



AUTUMN 1 2020

NEWSLETTER 3

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Psalm 67:6

“The land yields its harvest; God, our God, blesses us.



Autumn has definitely arrived. Leaves are falling, the darker evenings are here and the school is filling up with Harvest donations! I love that nature is not under restrictions and isn't 'locked-down' in any way. The rhythm of

the seasons continues and as the scripture says, the land (still) yields its harvest. I am so thankful for all that God provides for me.

COVID

Class 3 and KS1 Pathways – One Way Route

We are aware that the pathway around the lower site is very narrow and it is very difficult to support social distancing when dropping off and collecting children. We have considered a number of ways we can address this and have sought advice from our LA Health and Safety Adviser and the buildings team.

From tomorrow we will be reinstating the one-way route that was used in the summer which takes people through the nursery garden. The pathway is not huge and there will be quite a number of people using it. However, the vast majority of people will be going in one direction and therefore there will be much reduced incidence of being face to face with others. We hope this will ease concerns around keeping a safe distance and we ask that everyone supports us and adheres to the route.

Communications

Thank you to everyone who has downloaded the School Gateway app; we now have nearly 50% of families signed up. Moving forward we will be

sending all official school communication via this app which is free for all parents to download. If you are unsure how to access it, please contact the school office and a member of the team will be happy to help. **It is particularly important during COVID that we are able to contact you.**

Seesaw

Thank you to everyone who has accessed activities on SeeSaw; it has been wonderful to see so many children engaged. In the event that your child can't attend for any COVID related reason, this will be an invaluable tool for keeping them connected with learning in school. If you are unsure about what it is or how to use it please contact your child's teacher and they will be happy to help.

Half Term

I have thoroughly enjoyed my first half term at Prior's Mill and I am very grateful to everyone for making me feel so welcome. The children have produced some fantastic work and it really is great to see them giving 100% to being back in school. You will receive your child's report on Thursday which will give you some information on how well they have settled and their next steps for learning. School closes for half term at the end of the day on Friday 23rd October and opens again to children on **TUESDAY 3rd NOVEMBER** due to staff training on the 2nd November. I wish everyone a happy half term and look forward to seeing you after the break.

Key Dates

23rd October	Half Term
2nd November	PD Day - school closed to children
3rd November	School re-opens to children Harvest Focus in school
11th November	Remembrance Focus Day
13th November	Children in Need non-uniform fundraiser
18th December	End of term

Minds to learn; hearts to care!