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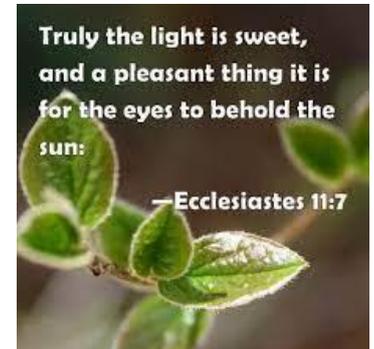


8th June 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to our final half term of this school year. I think we can all agree it has been one like no other! It was lovely to see so much sunshine over the half term break and I hope you all enjoyed some family time and rest in much better temperatures than we've been used to. Let's hope it lasts for many more weeks!

In warmer weather children do often take their jumpers and cardigans off when they are outside. Please can you help us by making sure all items of uniform are named so they are easily reunited with their owner. Thank you.



COVID Updates

We continue to operate our COVID safety measures in and around school so please can I ask for your continued support with the following:

- Children should stay at home if anyone in your household has symptoms of Coronavirus, is going for a test or awaiting test results.
- Please inform us and we will advise you of school protocol.
- Once test results have been received, please inform us of the outcome before sending your child back into school. If you do receive a positive test result – please contact the school as soon as possible. For out of school hours – please email our dedicated mailbox: tests@priorsmill.org.uk
- Alerting school to any positive test results at the earliest opportunity is essential as we have procedures to follow which may impact on children and staff.
- If someone tests positive for Covid 19 in your household, all other people living in the home must isolate.
- Please wear a face covering around the school site.
- Please observe social distancing as much as possible when dropping off and collecting children; please do not congregate and move off site as quickly as possible.

Whilst we are all hopeful that we are moving out of restrictions, cases are clearly still occurring and have impacted schools on Teesside as recently as just before half term. We have very much appreciated your help, support and understanding as we have had to operate differently and like you, hope it is not for too much longer.

Current measures will affect some of the usual summer term activities. For example, we will hold sports day events for the children but unfortunately will not be able to invite parents to attend and Early Years staff will provide virtual tours of the setting rather than on site visits for new starters.

For their final term, both Year 6 classes are working together as one bubble so that they can prepare an end of year performance of The Wizard of Oz. Rehearsals are going well and I am already so impressed with the fantastic standard of singing and performance. We will be inviting two family members for each child to attend a performance which will be very strictly controlled in terms of numbers and social distancing. These will all be morning or afternoon performances. More information will follow from the Year 6 team.

Clifton Avenue Road Safety

Following the recent accident outside school at the end of the school day, I have been in touch with the council cabinet member for environment and transport and the local authority road safety team to press for some support to make improvements. An updated risk assessment of the road is being carried out to see whether we warrant a



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second crossing patrol and additional railings are being installed. Other approaches such as a 'Park and Stride' project are also being considered. The most significant thing that will make a difference is if all parents who drive to school observe the 'No Stopping/Parking' rule of the zig zag lines outside of the main gates. I understand it is convenient and each car maybe only stops for a few moments but this causes congestion, poor visibility and a hazard to children crossing the road. Please do all you can to keep our children safe and observe the rules of the road.

After School Club



Piglets Playgroup, who operate out of the community centre on Clifton Avenue, are opening an after school provision until 5:30pm this week. Whilst I was hoping to be able to restart our school provision in September, unfortunately this will not be possible for the foreseeable future due to financial constraints and staffing. It is great that we have good quality provision in the local community and I would encourage parents who need after school care to get in touch with Sam or Jessica at Piglets:

Telephone: 07912546391

E-mail: Pigletsplaygroup@hotmail.com

Our school breakfast club is up and running between 7:30am and 8:30am and there are spaces available each day. Please contact the school office for more information.

Nursery Places – Have you got yours?

We currently have some September places available in our afternoon nursery session. If your child is due to turn 3 next academic year, please do complete a nursery application so that we can add them to our list. You can submit an application from any age – the sooner the better to help with our planning. Forms can be downloaded from the school website.

Pre – School Provision

If your child uses additional hours either in our morning or afternoon pre-school session, Mrs Rowbotham kindly asks that you ensure their unique code is up to date and not a temporary one covered by a grace period until the summer break. Please contact Mrs Rowbotham or Mrs Thomas at school if you are unsure.



Coming Up

w/c 28 th June	Geography Fieldwork Themed Week across school
w/c 5 th July	Sport, Health and Well Being Themed week across school
6 th & 7 th July	Virtual Consultations – more info to follow
12 th – 14 th July	Y6 performance of The Wizard of Oz
16 th July	Last day of school year

Our third 'Feel Better Newsletter' will be sent home later this week. As ever, there are some useful hints and tips on supporting good mental health and strong relationships. Thank you to Miss Rigg and Miss Dalkin for leading this work.

Kind regards,
Mrs H Malbon
Headteacher

