



Priory Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Thursday, 24th October 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

What an amazing first half term we have had!

Everyone - pupils, staff and parents alike have worked incredibly hard for nearly eight weeks - thank you all. If you just think back to those early days in September, you will realise how much children have learned, but not only do we want children to learn more, we want them to **remember more**, so please do use our website to find out what is being learned and **ask questions** to help your child remember and explain what they know: Find your child's class topic here: <https://prioryprimary.co.uk/class-topics-this-term/>

Have you noticed our Parent Learning Zone on the website?

<https://prioryprimary.co.uk/parent-learning-zone/>

Ms Ajayi is making films of some of the basic maths concepts for parents to check out when helping their children. If you have a particular request, please call by on a Monday or Tuesday during or after breakfast club, so you can talk to Ms Ajayi directly. You can also access Purple Mash, Timetables Rockstars, Spelling Shed and Accelerated Reader directly from this page.

We start our half term holiday this week, the last day of term is Friday 25th October, and we will welcome you all back on **Tuesday 5th November** when the children will have one of their favourite days - **Triple E Day!** These are super fun but super important days when children practice essential skills that they are going to need for their learning ahead.

Finally, a heartfelt thank you for your harvest gifts. Our pupils gave a magnificent Harvest Festival assembly, and we have been able to donate all the tins and packets to Bedford Foodbank.

This is a reminder to you ALL, too, that the school can arrange Foodbank vouchers for families, if you ever find yourself in need of help to take you through for a few days. Foodbank parcels are distributed locally from the Salvation Army building on a Friday. Please **DO NOT HESITATE** to ask if you need this support.

Kind regards,

Mrs Fraser

(Head Teacher)

Attendance Cup

Week 6	Year 6
Week 7	Year 6



Punctuality Award Winners



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

Week 6	Year 1
Week 7	Year 6

Pigeon Square Creative Project - Parents/Carers! This one is for YOU!

Do you have a story about how you came to arrive in Bedford? Or how your parents came to Bedford? Local artist, Anne-Marie Abbate (who made our interactive wall in Nursery) is returning to school on **Thursday 7th November** to the Parent Coffee Morning, to hear your stories and do some craft if you would like.

This is what Anne-Marie says you will be doing:

"It's a simple activity decorating a pigeon and collecting the participants' stories about their journey to Bedford. We are hoping for an art trail around Pigeon Square in January. If the parents don't or can't complete the activity in school, then they could bring back their finished work at a later date. There would be no cost involved to you or the parents."

We would LOVE to have our wonderful Priory Community represented, so please make a note of the date and plan to join Ms Ajayi at 9am, after dropping the children at school. Come to the main entrance. PS. refreshments will be served so please let us know if you plan to come by emailing Ms Ajayi on bajayi@prioryprimary.co.uk with the subject heading Pigeons! or speak to her in the morning at breakfast.

On 7th of November, we have the pleasure of welcoming local artist, Anne-Marie, to our school. She will be delivering a fantastic, creative workshop for parents.

The session will begin at 9.00 AM and finish at 10.30 AM





Fri 25th Oct

-Second Hand uniform sale and cake sale in school hall
3.30 - 4.30
-Year 4 Assembly at 9.00 AM

28th Oct - 4th Nov
Half Term Holiday

30th October
Family Hub Festival at the Harpur Centre

Tues 5th Nov
Children return to school BE IN SCHOOL PROMPTLY AT 8.55 am

Tues 5th Nov
Triple E Day

Thurs 7th Nov
Creative Art Workshop for parents with local artist: Anne-Marie. 9.00 AM to 10.30 AM in the Tech Room

Thurs 7th Nov

Learning outside the classroom - all year groups have a special activity

Mon 11th Nov

- Remembrance Assembly
-Anti-bullying week

Tues 12th & Weds 13th Nov

Parent Consultations

Tue 12th Nov

Cinema Trip 9.30 - 12.00 Year 1 - Year 6

Thurs 14th Nov

Violence Against Women and Girls - Talk for Parents in the hall at 9.00 AM

Fri 15th Nov

Children in Need Day

Thurs 28th Nov

Coffee morning and discussion

Thurs 12th Dec

-Christmas Jumper Day
-Coffee morning and discussion

Fri 13th Dec

Year 2 Christmas Panto Trip

Tues 17th Dec

-Nativity Performance to Parents (Reception and Year 6)
-Christmas fayre

Weds 18th Dec

-Christmas Lunch
-Afternoon Parties

Thurs 19th Dec

-Celebration Assembly
-Attendance Awards
-Last Day of Term

20th Dec - 3rd January
Christmas Holidays

Tues 7th Jan 2025

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Homework Club with Miss AJ, takes place after school on Thursdays in the year 5 classroom, from 3.30 PM to 4.30 PM.

