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PRIORY SCHOOL NEWS

Headteacher's News

This week at Priory.

At the beginning of the week we had a practice fire alarm. The children are really beginning to understand the rules and expectations of a fire drill and I was very impressed with them. If you do discuss it with your child, please do reinforce that it is critically important that children walk in single file, silent lines and wait in their expected place silently. This is to ensure order and calm so that roll calls can be done quickly and effectively.

I had the pleasure of watching some of our Year 5 and 6 pupils dance at the Slough Sports Network Dance Festival. They performed so well and I was super proud of them as were their parents. I do want to say a very special thank you to Matt Thompson who choreographed the routine and dedicated his time to their rehearsals.

This week myself and the SLT are meeting with each class teacher to discuss class progress and attainment. We do this every term and it is very intense but a really good way of SLT keeping on top of all children's progress.

Parking Concerns

I am aware that at times the carpark gets a bit tricky, I am very aware that there are parents who park very inconsiderately, on the road and in the car park. We cannot deploy staff to the car park or the road anymore as we have a more streamlined workforce and have no available staff to man the carparks. This means that in order for everything to run as smoothly as possible and causes the least amount of stress, I need everyone to consider their driving and their parking choices.

In the event of a parking dispute, I urge all parties to approach the situation with civility and respect. There is never a justification for shouting or aggression, especially in the presence of children.

The impact of such behaviour on children is profound. Two recent testimonials illustrate the distress caused:

Child 1: "I thought he was going to hit me."

Child 2: "Everyone was shouting and it was very scary."

Let's commit to creating a safe and respectful environment for all, where conflicts are resolved peacefully and children feel secure."

Upcoming events in the summer term

- Jewish Passover - 22nd - 30th April
- Nursery Stay and Play - 29th April
- Slough Bid Competition Trip - 30th April
- Year 1 and 2 Parent Forum - 1st May
- Year 5 Eco Council Garden Centre trip - 3rd May
- May bank holiday - 6th May
- Year 5 Fire service visit - 7th May
- Year 6 Lion King trip - 8th May
- Year 6 SATS week - 13th - 16th May
- Auditions begin for the Year 6 play - W/C 20th May
- Year 4 Trip to Legoland - 20th May
- Literacy Specialist Day - 21st May
- MHST Coffee Morning - 21st May
- Year 1 Bekonscott Model Village Trip - 22nd May
- Priory Soiree - 22nd May
- May holiday - 27th - 31st May
- INSET - 3rd - 4th June. 3rd June wellbeing INSET, 4th June all staff in. MTC period (3 weeks) from 3rd June
- Start back - Wednesday 5th June
- Year 6 production rehearsals begin - 5th June
- Year 5 Burnham Grammar Science Afternoon - 7th June
- Year 5 Tate Modern Trip - 10th June
- Parent meeting Little Canada - 10th June
- Year 2 Beale Park Trip - 12th June
- Phonics screening week - 10th - 14th June
- Father's Day - 16th June
- Lunchtime Concert - 17th June
- Lunchtime Concert - 19th June
- Lunchtime Concert - 20th June
- Year 5 Burnham Grammar Science Afternoon - 21st June

- Dress rehearsal, cast 1 - 21st June
 - Summer Music Festival Hexagon Reading - 24th June
 - Learning Together Mornings - W/C 24th June
 - Performance to parents - 25th June, 7pm
 - Dress rehearsal, cast 2 - 26th June
 - Performance to parents - 27th June, 7pm
 - Year 6 Transition Workshops - 2nd July
 - MHST Coffee Morning - 3rd July
 - Plastic free July - 3rd July
 - Year 6 Summer fayre - 5th July
 - Burnham Grammar Science Afternoon - 5th July
 - Literacy Specialist Day - 9th July
 - Year 6 Transition Workshops- 9th July
 - Year 5 BGS - 10th July
 - Little Canada - 12th July
 - Arts week - W/C 15th July
 - Sports day - 17th July
 - Nursery and Orchard sports day - 18th July
 - Year 6 Graduation - 23rd July PM
 - Reception Graduation - 24th July AM
 - Choir trip summer music festival - 24th July
 - Nursery final day - 24th July
 - Final celebration assembly - 25th July - End of term.
- Whole school to attend Guard of Honour. Year 6 finish at 11:30am. Once they have gone, rest of school go back into class to be dismissed by 12pm.

Attendance

Weekly attendance percentages W/C 22nd
April:

Whole School - 96%

Year 1 - 96%

Year 2 - 89%

Year 3 - 95%

Year 4 - 91%

Year 5 - 86%

Year 6 - 92%



Congratulations to 1Donaldson with 97%
The highest attendance this week!

Important dates:

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

[Click here](#) to see term dates for 2023-2024

Leaflets and letters:

Please [click here](#) to go to our leaflets page on the website and choose external providers

Signs of the week:

Earth Day

https://youtu.be/tZO-0_SmG_c

Peek at the week:

Please follow the link for this week's

<https://www.prioryschool.co.uk/peek-at-the-week-1/>

SSSPAN Dance Festival

On the 22nd and the 23rd of April, students from Year 5 and 6 participated at the SSSPAN Dance Festival. The theme of the event was "Live Together, Play Together", and included a wide range of Primary and Secondary schools from all over Slough. Priory's showcase incorporated elements of music from countries such as Japan and Brazil, and utilised dance styles including Breakdance, Ballet and Cheerleading! It was performed in front of parents and various figures from the local area, including the Mayor. The children were supremely confident throughout both days, and should be incredibly proud of themselves for what they have achieved! Well done to Year 5 and 6, and we are definitely ready to showcase our talents at the next dance event!



