



Priory News

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Priory Primary School
At the heart of the community

Hello parents and carers

Your children have been working really hard in school this week, and have also been enjoying some wonderful new play equipment that Mrs Wakeling ordered for us.

This equipment helps children continue to learn through play – hand-eye co-ordination, keeping active, taking turns, challenging themselves, persevering with new skills – all the things that help them develop into rounded individuals. We are always proud of our pupils' achievement in all aspects of their lives.

Mrs Fraser
Headteacher

Attendance for this week .

Year 1 - 85.0% Year 2 - 95.6%
Year 3 - 98.6% Year 4 - 95.0%
Year 5 - 97.8% Year 6 - 98.5%
Reception 97.5%

Well done to Year 3 for achieving the highest attendance this week .

**please use
our new
'one way
system'**



To help us get everyone in to class on time, we are now asking parents to follow a 'one-way system'. Please arrive as usual through the side gate, and once the school bell has rung, leave school by following the path around the back of school and out down park-side path.

Chinese New Year a story of courage and compassion



Year 4 delivered an amazing dramatisation of the legend of Chinese New Year

The story told us how the sea monster Nian would rise up each lunar year to eat the villagers. One compassionate lady took pity on a visiting old man, fed him and urged him to escape with everyone else to the mountains.

Instead he summoned his courage to stay and face the monster – he used firecrackers and bright red colours to scare the monster away, which is why we repeat this every year – to keep Nian away!

Congratulations and thank you to Year 4 and their fantastic teaching team – they gave three performances so that every child in the school, as well as a hall full of admiring Year 4 parents.





School Meals Reminders Parents/Carers of Year 3 upwards

Please remember that the cost of school meals has gone up by 5p - to £2.25 per day.

We are working with Caterlink to help parents manage their payments and prevent going in to debt. With this in mind, Caterlink will notify you on a Wednesday if you are at least one meal in debt. We know that is hard to keep track, so hopefully this alerts you quickly, and gives you 5 working days put your account into credit. After this date, Caterlink will not serve meals to the child, and you will need to provide a packed lunch until you can repay.

Any Questions? Please just ask us.



Mon 3rd - Thurs 6th Feb

Early Morning Storytelling for pupils and parents in Hall – 8.40am

Thurs 6th Feb

Parent Afternoon – ICT activities in the classroom
2pm

Weds 12th Feb

Year 5 & 6 trip to The Place for '2040' film

Fri 14th Feb

Last day before Half Term Holiday

Mon 24th Feb

Back to school (8.55am)

Weds 26th Feb

Year 2 trip to the Safety Centre

Next Week is National Storytelling Week!

For One Week Only.... Early Morning Storytelling Mrs Fraser or Mrs Marshall will be telling stories at 8.40am every morning from Monday 3rd – Thursday 6th February – children and parents are welcome to come and join us in the Hall.

Did you know that our teachers read to the children everyday? Telling stories is an ancient practice that spans across continents and cultures – and doesn't even need a book.

Why not try telling your child your favourite story from your childhood? Is it from a book or do you remember it by heart? Or just tell them a story about your childhood, about a place or person you've never told them about before – this is also storytelling.

Storytelling Selfies – please send us your storytelling selfies – it can show your child listening to your story, telling your story, reading a book together, or just a picture of the book cover if you like – and let us know if we can use it as part of a slideshow for the children in next Friday's assembly. Just upload them to SeeSaw by Thursday 6th Feb. Thank you.



**Mental Health Mates Bedford
Well-Being Walk in Bedford Park
10am – 11am**

**Sat 9th & 23rd February
free and open to all
meet at The Pavilion**

www.mentalhealthmates.co.uk