

Prior's Mill C.E. Primary School Newsletter July 14th

Welcome to the Prior's Mill Newsletter - this is shared weekly and will contain key dates and information, paper copies are available at the office 14.07.23

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A Great Week for Y6



This week we have had lots to celebrate namely the success of Y6 completing their SATs and doing very well, they also had a fantastic Prom organised by Parents and friends. A huge thank you to everyone who was responsible for organising such a great event the current Y6 have been a credit to the school and have contributed much to the development of the school character and ethos. I would also like to express my thanks to members of the Y6 Staff team who have contributed to the progress and development of Y6 this year to ensure they are Y7 ready. I would also like to thank all of the other staff in school who have contributed to their success and achievements in and out of the curriculum.

School reports were distributed this week, thank you for your support and positive comments, we are all incredibly proud of the achievements of the pupils of Prior's Mill and look forward to enjoying the last week of term before a well deserved rest.

Pupils in school have been enjoying DT week this week and engaged in planning, preparing and making a number of different items. I'm hoping for an opportunity to taste lots of different food today and on Monday. So far I've seen pasties, scones and fruit and vegetable kebabs being planned.

This time of year we have lots to be thankful for but it is also a time of sadness as we say goodbye to staff and pupils who are ready to enjoy the next steps in their respective learning journeys. This week I would like to thank Mrs Clements for everything she has done for the school and wish her the best of luck as she starts her new job in the Education Department of the Prison Service - although we'll all miss her, particularly pupils in Y2, Y5 and Eco Club, lets hope we don't see her in her new role at work in the future!!!! On a serious note Good Luck and Thank You Mrs Clements for everything you have done for Prior's Mill CE we are very appreciative and will be sad to see you go.

Last Friday we had a fantastic afternoon where pupils experienced different prayer spaces in school linked to class 'Global Goals' each class created an activity that pupils organised to ensure they gained greater knowledge of world issues.





















































1 - It was brilliant to experience 'Bright Day' on Friday 23rd June and raise funds for Ruby Radley so that she can convert her wheelchair into an electrical one. Thank you to everyone who wore bright clothing or attended in their Pyjamas and made a donation online or at the school office, everyone had a great day for a great cause. **We raised a magnificent £681.45!**

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/rubyradley

SPA - WE NEED YOU!



In the current economic climate this money is essential in raising funds for things that we would like in school.

It is essential that we are able to create a group of staff and parents that are willing to carry this great work on. Currently the SPA is made up of mainly staff and it would be great to have a few more parents involved. I promise this will not take up a huge time commitment but can be fitted in around your own priorities. It could be 30 mins labelling tombola items or bagging up sweets for a disco.

We raised £1,178 through the efforts of parents, staff and pupils at our Coronation Event - FANTASTIC!!

Without increased parental support then a number of additional events such as discos will be cancelled as school does not have the capacity alone to organise and prepare them.

If you can spare any time at all to join SPA then it would be greatly appreciated by the staff team and ultimately by the pupils who will benefit from having a number of events to attend during and after school.

Please contact Mrs Twomey in the office office@priorsmill.org.uk / 01642650426

School Council



School Council are going to be responsible for choosing some new books for our reading areas from the 'Times - Children's Best Sellers List 2023'. This is a great opportunity for pupils to get involved in reading and providing books for other pupils in school to read.

If your child enjoys reading then please get involved in the Stockton Library Summer Reading Challenge - details below



2 - SRC 2023 schools information

Summer is here which means the Summer Reading Challenge is back!

Research by The Reading Agency shows 1 in 5 children cannot read well by the age of 11. Stockton Borough Libraries is on a mission to support schools to change this!

We invite you to encourage your pupils to take part in the Summer Reading Challenge – the UK's biggest reading for pleasure programme for children aged 4 to 11.

Where?

The Challenge runs across all libraries in Stockton-on-Tees and online at summer readingchallenge.org.uk

When?

The Challenge begins across Stockton-Borough Libraries on Saturday 8 July and runs through the summer holidays.

What are the benefits for your pupils and school?

