

# Prior's Mill C.E. Primary School Newsletter June 16th

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 16.06.23.

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## **Sunshine**



I hope everyone has the opportunity to enjoy the sunshine this weekend, it is lovely to enjoy it after school and on a weekend but not so easy to work in for pupils and teachers! Thank you for sending your children to school to be sun safe with hats and sprays although Mr Farrell wearing his jumper as he feels cold is maybe not the best form of sun- protection!

As we enter the final part of a busy term thank you for your patience as we work through morning opening due to our revised starting times - we will continually monitor the arrangements and welcome your feedback.

Next Wednesday morning we have 3 Anti-Bullying presentations for Parents, KS1 Pupils and KS2 Pupils this is in response to the questionnaire that parents and pupils completed last term which

requested more information about approaches to bullying in school. We will also be starting work with the Anti-Bullying Alliance in September to run a programme of staff training and pupil activities to ensure our school continues to be a safe place where any bullying issues can be dealt with appropriately. If you would like to attend the parent session it would be lovely to see you it starts at 9am in the KS2 hall and will be presented by a member of the Trust Safeguarding Team.

At the same time on Wednesday it is Mrs Rowbotham's Class worship at 8:40am in the KS1 Hall -Parents are welcome to join the presentation at KS2 afterwards or wait till the session is repeated in the new academic year.

Thursday Morning it is Mrs Mackay's Class Worship in the KS2 hall starting time 8:40am

#### REMINDER

On **Friday 23rd June** we are going to support Ruby Radley with a **non-uniform day**. Ruby has asked if pupils would like to wear **Bright colours or PJs** and bring in a donation that will go towards raising money to convert Ruby's wheelchair into an electric one. Ruby is also competing in a triathlon to raise funds - the details are below and sponsorship money can be passed on in sealed envelopes via the office OR if you would prefer to donate directly then you can use the following link.

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



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Y1 Phonics and Y4 Multiplication Checks



A reminder to parents in Y1 that the Government Phonics Check is between Monday 12th June and Friday 16th June it is essential that Y1 pupils are in school during this week so they can showcase their fantastic phonics and reading skills.

Well done to all Y1 pupils for completing the check we have sent the results off to be verified and pupils will find out scores later in the term. Thank you to Miss Thompson and the Y1 team for administering the check.

Parents of pupils in Y4 it is important that they are in school from Monday 5th June to Friday 16th June in order to complete the Government Multiplication Check.



## 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 <a href="mailto:office@priorsmill.org.uk">office@priorsmill.org.uk</a> / 01642650426

## **Pupil Voice**



Alaina and Harry had the pleasure of showing Mr Cooper, Chair of Governors, Mr Mackings and Mrs Doyle, two directors from the Melrose Learning Trust around school on Friday afternoon. They were fantastic tour guides and all the adults were really impressed with their visit and the learning opportunities that were taking place.

#### Well Done!





## School Council



School Council have been busy working hard to produce some questions to give to candidates in preparation for a recruitment event that we are holding next week to appoint a new member of staff it is really important that pupils feel their opinion is valued and they can contribute to the ethos and values of the school through the contributions they make to appointing staff.





## Sporting Stars Athletics



A team of 'Athletic Super Stars' represented school at the next round of the Athletics competition at Middlesbrough Sports Village on Monday and had a very successful time. We are incredibly proud of all of them for the way they represented the school. Thank you to Mr Greenwood for organising the visit.











































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National Online Safety #WakeUpWednesday

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This week Beatrice and Luke (Digital Leaders) have chosen the online safety guide and it has a focus on 'Ten Top Tips for Stronger Passwords'. 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.

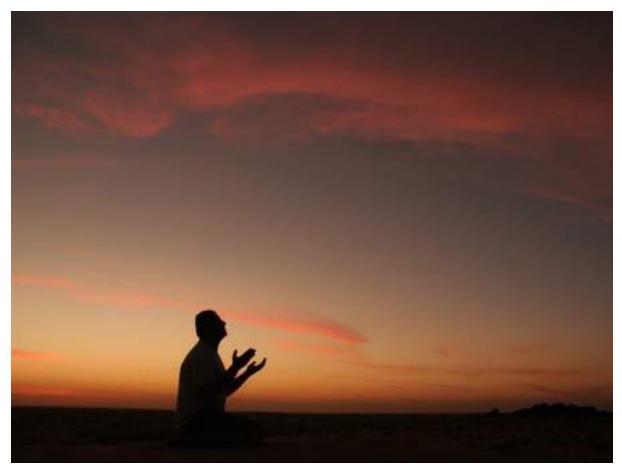
#### Current School Attendance is 93.4% (same % from last week) this is below the DFE target of 96%.

