PM FRIDAY)**

TADS THEATRE  
CONGER LANE  
TODDINGTON  
LU5 6BT

**£150 FOR  
THE WEEK!**

**£120 FOR  
ADDITIONAL  
SIBLINGS**

**3X TICKETS  
INCLUDED  
PER CHILD!**

**IF INTERESTED PLEASE**

**CONTACT:**

**CHAIRMAN@TADSTHEATRE.ORG**

## **ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:**

**SINGING  
ACTING  
DANCING  
PERFORMANCE SKILLS  
FULL SHOW ON THE FRIDAY!**





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Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2024

£24.80 per day, per child with discount

(£31.00 per day (per child full price))

Book as many or as little days as you need!



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

For more information or to book a place at the camp call us on  
**01234 353865** or email us [activetimeschoolkids@gmail.com](mailto:activetimeschoolkids@gmail.com)



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**For camp receipt email: [Sam@thefootballfunfactory.co.uk](mailto:Sam@thefootballfunfactory.co.uk)**