



Priory C of E Primary School



Newsletter

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Priory win major recognition

In January, we were delighted to learn that we had been shortlisted for the prestigious 'Best Sports School' category of the Nottinghamshire Sports Awards. We attended the ceremony in Nottingham on 3rd February and to our total surprise, were crowned winners. This is an incredible achievement and one which we are very proud of.

The PE and sports curriculum is of a very high quality at Priory and many staff are involved in creating a wide range of opportunities for children to participate. Their efforts are greatly appreciated by many.

Throughout last year, we won a number of local and district events against other schools and also represented Bassetlaw in the East Midlands Sainsbury's Summer Games. In winning this wonderful award, we saw off competition from every other school in the county. Well done to everyone involved.

In addition to this, the school has achieved national recognition for its work on Take 5 Breathing exercises, which we have been piloting and developing in school. You may have seen a recent ITV News appearance from our Y4 children? The Take 5 Project has recently been nominated for a national award. Again, well done to everyone involved.



A few 'Priory 100 list' ideas for the rest of the term

3 - Play and jump in puddles

There are still plenty around! Get well wrapped up and bring in a picture!

20 - Go on a picnic

As the weather improves, get out for lunch, tidy up after yourself though.

27 - Grow a sunflower

It's a perfect time to plant a few seeds. Remember to measure them often!

50 - Be 'Class Blogger of the week'

Have a go on your class blog regularly. The best posters each week win!

77 - Go for a night walk

Wrap up well with an adult and explore an open area at night. Borrow the Bat Detector from Mr Abbott if you want!

(Please see the website for more details of each task before you complete it)

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Staffing news

We will be very sorry to lose *Miss Goodwin* who will be leaving the school at Easter.

Having served the school brilliantly for 7 years, she believes that now is the right time for her to move on and further her career in a new school setting.

I am sure you will join me in congratulating her on her new appointment at St Joseph's Academy in Shirebrook, wishing her all the very best for the future.

We have appointed an exceptional new teacher to replace her but, unfortunately, this can't happen until the summer. So, in the meantime, we have asked Mrs Rodgers, who has worked with us a number of times in similar roles, to take the class until then. We are delighted that she has agreed to do so.

If you would like to discuss this with either Mr Abbott or Mr Horgan (Chair of Governors), you are most warmly invited to do so.

Dates for the diary



11.03.16- Y3 to Perlethorpe Worksop Music Festival
16.03.16-Y2 to Chocolate Factory
17.03.16-FSU to Toys R Us
18.03.16-Sport Relief event
21.03.16-Talent Show Finals
22.03.16-Y5 to NTU
23.03.16-Parent Consultations
24.03.16-Topic Reviews
25-28.03.16-School closed
30.03.16-Y3/4 performances
01.04.16-End of term service
18.04.16-First day of new term

Parking

Whilst parking outside school has improved a little, there are still cases where parents are parking directly outside the school gates.

The new mobile camera unit is currently fining drivers caught doing this. They are operating on a random visit basis.



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*'Dream,
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Jargon Buster

In this edition of the newsletter, we take a look at two common phrases you will hear often in school:

Age Related Expectations: This is the level of ability a child is expected to achieve at their current age. We no longer use levels to show this. Instead, we report how close to meeting the age related expectations for their year group your child is.

Persistent Absence - This is a Government term that describes attendance below 90%. It used to be 85% until last September.

Aspiring and Inspiring assemblies

This term, we have focused on the meaning of the different parts of the Lord's Prayer, exploring each line of the prayer and making it more child friendly.

Each Wednesday, we have been visited by a range of professionals from our community to listen to their stories of what jobs they do, what skills are involved and what their own school life was like. The aim is to raise awareness for our children of what sort of professions they could aspire to be part of when they grow up. The children have loved this experience.

So far we have welcomed; The Chair of the District Council, Notts Fire and Rescue Team, an IT consultant, a Bank manager, Dr Smith from the Outwood Academy and a paramedic. Before the term ends we are also looking forward to welcoming a Sky Sports commentator, a vet and a nurse.

World Book Day Celebrations



We had a wonderful day of celebration on 3rd March as many children and staff dressed up as a character from a book. As well as dressing up, children participated in buddy reading, listened to the adults read extracts from their favourite books and talked about their own reading preferences.

Well done to everyone who took part.

Academisation

The school will become an Academy on 1st April.

Whilst you will see very few obvious changes in day to day school life, there are some interesting developments to be aware of:

1. We have renegotiated the Catering contract in a bid to improve the quality of school meals.

2. The logo will change to say 'Academy' rather than 'School'. New clothing will have this on, but the current uniform is perfectly fine to wear. Old stock will continue to be sold alongside new stock, the older items being available on a 2 for the price of 1 deal.

If you have any questions or queries regarding this, the governors are still very happy to answer them.

Ground Force - Priory Style

We are looking for volunteers (children and adults) to help us on our Ground Force style day at school during the Easter holidays (Wednesday 6th April).

We are running a series of new outdoor initiatives involving growing fruit and veg, developing a woodland play area on the back field and having a general tidy up.

We will provide food and drink for all helpers throughout the day. If you would like to help, please contact the office for further details. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Attendance Update

School target

Current score



Sickness absence/attendance

Attendance is currently at 96.6% overall which is just short of our target of 97%.

Thank you for ensuring your children are in school as often as possible.