The Summer Reading Challenge can:

- Help to prevent the summer reading 'dip' for pupils
- Ensure your pupils are ready for their return to school in the autumn
- Support the transition between year groups and key stages

For children taking part in 2022:

- 77% read more over the summer holidays
- 75% improved their reading skills
- 71% felt more confident about their reading

(The Reading Agency (2022) Summer Reading Challenge 2022: Annual Report)

This year we want to break Stockton-on-Tees Borough records on number of children participating and completing the Summer Reading Challenge.

Ready, Set, Read!

Each year, the Summer Reading Challenge has a new theme. This year, The Reading Agency have teamed up with the Youth Sport Trust to create 'Ready, Set, Read!', a Challenge that's all about sports and games.

Next steps:

Stockton Borough Libraries are offering in-person and virtual assemblies to promote Summer Reading Challenge to your pupils, give details on how to sign up and complete this years Challenge.

Sign up here (in-person assemblies will be assigned on first-come, first-served basis).

Follow Stockton Borough Libraries on social media for more information and top tips:

Facebook

Twitter

Instagram

Also look out for our new Summer Reading Challenge webpage on Stockton Borough Libraries OPAC.

I am also available to attend any school sports day to speak with parents and carers about the Summer Reading Challenge. Please get in contact to make arrangements.

For more information or queries please email Angela Foster, Children and Young Person's Librarian – angela.foster.stockton.gov.uk (mailto:angela.foster@stockton.gov.uk?subject=Summer Reading Challenge 2023)

Please take a look at these great 'Screen Free' activities for pupils to do throughout the Summer Holidays!





Nursery Sports



Nursery will host their own Sports Event in the final week. Morning Nursery on Tuesday 18th July at 10.30am and Afternoon Nursery on Wednesday 19th July at 2.15pm. Nursery will send out further details shortly.

Digital Leaders - Horror Games and Staying Safe Over Summer





This week Beatrice and Luke (Digital Leaders) have chosen the online safety guide and it has a focus on 'YouTube'. If there are any apps or online sites that parents would like a fact sheet about then please get in touch and we'll try and provide one.

Any safeguarding concerns can be relayed to:

Mr Linsley - Designated Safeguarding Lead

Miss Huddart - Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

The safeguarding policy is on our website and you can also request a paper copy from the office. We will also share with you our pupil version of the safeguarding policy.





Attendance Matters



IMPORTANT REMINDER

In accordance with School and Trust Policy any unauthorised absences (that are not subject to exceptional circumstances) will be subject to a fixed penalty notice.

Current School Attendance is 93.4% (same % from last week) this is below the DFE target of 96%.

We strongly advise that any holiday in term time should be avoided due to the impact of lost learning time on children. Please be aware 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. In addition, we now have a new system in school for pupils who are late. Pupils must be escorted to the office in the main building and a form completed by parents/carers to sign the pupils in and indicate the reason for the lateness. This is for our records and also to avoid pupils becoming distressed.

All gates are opened at 8.20am, KS1 & 2 staff will be in attendance and children remain in the yard until school doors are opened just before 8.30am. For Nursery and Reception children gates are

opened for access and to ease congestion on Clifton Avenue and staff are not in attendance until school doors are then opened just before 8.30am. Children should remain supervised until then. Pre-School will open at 8:25am.

LATE MARKS ALSO IMPACT NEGATIVELY ON ATTENDANCE PLEASE TRY TO BE ON TIME!

Worship Theme - Patience



Patience with circumstances

Genesis 6:14-22

'Rome wasn't built in a day', doing something worthwhile can take time, taking the long view, 'instant everything' isn't the answer to every problem. I wonder if you can think of a time when you had to be patient? Sometimes things that look simple have taken lots of patience to create, complete and perfect – such as this example: Making of Wallace and

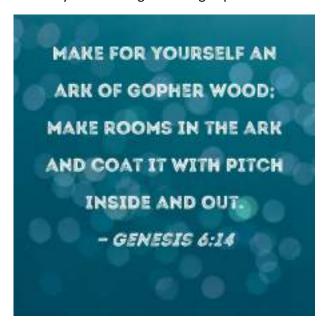
Gromit https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i3CEE9xKKZc it took 6 weeks for 1 minute of film.

