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SPRING 2 2022 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers...



We've had a great first week back in school this week; the children settled straight down to hard work and excellent behaviour and they are a joy to be around. Classes are continuing their Art/Music theme learning and I have spotted some excellent art work produced last half term. I am looking forward to the musical compositions based around texts over the coming weeks.

COVID Updates

As you will be aware, the Government published their updated guidance last week around the changes they are making to the law for COVID. The following is taken from the plan for living with COVID.

“Until 1 April, we still advise people who test positive to stay at home. Adults and children who test positive are advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least five full days and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received two negative test results on consecutive days.

From April, the Government will update guidance setting out the ongoing steps that people with COVID-19 should take to be careful and considerate of others, similar to advice on other infectious diseases. This will align with testing changes.”

COVID and School

From the 24th February, the law changes and it is no longer a legal obligation to isolate. Instead, everyone should follow the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) advice. As we understand it, the UKHSA advice remains to isolate for five full days if an individual is showing symptoms. They should then have two negative tests before ending isolation (testing on day 5 and day 6). There is therefore no expected change in the advice.

For schools, this places COVID on the same level as the current policy in place for when children have other infectious or potentially infectious illnesses – such as Chicken Pox or vomiting/diarrhoea. These require children to be absent from school for a certain period of time and/or clear of symptoms for a fixed period of time before returning to school (for example, for vomiting/diarrhoea this is 48 hours).

As a school, we will continue to ventilate all spaces used by children and staff in school. Hygiene measures (hand washing and cleaning routines) will also remain in place.

As with informing us about any absence, you can either ring the school office 01642 650426 or email office@priorsmill.org.uk

Please note that we are no longer using the tests@priorsmill mailbox as we no longer have to close bubbles.

New PE Kit

New PE kits have now arrived and we are in the process of distributing to those who have placed an order. If you didn't order a kit and would like to, please contact the school office.



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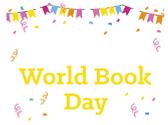
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Curriculum



We had a fantastic day yesterday with our World Book Day Celebrations. Using the text 'The Day the Crayons Quit', pupils took part in a wide variety of activities across many curriculum areas including art, writing and drama. It was wonderful to see so many colours which transformed school into a rainbow. A great day was had by all – thank you for your support, as always.

Looking forward, next week in school we will be taking part in National Careers Week. Pupils will enjoy activities such as meeting and talking to the fire service, taking part in workshops with an author, finding out about the school crossing patrol and a careers fair for our older pupils. We are very much looking forward to an informative and fun week culminating in a non-uniform 'When I Grow Up' dress up day.

The week beginning Monday 14th March brings National Science Week to school and we are busy planning our activities to take part. More information to follow.



In our Key Stage worship we will further explore the value of Giving our Best through finding out about inspirational leaders from different walks of life, cultures and communities. In class worship we will explore local, national and global issues to raise awareness with the children and encourage a sense of courageous advocacy as we are called to do as a Church of England school.

Dates for the Diary

7 th March	Careers Week
14 th March	National Science Week
8 th	Break up for Easter
April	
25 th	School Re-opens
April	
27 th	Break up for Half Term
May	
6 th	PD Day – school closed to children
June	
7 th	School Re-opens
June	
20 th	Last day of summer term
July	

Spring 2 Collective Worship

This half term, we are going to focus on Honesty in our whole school worship. We will unpick different aspects and demonstrations of honesty and relate these to scriptures in the bible and the example of Jesus:

- Having integrity
- Often being honest requires bravery
- Not disrespecting others by lying
- Exploring the full picture
- Standing by people, showing fairness
- Telling the truth
- You must choose trustworthy words

Thank you all for your continued support as we move forward.

Miss K Huddart
Acting Head Teacher