



Headteacher's News

Dear all,

Hope you all had a lovely weekend. We had a lovely day on Friday with all the children in their best outfits!

Learning together week – Tuesdays 24th – Friday 27th January

You should all have had the link the learning together week, please fill in the form by Tuesday evening so that we can organise the labels and registers in time.

Reception and KS1 – Tuesday and Wednesday. 08:45 – 9:30.

KS2 -Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. 08:45 – 09:30

Is my child too ill for school?

It is that time of year that winter illnesses spread like mad and it can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school, nursery or playgroup when they're unwell.

There is a document on the website called 'is my child too ill for school' on the website which provides advice from government document - [managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK](#). These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't.

If your child is absent, it's important to email : attendanceofficer@prioryschool.com and let them know that your child won't be in and give them the reason.

If your child is well enough to go to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, please let their teacher know when you drop them off.

Kind regards

Hannah Foster



Important Dates

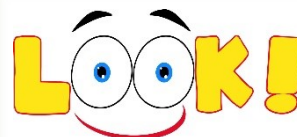
[Click here](#) to link to the school calendar

[Click here](#) to see term dates for 2022-2023

24th January —Young Voices

24th January - Learning Together Week

30th January—3rd February—National
Storytelling Week



Leaflets and Letters

Please [click here](#) to go to our leaflets page on the website.

Leaflets this week:

Winter wheeze webinar from Frimley Health
Paediatric Respiratory Nurses

Slough Music Centre

What Parents Need to Know About: Minecraft



House Captains for Spring Term

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News from the Kitchen

On Tuesday 10th January we tried out a new dining concept with year 6, this is in preparation for them moving on to secondary school.

The food was served in a street food style, they had a box with a tortilla wrap in it, added some healthy savoury rice then topped it with Sweet and Smoky BBQ Chicken, finished off with salad, coleslaw and a choice of sauces.

The children had all had a sample of the chicken last November and everyone had really enjoyed it, so they were all looking forward to having this for their lunch. When I went to see if the children were enjoying the food, I was met with an unusual quiet, realising it was because they were so busy enjoying their food, this was broken when I asked if anyone would like some seconds, I was met with an overwhelming YES PLEASE! I can report that the experience was a very big success so we will continue to do this every 3 weeks.

Libby Lewis

Catering Manager





Music News

Competition for Y6

January 2023 is 'Month of Action Against Violence'. The Knife Angel, a 27ft sculpture made of 100,000 seized bladed weapons is coming to Slough and will be placed at Arbour Park Stadium until the end of January.

To take part in the competition, students are invited to compose a rap, poem or song to express their feelings around the subject of serious violence and knife crime. Participants should be aged 11-18 and must compose original pieces with absolutely no profanities.

Please go to our website. [click here](#) for poster and details

Slough Music Centre

Slough Music Service has set up a base at Lynch Hill Primary School Gaveston Road 4.30pm—6.00pm every Thursday afternoon/evening for children to attend. They have the opportunity to experiment with instruments, compose pieces and get to perform, and it is a great opportunity for some collaborative community work! Please go to our website. [click here](#) for poster and details

Westminster Cathedral

On Tuesday 10th January, members of the Y6 choir had an incredible day at Westminster Cathedral, performing with professional musicians from the Gabrieli ensemble and singers, within a massed choir of 500. Our Y6s behaved beautifully and did such a wonderful job with their singing that the musical director complimented our choir and asked which school we were from. Mrs Shaw is very proud of them all. Photos to follow next week.

CHOIR UPDATE

Young Voices ticket release

Members of the Y5 & Y6 choir will be performing at the O2 Arena on Tuesday 24th January for the Young Voices concert. If you ordered your audience ticket(s) through school, please look out for an email soon with a link to your electronic ticket(s).

If you missed out on ordering and would like to purchase any tickets directly, please visit this website: <https://www.youngvoices.co.uk/help/audience-tickets>

Young Voices

Our choir performance at Young Voices is now very soon! We have been working hard to learn the songs at school, so please encourage your children to sing along and memorise their words as much as possible at home. Here are some resources to help. If you are having difficulties with My Classmate, I am told that Spotify is easier to use. The link below takes you directly to the correct songs.

Young Voices "My Classmate" sign up to access practise resources: <https://myclassmate.ai/parentRegisterReferral?code=XlqUztRw8uq1RnkU>

Young Voices Spotify playlist: <https://open.spotify.com/artist/39qcKoWHf10pApSKFaoYhY>

Young Voices shop (ONLY WHITE T-SHIRTS ARE ALLOWED ON THE DAY – but plain ones without a logo are also fine): <https://shop.youngvoices.co.uk/products/office-young-voices-2023-choir-tee-kids>

Young Voices Concert Film Pre-Order: www.yv23film.co.uk



FREE Golden offer at **Chiltern Music Academy**

Choirs, Orchestras, Wind Bands, Jazz Bands, Percussion Band, Recorder groups

Reception – Year 13, beginners to Grade 8 plus standard

Start the term with a musical treat! Chiltern Music Academy is offering all Priory School pupils and their siblings the opportunity to sample a **FREE** session, a chocolate bar, and the chance to win half a term of free CMA membership! Come along on **Friday 20th** or **Saturday 21st** January to claim your Golden Ticket!

Chiltern Music Academy meets outside school hours to offer every child a solid foundation of musical knowledge and skill, enabling them to progress with confidence up the ladder of highly acclaimed CMA music ensembles. Our main schedules are at the Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe (RGS) on Fridays after school, Wycombe High School on Saturday mornings, and Jazz on Tuesday evenings at RGS.

Each group is led by a specialist musician with fun, wellbeing, and excellence as their priority at every stage. Why not enjoy watching some of our [videos](#) to see the excellent calibre of our specialist teachers and high quality of our events and ensembles!

You are warmly invited to take a look at the [CMA timetable and groups](#) to plan your visit.





4Redgrave Pizza Express

Thank you to Pizza Express, Slough, for welcoming 4Redgrave to all make pizzas last week. We had a great time learning about different ingredients and making the pizzas from scratch. We especially enjoyed eating the pizzas for lunch when we returned to school! 4Farah and 4Simmonds will go on this trip later in the Spring Term.





Sign of the Week

This week's sign is for
Braille

<https://youtu.be/RwIUY24UdpY>



We at The Autism Group (TAG) provide services to GEMS, the East Berks Autism and ADHD Service. GEMS provide parent workshops, a home visit service for parents and clubs for children and young people. The criteria for accessing these is that families must either live in East Berkshire OR be registered with a GP in East Berkshire. Parents can self-refer or professionals can refer with parent permission. Details and referral forms can be found on GEMS website here <https://www.gems4health.com/>

Separate from this, The Autism Group also provide clubs for autistic children of mainstream ability from any area. <https://www.theautismgroup.org.uk/clubs/> as well as various parent support groups "Tea with TAG" to which any of your parents are welcome to attend <https://www.theautismgroup.org.uk/group-sessions-tea-with-tag/>