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 - Hope

Hope

This week we based collective worship around Hope - this is important to us as it links directly to our school vision and values as well as the parable of the mustard seed.

Read The Parable of the Mustard

Seed (Matthew 13:31-32) 'The smallest of seeds... becomes a tree.'

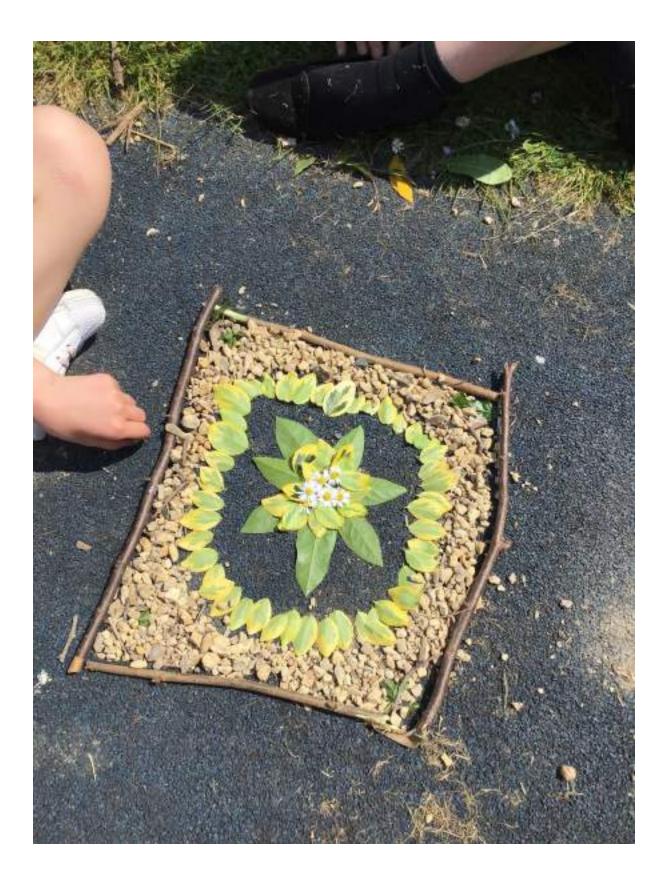
In this parable, Jesus teaches that although the Kingdom of God started small, with Jesus and the disciples, it would grow and spread across the world to unlimited numbers of followers.

The birds represent Gentile people. Jesus is saying that the Kingdom of God will include other nations and not just God's chosen people, the Jews.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hW-4bLODob8

'Hope is a baton, something to be held onto but also passed on. Hope comes to us... to flow through us.'

Art club produced some lovely outdoor Art inspired by the whole school collective worship on Monday.









Class News - Y6 Lego Stars







## **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

17th May - Reception School Trip - Hardwick Park

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

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 Wednesday ....2pm. Parents are invited to join us! Please bring your running shoes!!! Children can be taken home after the event.

**3rd July** 

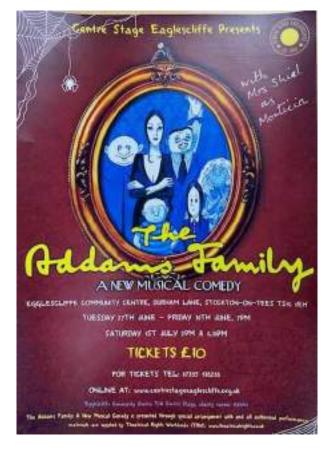
### National Fieldwork Week

### Save the Date

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

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!



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



2 - And Finally....have a lovely weekend and take care in the sunshine. I hope the cricket fans enjoy the Ashes we are hoping to be inspired as we attend the next round of the school cricket competition next week.

## Primary Picture News Resource England Collective Worship - 12th June - Sleeping outside





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We all have the right and freedom to raise awareness of the things that are important to us. We should consider how we choose to do this and the impact it may have on others. We can all make a positive difference!

## Protected Characteristics

Max was 10 years old when he took on his challenge. We can all set ourselves goals and challenges and achieve amazing things. Nobody should judge, underestimate or treat anyone unfairly because of their age.







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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