In the Bible, Noah finds that he has to be patient. God had told Noah to build a great big Ark. He had to take all his family and two of every kind of animal to save them from the coming flood. Noah had carefully followed God's plan, Noah had to show patience with the animals and people he was locked in with and with the timing of God's plan. He had confidence that God was with him, but he couldn't

see how the plan would work out. In Genesis 8: 6-13, you will find the end part of the story. For the full story you could watch The Jesus Storybook Bible version which is available as a video here.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yCLRcA9mlQE

I wonder how patient Noah had to be? I wonder if you could say a simple prayer for more patience in any situation where you feel that you are losing or lacking in patience?



Class News

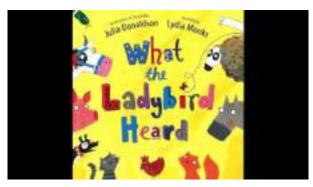


A few pictures from Nursery this week as I was walking through the setting and was impressed with building work Ewan, Henry and Charlie were doing. Kaitlyn was also being very creative and designing her own ladybird linked to the book - What the Ladybird Heard

You can watch a version of the story on YouTube here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lckjgm91LCk

Harriet and Nancy brought a lovely Fruit and Vegetable kebab to the office this week after they made some in class with Miss Thompson and Mrs Evans.













POKEMON UK NUMBER 1!

Congratulations to Luke who is 1st in the UK, 4th in Europe and 6th in the world at the Pokemon trading card game.. He earned 50 championship points in Pokemon competition on Sunday.

Congratulations Luke it is brilliant to have a UK NO.1 in school!









Introducing Myself - Welcome Miss Jones to the Prior's Mill CE Staff Team



Hello, my name is Miss Jones. I would like the opportunity to introduce myself as the new Class Teacher for Year 1. I am excited to have been given the opportunity to be part of the Prior's Mill team, and I am looking forward to getting to know the Year 1 children as well as those in other classes.

My training began in college, where I undertook an Early Childhood Studies course and worked in various schools. Soon after, I became a one-to-one support for a child with SEN. These rewarding experiences provided me with the drive to pursue my career path in teaching. Thus, I attended Teesside University, where I completed my degree in Early Childhood Studies. Since then, I have worked in many primary schools and conducted my teacher training with children from a range of year groups. I now look forward to continuing to apply my experience and academic knowledge to help children succeed!

Outside of the classroom, I have a strong passion for performing arts. Since a very young age, I have competed in dance competitions and taken various exams. I am now a qualified dance teacher, and I often deliver choreographed routines to children in my performing arts company. We then perform these shows once a year.

I am a firm believer in keeping a strong, open line of communication between home and school. I would therefore love to start the year by getting to know you and your child. I really look forward to welcoming the children in September and helping them achieve their very best!

KEY DATES



Key Dates

5th May Coronation of King Charles III

From 2-3pm Friday 5th May we will provide activities in each classroom and you are welcome to join us for refreshments and cakes in the KS1 & KS2 halls, we will have a children's

tombola in each hall and the raffle will also be drawn that day.

Following refreshments children can be collected from their class at 2.50pm but will need to be signed out with the class teacher.

Children who have not been collected will be dismissed at usual time.

15th May

Christian Aid Week

15th May

Walk to School week

23rd May School Council Charity Day EY – Teddy Bears KS1 – Turtle Day KS2- Mind 5th June - School PD Day (Closed) 6th June - School Re-opens using New Start Time 8:30am 8th June National Best Friends Day 13th June Grandads wheels visit. Wednesday 21st June Anti-Bullying Workshop Parents for 9am KS2 Hall Mrs Rowbotham Collective Worship Mrs Mackay Collective Worship *NEW* 23rd June Bright Colour / PJ Day Raising Money for Ruby

17th May - Reception School Trip - Hardwick Park

26th June

National school sports week - Children are invited to come to school wearing sports clothes and trainers during this week. They will be taking part in a variety of sporting activities.