Road Safety Workshops

Year 1 and 2 pupils took part in a road safety workshop last week. The children learnt the importance of stop, look, listen and think and acted out how to stay safe by the roadside.



Summer Lunchtime Concert Dates

Our summer instrumental lunchtime concerts are scheduled to take place as follows, for those children who have small group and individual music lessons at school. Please put them in your diary if your child is involved, noting that the drum concert has an earlier start time of 11:30am. A further reminder will be sent to those involved nearer the time, and we look forward to seeing you there.

12pm on Monday 17th June : Mr Lazenbury's violin / piano / clarinet students

12pm on Wednesday 19th June : Mr Keen's piano / keyboard / flute students

11:30am on Thursday 20th June : Mr Clements' drum students

12pm on Thursday 20th June: Mrs Sumner's guitar students

New House Captains

Well done to the Year 6 children chosen to represent their school houses as House Captains for the summer term.



Rowan



Maple



Hornbeam



Holly



Cedar

Orchard News

This week in Literacy, Apples, Plums and Cherries have been looking at features of the main character in our topic book as well as features of different occupations, such as uniforms. We have also been reading fun facts about different types of occupations.



This week in Maths, Apples and Plums have been exploring doubling and position.

In cherries this week, they have been solving division problems, dividing/sharing numbers into 2s.



Our Afternoon Learning

In PHSE our new topic is 'Relationships', this we have been talking about what makes a good friend and how they make us feel. We made 'Friendship Potions' using ingredients that make a good friend.

In science, we have been exploring our senses, smell, hearing, touch, sight and taste.

In art, we have continued to look at the artist 'Damien Hirst'. This week we made faces using his dotting style.

This week we celebrated 'Earth Day', looking at ways we can protect the Earth by recycling.



Important Dates/Information

Plums Class: swimming on Thursday

This week all children will be making a superhero cape in DT:
CALLING SUPER DADS/ GRANDADS!

If you have any unwanted t shirts could you please send them into school!



**Wednesdays, 13th March; 17th April; 8th May;
12th June; 3rd July 2024**

Community Parent/Carer Support Group, Slough

A support group for family members who have children/young people with additional needs living within Slough.

A safe and supportive space for sharing experiences and gaining support with the unique challenges faced by families of children with additional needs.

Each session will include an hours topic around being a parent of a child with additional needs. The remainder of the session will be for discussion of the topic and social support time.

March Topic; Exploring self care

DATE & TIME

Monthly- See above dates
10-12pm

VENUE

Farnham Common Village Hall
Victoria road Farnham Common,
Slough SL2 3NL

COST

FREE
(Refreshments provided)

FURTHER INFORMATION

Charlie Taylor
07831409731
charlie@parentingspecialchildren.co.uk

Children welcome under parent supervision



PLAYERS WANTED (3 or 4)

Taplow United u9s (current Year 4) are looking to strengthen their squads for the 2024/25 with experienced players looking for change.

We currently have two teams playing in TVFDL on Sunday. Training every Saturday morning @ Braywick Maidenhead.

For more info contact: Stuart Godbolt
Email: stuart_godbolt@tiscali.co.uk



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GEMS

Autism & ADHD Support Service
East Berkshire



Bear cubs



Ages 5 to 10

First and third Friday of
the month - 4pm to 5pm

April 5th - Animal Fun Facts Quiz - Online

April 19th - Yoga and Mindfulness - Slough

May 3rd - Arts and Craft - Bracknell

May 17th - Mini Golf - Maidenhead

June 7th - Nature Hunt - Bracknell

June 21st - Story time - Create your own - Online

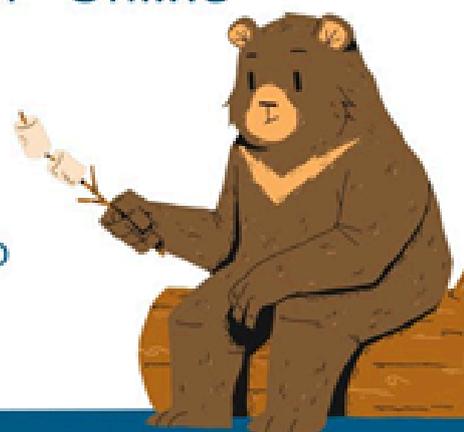
**Please note activities may be subject to change*

Registration:

Gems.4Health@nhs.net
0800 999 1342

Criteria:

Children with or likely to have ADHD
and/or autism and living in East
Berkshire



For more information:

Call 0800 999 1342 or visit www.Gems4Health.co.uk



Supporting your Child with School Transitions

21st May 9.00am-11.30am

Priory School

**Whole School, for all
ages.**



Does your child feel anxious about change?

Would you like to understand how you could support your child more with this?

Please join the CAMHS Mental Health Support Team for a coffee morning at school to think about how we can help you support your child with anxious thoughts around general school transitions. This coffee morning session's focus will be based on transitions within Primary School.

Another coffee morning will be presented specifically for Year 6 at a later date.



Supporting your Child with Secondary School Transitions

3rd July 9.00am-11.30am

Priory School

**Whole School, for all
ages.**

Does your child feel anxious about moving onto Secondary School?

Would you like to understand how you could support your child more with this?

Please join the CAMHS Mental Health Support Team for a coffee morning at school to think about how we can help you support your child with anxious thoughts around general school transitions. This coffee morning session's focus will be based on the transition from Primary School to Secondary School.