Everyone is welcome to attend, but children in reception to year 3 must be accompanied by a parent. Children in year 4 to year 6 can attend on their own, though parents are encouraged to come along.

The dates for the rest of this terms homework club are as follows:

7th November
28th November

14th November
5th December

21st November
12th December



October was Black History Month

At Priory Primary School we learn about important historical figures of black African or Afro-Caribbean descent in our curriculum, all year around. However, we do also give a special focus in October, to recognise that the history of people of colour has been under represented and sometimes suppressed, and deserves particular celebration for this reason. The whole school got to join a big national live online assembly. If you would like to see a recording of this you can find it on YouTube following the link below. The Assembly starts at 15 minutes in, so you can scroll forward to there, but there are also some brilliant features before that, one talking to a young woman from the Ukraine, and another talking about the violent racist outbreaks in England this summer.

The Assembly itself introduces a range of important historical figures from black history.

[YouTube Link](#)



Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) - Information for Parents and Carers



On Thursday 14th November, education professionals from Luton Women's Centre will be working with our Year 5 & 6 pupils and our staff on the theme of Violence Against Women and Girls.

There will be a Parent / Carer session in school at 9 am on the morning of Thurs 14th Nov - ALL parents / carers are welcome but it is not suitable for pre-school children to attend. If you would like to come along, please email Mrs Roberts mroberts@prioryprimary.co.uk with the subject heading 'VAWG'



Parnet Consultation Evenings - Tuesday 12th & Wednesday 13th November



Parent-Teacher
Consultations

Class Teachers will be holding parent meetings on these two evenings. Sign-up sheets will be available from our first day back to school, Tus 5th November, for parents to sign up for a 10 minutes slot. Please remember your time so you can be prompt and not miss your session. Got more than one pupil in school? Try to keep your appointment times at least 20 minutes apart, just in case of meetings running slightly late.

However, if your discussions take longer than 10 minutes, the class teacher will ask you to arrange a meeting in the following weeks, so that we do not take time away from other parents. Thank you - we really look forward to seeing all parents and sharing your child's successes and targets.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

School Uniform Fleeces - Josens tell us that parents are asking about branded school fleeces. This is not required but we would be very happy to allow pupils to wear Priory Primary branded fleeces in school, so we have asked Josens to go ahead and manufacture some for you. The fleeces will cost £16 and they will soon be in stock. We are doing this as a matter of urgency so that - if you choose - you can buy one for the winter months.



Address: 24 Harpur Street, Bedford MK40 1LA

Telephone: 01234 359191

Email: info@josens.com



Family Hubs

To celebrate the launch of our new website we are hosting a free family fun day in Bedford town centre.



Harpur Square, Bedford



Wednesday 30 October



9am - 10am will be SEND friendly, 10am - 3pm is open to all

This will be a celebration of all things Family Hubs and a fantastic opportunity to learn more about both the services we offer as well as the local support we can signpost you to.

FREE activities for all ages including:

- Climbing Wall
- Spiral Freerun
- Inflatables
- Face Painting
- Food Activity
- Soft Play
- Games
- Bubbles

Also, get one free raffle entry per family for the chance to win an amazing family hamper packed full of prizes, come and see us in the Family Hubs gazebo. The raffle will be drawn at 2.30pm on the day.

We hope you can join us for a day packed with free fun for the whole family.

Our Photo Gallery

Art Club



Maths for mums



Year 4 activities this term



Year 4 have been learning about chocolate this half-term. We were very lucky to receive a delivery of Wonka chocolate bars, one of which had a golden ticket! We have thoroughly enjoyed our topic this half-term and are looking forward to our Class assembly on Friday 25th October.

Year 4 have been learning about States of Matter in science. We conducted an experiment to discover which material was the best conductor.



Our Photo Gallery (continued)

Images of stained glass created by year 5 pupils as part of their John Bunyan topic



Half Term Break: 28th October - 4th November

School Re-opens: Tuesday 5th November @ 8.55 AM prompt!