Whole week to include sports day

EYFS SPORTS DAY - Reception Class will hold their own Sports Day on Wednesday2pm. Parents are invited to join us! Please bring your running shoes!!! Children can be taken home after the event.

3rd July

Y2 Wynard Sports Event

National Fieldwork Week

Save the Date

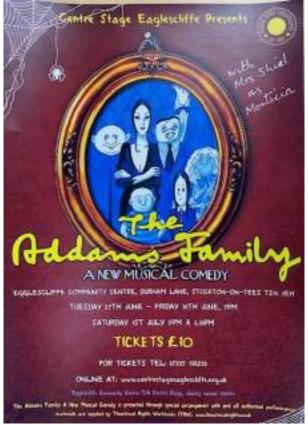
The Year 6 Prom will be held on Tuesday 11th July at 6pm. Further information to follow.

Nursery will host their own Sports Event in the final week. Morning Nursery on Tuesday 18th July at 10.30am and Afternoon Nursery on Wednesday 19th July at 2.15pm. Nursery will send out further details shortly.

Nursery's Teddy Bears Picnic - **Friday 14th July 1.45pm -3pm** - Please come and join us for an end of term Teddy Bears Picnic! This will take place in our Nursery Outdoor garden. This will be an opportunity for all of the children and parents to join together before the children move onto the next step of their journey. If your child attends morning nursery or the pre-school setting then they are welcome to join this picnic too! Additional details to follow closer to the time!

Class 1 and Class 2 - End of Year Graduation - **Monday 17th July, 1.45pm – 3pm** - Please join us to celebrate and congratulate the children's fantastic achievements and look back on their special memories from their treasured time in Early Years! We will mark this momentous milestone by awarding each child with an end of year personalised certificate as a keep sake for their magical journey throughout Early Years! We value the partnership we have built up between us and yourselves and would love for you to be a part of this occasion!





3 - Our own Mrs Shiel is starring in this production of the Addams Family! Tickets are on sale now.



4 - And Finally...enjoy the final of Wimbledon and I hope the weather does not spoil your weekend plans!

Picture News - 10th July - Wimbledon (1)





Let's look at this week's story



The world-famous Wimbledon tennis tournament is currently underway and will conclude on 16th July. Experienced player, Venus Williams, made her 24th appearance in the singles draw at Wimbledon after the 43-year-old American was given a wild card entry. Venus is a five-time Wimbledon singles champion and reached the final in 2017, 20 years ofter her first appearance there.



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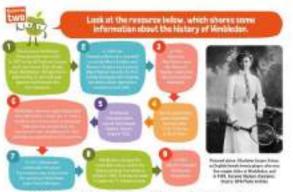


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Winning a match or a game can feel amazing but often, much of the fun and enjoyment can come from the journey along the way - and many lessons can be learned in the times we don't succeed.











Mutual Respect and Tolerance

Our behaviour, actions and words affect others. We can show respect to ourselves and each other, whether we win or lose.

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Tennis players from all over the world compete at Wimbledon. Someone's colour, nationality or ethnic or national origins should never be the reason they are unable to compete.

























Our education should help us to fully develop our personalities, talents and abilities. Whilst doing this, there will be times when we win and times when we lose. We can learn so much from both!



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Contact Us



If you would like to contact us about anything in the newsletter or need an additional conversation then please don't hesitate to catch me outside on the yard or through making an appointment at the office.

Safeguarding

The school safeguarding policy is on the website and a paper version can also be requested from the office. Safeguarding is at the heart of all we do at Prior's Mill CE Primary School.

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School Vision

As an inclusive Church of England primary school, we welcome children and families of all faiths and none to be part of our school family which has a distinctly Christian character and ethos. At Prior's Mill, we encourage everyone to discover, flourish and grow in their talents, nurturing their God given gifts and potential. We work with passion to foster a love of learning, a love of community and personal resilience. Following in the footsteps of Jesus, we are a school where kindness, forgiveness, respect and honesty underpin our words and actions.

Biblical Narrative - The Parable of The Mustard Seed - Mark 4:30-32 (NIV)

"What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade."

School Values

We give our best - We are kind - We are honest - We are respectful - We forgive