



Headteacher's News

Good afternoon all,



This week at Priory

Welcome back and Happy New Year. I hope everyone had a good break and a chance for some respite and family time.

This week I have read some beautiful poems from some of our Year 6 pupils. Mr Philpott has been working on a project with teachers from different countries to create an e-magazine and his advanced writing club have been creating poems around this theme. They are so lovely and moving that I don't want to share them all in one go. I will add a new poem each week to prolong the joy of them.

Upcoming events

Monday 15th January - Martin Luther King Day,

Friday 19th January - World religion day/ Multi cultural Day

On Sunday 21st January it is World Religion Day and to honour this interfaith day we invite our school community to wear the traditional national dress of their heritage or a heritage of their choice on Friday 19th January.

It will essentially be a non-school uniform day so if you are unable to source traditional national dress please do wear a colour that represents the heritage you have chosen.

World religion day is an opportunity for us to remember the need for harmony and understanding between religions and faiths. There are approximately 4,200 religions around the world! The children will have the opportunity to engage with a range of religions to celebrate the differences and commonalities that our community shares.

Week beginning 22nd January - learning together week - During this week, we will invite into school the next 10 parents on the register for each class. The times and days will be sent out to parents as soon as possible.

Week beginning 30th January - National story telling week

Wednesday 31st January - Parent forum- years 3 and 4

Other events coming up:

World Book day - 8th March

Stem week - 11th March

Ramadan - 18th March

Colour Run/Holi - 25th March



School Priorities

A new year so a reminder of our school priorities this year:

Quality of education

We must continue to focus on improving outcomes for pupils at each key stage through the delivery of a strong curriculum and good teaching.

We will build on the principles of our approaches to reading and writing so that all children make sufficient progress to enable them to access the whole curriculum meaningfully

To ensure a strong start for our youngest pupils through the delivery of a strong curriculum, targeted teaching and an inclusive environment.

Behaviour and attitudes

We continue to build on good behaviour principles through implementing our updated behaviour policy to ensure all groups of children can access their learning.

The school will ensure that policy and processes are relentlessly followed to tackle poor attendance and reduce persistent absence.

Personal Development

To ensure the positive representation of our school community

Leadership and management

To have robust systems in place to enable staff to work effectively and efficiently in a positive and safe environment for all stakeholders.

When Will the World be a Better Place?

I stare at the oceans and I see the fish,
I look in the distance and I have one wish,
To make our world a better place,
Cannot wait - I must make haste,
For my family is not safe,
Until the world is a better place.

The coral reefs dying and the icebergs are melting,
Bottles in the oceans and acid rain is pelting,
We are all running out of time!
Cannot wait - I must make haste,
For my family is not safe,
Until the world is a better place,
Until OUR world is a better place.

By Ananya Bhanot



Weekly attendance percentages: w/c 1st January 2024

Whole school - 89%

Year 1 - 89%

Year 2 - 85%

Year 3 - 91%

Year 4 - 95%

Year 5 - 86%

Year 6 - 91%

Congratulations to Cherry Class with 100% the highest attendance this week!

Congratulations!



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:



Sign of the Week

Happy New Year

<https://youtu.be/nhjMf1TdpFI>



Peek at the Week

Please follow link for this week's
<://www.prioryschool.co.uk/peek-at-the-week-1/>

SEN Resources

ACCESS THE SENSORY PROCESSING WORKSHOP ONLINE - BOOK A PLACE NO REFERRAL NEEDED

[Occupational Therapy | Children Young People and Families Online Resource](#)
(berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk)

ACCESS FREE RESOURCES AND HELP FOR SENSORY, FINE AND GROSS MOTOR SKILLS

[Health and Development | Children Young People and Families Online Resource](#)
(berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk)



Year 5 Space Themed Escape Room

Year 5 kicked off our maths this year with a Space-themed Escape Room to recap fractions.





MEASLES ALERT EMAIL SENT TO PRIMARY AND SECONDARY CARE IN SOUTH EAST REGION 04/01/2024

Dear Primary and Secondary care colleagues

We wrote to you in June 2023 about a potential increase in Measles cases and actions that should be put in place to recognise and notify suspected cases, and to ensure staff are suitably protected against measles infection.

We are now wanting to alert you about a **significant outbreak of Measles in the West Midlands** where there is **evidence of established community transmission**, along with an increase in confirmed measles cases in the London area.

We have not, as yet, had any confirmed Measles cases in the South East, and therefore currently rashes are more than likely to be for other reasons.

However, with mixing of family and friends during the recent holiday period, **we may now start to see confirmed cases of measles occurring in the SE Region** and therefore it is **important to consider a Measles diagnosis, especially if someone has had recent links to this area.**

We would just like to remind you of the following 4 key points:

PATIENTS WITH A RASH AND FEVER SHOULD BE ISOLATED

YOUR DEPARTMENT OR PRACTICE WILL NEED TO UNDERTAKE A LOOK BACK FOR ANY MEASLES EXPOSURES

NOTIFY YOUR HEALTH PROTECTION TEAM OF ANY SUSPECTED MEASLES CASES ON CLINICAL DIAGNOSIS

ENSURE ALL STAFF HAVE IMMUNITY TO MEASLES (i.e., 2X MMR OR HAVE POSITIVE ANTIBODY TESTS FOR MEASLES AND RUBELLA)

NON-IMMUNE STAFF WILL NEED TO BE EXCLUDED FROM WORK FOR 21 DAYS FOLLOWING EXPOSURE TO A CONFIRMED MEASLES CASE

ENSURE YOU ENCOURAGE PATIENTS TO HAVE THEIR MMR VACCINE

Please also see this summary poster with important information for staff awareness



GEMS

Autism & ADHD Support Service
East Berkshire



Bear cubs



Ages 5 to 10

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

January 5th - Design your own superhero - Online

January 19th - Bingo - Bracknell - St Margaret
Clitherow RC Primary School

February 2nd - Crafting - Slough

February 16th - Big on Bouncing - Slough

March 1st - Sports Day - Maidenhead - Woodlands
Park Primary School

March 15th - Easter Biscuit Decorating -
Heathfield School - Ascot

**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



Woodlands News

Happy New Year from everyone in Woodlands Badgers and Woodlands Owls. This week in the Woodlands we have enjoyed being back at school and have started working on our new topics. In Woodlands Badgers we are going to be exploring transport. We've started reading 'We all go travelling by' and we've also been singing the song too, which we love. In Woodlands Owls we have been very busy getting to know all the books we are reading. Reception are reading a fun book called First Day At Bug School, at we've been chatting about our favourite subjects. In KS1 we are exploring different types of transport by reading You Can't Take an Elephant On A Bus. It's a very silly book and we've really enjoyed it.

Have a good weekend.



Wednesdays, 10th Jan; 7th Feb; 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.

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



Concerned about a child's communication skills?



Berkshire Healthcare
NHS Foundation Trust

How can I help my child
learn more words?

How can I help them
listen to me?

How can I help them
play with me?

Am I doing this right?



**Call our Enquiries Line to get advice from
a Speech and Language Therapist:**

0118 904 3700

Lines are open Tuesdays and Thursdays 9am - 3.30pm.

Available for parents/carers of children aged 0-5 years with a Berkshire GP.



Extended Care Provision



Just a reminder that the new Extended Care provision is now in operation. The company is called In-to-Care, if you want further information please [Click Here](#)