

Prior's Mill C.E. Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

What a spring term it has been! Thank you for all your ongoing support throughout this very challenging season. Your children are amazing! They have settled back into routines and expectations so well and we have loved being back together as a full school community. I hope you all enjoy a lovely Easter and that the weather is kind to us when we are allowed to meet up with more people outside!



"He is not here; He is risen!"
Luke 24:6

Please remember that school re-opens to children after the Easter break on Tuesday 13th April.

Comic Relief



A fantastic £427 was collected last Friday! Thank you so much for your generosity which will support a great many good causes through the work of Comic Relief.

Staffing

Mrs Mackay (Class 2) won't be returning after Easter as she is starting her maternity leave – exciting times ahead in the Mackay household! Mrs Akhtar will continue to work part time in Class 2 until the end of the school year with Miss Pritchard teaching for the other half of the week. Miss Lambton will be returning to teach Class 5 after the Easter holidays.

Attendance and Holidays in Term Time

Following the wider re-opening of schools on March 8th, attendance is once again mandatory for all pupils and the usual rules on attendance apply. Please remember that leave of absence (holiday) during term time will not be authorised except in exceptional circumstances. It is school policy to refer any unauthorised absence due to holiday to the local authority who may issue a fixed penalty notice. This is a penalty of up to £120 per child, per parent and so can add up to a significant amount. The school does not receive any revenue from fines; the money is paid to the Local Authority.

Nursery News

30 Hour Nursery Provision - Summer Term

Please check the [government website](#) to find out if your child is eligible for an additional 15-hour free childcare in the summer term. If your child is 3 years old before 31st March 2021 and you work - part time or full - you may qualify. All applications should be made via the link above before 31st March in order for the code to be valid for summer term. Codes need to be approved by



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school before you can begin to claim your child's entitlement so please ensure we have the code as soon as possible.

Nursery Places for September

Do you have a child who will soon be 3 who you would like to attend our school nursery? If so, please ensure you have submitted your child's nursery application form in order to secure a place in school nursery for September 2021. Application forms can be found on the school website and we will be arranging autumn start dates during the summer term.

2 Year Old Provision

From September 2021 we will no longer be admitting any new 2 year olds into our provision. This decision has been taken following a review of uptake, costs and sustainability. Requests for 2-year-old places here at school have been quite limited, possibly due the fact that we have a very good range of nurseries and child care providers in the local area. No 2 year old children currently attending our pre-school or due to attend in the summer term are affected by this decision.

Reminders



Breakfast Club is available to children in Nursery to Y6. Please book via the School Gateway. Cost is £4 each day.



Please can I remind families that dogs are not allowed anywhere on the school site. Thank you.

Coming Up

12 th April	PD Day – school closed
13 th April	School reopens
23 rd April	Saints' Day - Children in each house can wear the colour of their Saint's House.
3 rd May	Bank Holiday – school closed
28 th May	Last day of half term
7 th June	School reopens
16 th July	Last day of school year

We look forward to seeing you all after Easter. 😊

Kind regards,
Mrs H Malbon
Headteacher

