

Thursday 29th January 2026



Dear Parents / Carers,

January is nearly over - it has been an incredibly busy new year and so many exciting things happening in the children's learning!

School attendance has improved - thank you and well done - however, a large number of pupils are still arriving LATE for school. Please see Mrs Robert's messages about this. It is often only a matter of 5 minutes, but it is like a domino effect of disruption to everyone in the school, including all those pupils who have made it on time. Worst of all, it is not good for the late child's self-esteem.

Our value this term is a new one for us - **Self Worth**. Self-worth is the belief that you are worthwhile and valuable just because you exist. You do not need to *do* certain things to deserve the love, care and respect of others. I think it is closely aligned with the religious stance that humans are all born equal and equally deserve their place in the world. You do not build a sense of self worth by doing or not doing things - this would be self-esteem. Instead, self-worth comes from a deeper place and requires us to be realistic, optimistic and assured. It has been a great value for adults and children alike to think about.

This Spring term we said farewell to Mrs Sibley and welcomed back Mrs Morgan to Year 3. The children have been amazing during this time of change and I had the great pleasure of teaching them myself for three weeks.

We have also said farewell to our Site Agent, Mr Berlin. We are advertising for a new caretaker / site agent - please spread the word and look on our website for details

<https://prioryprimary.co.uk/vacancies/>

We are looking for someone with good handyperson skills and who is organised and confident speaking / emailing in fluent English. Training can be offered for other areas such as site security.

There is lots of useful information to follow in this newsletter - we look forward to the rest of the term with you all.

Kind regards,

Mrs Fraser



Week 1	Year 5	Year 5
Week 2	Year 4	Year 5
Week 3	Year 5	Year 5

PUNCTUALITY

Too many children are coming into school late!

LATENESS IS RUDE AND CAUSES:

- *Disruption in the office
- *Disruption in the classroom
- *Disruption for the teacher and other children

IT ALSO:

- *Impacts your child's learning
- *It is very disrespectful to staff, other parents and children



Punctuality needs to improve

On Wednesday 21st January **41** children came to school late! This is not acceptable and it was very disruptive to the whole school!

School Gates open at **8.15 AM**

School Gates close at **8.40 AM**

The school can request a Penalty Notice (fine), a Parenting Order or an Education Supervision Order if lateness persists

Breakfast Club

8.15 AM - 8.35 AM



English

Please arrive at 8.15 AM to ensure your child has enough time to eat!



Arabic

يرجى الوصول في تمام الساعة 8:15 صباحاً لضمان حصول طفلك على وقت كافٍ لتناول الطعام!

Bulgarian

Моля, елате в 8:15 ч., за да има детето ви достатъчно време да се нахрани!

Bengali

আপনার সন্তানের খাওয়ার জন্য পর্যাপ্ত সময় নিশ্চিত করতে দয়া করে সকাল ৮.১৫ টায় পৌঁছান!

Polish

Prosimy o przybycie o godz. 8.15, aby upewnić się, że Twoje dziecko zdąży zjeść!

Persian

لطفا ساعت ۸:۱۵ صبح تشریف بیاورید تا فرزندتان وقت کافی برای صرف غذا داشته باشد!

Romanian

Vă rugăm să ajungeți la ora 8:15 pentru a vă asigura că copilul dumneavoastră are suficient timp să mănânce!

Portuguese

Por favor, chegue às 8h15 para garantir que seu filho tenha tempo suficiente para comer!

Punjabi

ਕਿਰਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਸਵੇਰੇ 8.15 ਵਜੇ ਪਹੁੰਚੋ ਤਾਂ ਜੋ ਇਹ ਯਕੀਨੀ ਬਣਾਇਆ ਜਾ ਸਕੇ ਕਿ ਤੁਹਾਡੇ ਬੱਚੇ ਕੋਲ ਖਾਣ ਲਈ ਕਾਫ਼ੀ ਸਮਾਂ ਹੋਵੇ!

Vietnamese

Vui lòng đến lúc 8 giờ 15 phút sáng để đảm bảo con bạn có đủ thời gian ăn uống!

Ukrainian

Будь ласка, приходьте о 8:15 ранку, щоб ваша дитина мала достатньо часу поїсти!

Russian

Пожалуйста, приходите к 8:15 утра, чтобы у вашего ребенка было достаточно времени поесть!





Diary Dates

Thurs 5 th February	Y5 - visit from BBC 3 Counties Radio
Mon 9 th to Fri 13 th February	Children's Mental Health Week - This is My Place
Tues 10 th February	Safer Internet Day
Fri 13 th February	Shine Bright Wear Bright Day (Wear your brightest clothes and bring £1 to fundraise for CHUMS)
Mon 16 th to Fri 20 th Feb	Half Term Holiday
Mon 23 rd February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - School Re-opens - children return to school - Triple E day
Tues 24 th February	Y4 - Trip to Higgins Museum
Thurs 26 th February	Y5 - Observatory (PM)
Mon 2 nd March	Y5 - Trip to The Globe Theatre
Tues 3 rd March	Shrove Tuesday - Pancake Races
Mon 9 th March	Y3 - Multi-Sports at Goldington
Fri 13 th March	Y6 - Trip to BMS Science
Wed 18 th March	Y1 - Trip to Putnoe Woods
Fri 20 th March	Red Nose Day (Wear Red and bring £1 for Comic Relief)
Mon 23 rd March	School Council - Parliament Trip
Weds 25 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Y1 - Sports Festival at Biddenham - Film Club Spring Show 3.30 - 5.30pm
Mon 30 th Mar to Mon 13 th April	Easter Holiday
Tues 14 th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Start of Summer Term - children return to school - Triple E Day

Holiday Activities



Football Development Centre
Bays Sporting Facilities
Mark Rutherford School - MK41 8PX
by 4 Corner Coaching



Individual skills



UEFA coaches



Team play

High Quality Football Coaching by very experienced coaches.

Developing - **Technical skills** – **Physical skills** – **Psychological skills** – **Social skills**

Every Wednesday

£4.50 per session – Payable as a block of Development

Times/ages: **5-6pm = ages 5-9 & Girls Only = ages 9-14 & 6-7pm = ages 10-16**



**UEFA B coaches – Youth Award Level 3 - Enhanced DBS - Safeguarding
BFAS (Basic First Aid for Sport)**

Contact: **Mark – 07419764033 – mark@4cornercoaching.co.uk**

www.4cornercoaching.co.uk



Holiday Activities

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The Higgins
BEDFORD



HALF TERM FAMILY ACTIVITIES AT THE HIGGINS BEDFORD

- 17 Feb: Explore wildlife on your doorstep**
with the Good Life Garden
- 18 Feb: Create your own clay puffin**
with Anne-Marie Abbate
- 19 Feb: Have a go at circus skills**
with Tabatha Ladbrook-Hutt

To find out more or to book a place, scan the
QR code, visit www.thehigginsbedford.org.uk
or call the Booking Office on 01234 718044

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