



Headteacher's News

Good afternoon all,

Welcome back everyone! I hope you have all had a lovely half term – the weather was a real treat too.

This week at Priory

It has been a great week with lots going on. Year 6 are fully immersed into their production practice and I have to say it is sounding awesome. I actually can't wait for it. Tickets will be going on sale very soon so please look out for them.

Year 4 have been doing their multiplication tests and next week Year 1 will be doing their phonics screening. It really is all go. This week we held our year 3 coffee morning. I hope to do this for all year groups next year, we seem to be running out of weeks too quickly to get all year groups done this academic year. I wanted to try them with a couple of key year groups to see how useful they were and actually I find them really helpful to gain a good understanding and insight into the things that work well and what needs a little more thinking about for each year group. Next year I will allocate term 1 and 6 to the parent forum and then terms 2,3 and 4 to ensuring each year group has a mini forum.

In our year 3 parent forum we discussed many things but one thing that I thought would be useful to share was the information about homework that we discussed today. Firstly, it would appear that a number of families either don't know about the various online platforms we use for homework or can't log in. these platforms cost the school a fair amount so we really want them used so that we continue to subscribe to them. If you don't have a log in or you cannot log in please email you child's year group and they will issue you with a login or report the problem on your behalf. We use the e Collins reading platform for KS1 and children reading phonic books, Times Table Rockstars and Doodlemaths.

We also talked about where to find additional work to support children's maths work. We use the White Rose mastery approach and follow their unit plans. Twinkl have all the units and associated work sheets but you can also access them directly from the website.

There is still a comparatively small number of parents coming to the parent coffee mornings so I do hope that next year we can get a few more. Even if you can't come to the forum, do ask a question and I will send out some minutes from the forum with our discussion and responses to the questions.

Heat wave alert!

So I have had a heat wave alert for the weekend drop in my inbox! It said that we are likely to have temperatures in the 30 degrees I have checked today for Slough and Saturday might get to 28 degrees. Which is still very hot and it is particularly important to be aware of the effects of heat on children.



This is the advice they have sent (the advice is directed at schools, however, the information is still useful for parents):

Children's susceptibility to high temperatures varies; those under 4 years of age, who are overweight, or who are taking certain medication may be at increased risk of adverse effects. Some children with disabilities or complex health needs may be more susceptible to high temperatures. The school nurse, community health practitioner, family health visitor or the child's specialist health professional may be able to advise on the particular needs of the individual child. Support staff should be made aware of the risks and how to manage them.

Further information about supporting children with medical condition can be found at the Department for Education website.

Health risks from heat

Children cannot control their body temperature as efficiently as adults during hot weather because they do not sweat as much and so can be at risk of ill-health from heat. Heat-related illness can range from mild heat stress to potentially life-threatening heatstroke. The main risk from heat is dehydration (not having enough water in the body). If sensible precautions are taken children are unlikely to be adversely affected by hot conditions, however, teachers, assistants, school nurses and all child carers should look out for signs of heat stress, heat exhaustion and heatstroke.

Heat stress

Children suffering from heat stress may seem out of character or show signs of discomfort and irritability (including those listed below for heat exhaustion). These signs will worsen with physical activity and if left untreated can lead to heat exhaustion or heatstroke.

Heat exhaustion

Symptoms of heat exhaustion vary but include one or more of the following:

- tiredness
- dizziness
- headache
- nausea
- vomiting
- excessive sweating and pale, clammy skin
- confusion

Heatstroke

When the body is exposed to very high temperatures, the mechanism that controls body temperature may stop working. Heatstroke can develop if heat stress or heat exhaustion is left untreated, but it can also occur suddenly and without warning.



Symptoms of heatstroke may include:

- high body temperature – a temperature of or above 40°C is a major sign of heatstroke
- red, hot skin and sweating that then suddenly stops
- fast heartbeat
- fast shallow breathing
- confusion or lack of co-ordination
- fits
- loss of consciousness

Actions to protect children suffering from heat illness

The following steps to reduce body temperature should be taken immediately:

1. Move the child to as cool a room as possible and encourage them to drink cool water (such as water from a cold tap).
2. Cool the child as rapidly as possible, using whatever methods you can. For example, sponge or spray the child with cool (25 to 30°C) water – if available, place cold packs around the neck and armpits, or wrap the child in a cool, wet sheet and assist cooling with a fan.
3. Dial 999 to request an ambulance if the person doesn't respond to the above treatment within 30 minutes.

If a child loses consciousness, or has a fit, place the child in the recovery position, call 999 immediately and follow the steps above until medical assistance arrives.

Protecting children outdoors

During periods of high temperature, the following steps should be taken:

1. children should not take part in vigorous physical activity on very hot days, such as when temperatures are in excess of 30°C
2. encourage children playing outdoors to stay in the shade as much as possible
3. children should wear loose, light-coloured clothing to help keep cool and sunhats with wide brims to avoid sunburn
4. apply sunblock, or broad-band sunscreens with high sun protection factors (at least SPF15) to protect skin if children are playing or taking lessons outdoors for more than 20 minutes – apply generously and reapply frequently, especially after activities that remove them, such as swimming or towelling
5. provide children with plenty of water (such as water from a cold tap) and encourage them to drink more than usual when conditions are hot

Protecting children indoors

During periods of high temperature, the following steps should be taken:

- open windows as early as possible in the morning before children arrive, or preferably overnight to allow stored heat to escape from the building – it is important to check insurance conditions and the need for security if windows are to be left open overnight



- use outdoor sun awnings if available, or close indoor blinds or curtains, but do not let them block window ventilation
- keep the use of electric lighting to a minimum
- switch off all electrical equipment, including computers, monitors and printers when not in use – equipment should not be left in 'standby mode' as this generates heat
- if possible, use those classrooms or other spaces which are less likely to overheat, and adjust the layout of teaching spaces to avoid direct sunlight on children
- oscillating mechanical fans can be used to increase air movement if temperatures are below 35°C – at temperatures above 35°C fans may not prevent heat-related illness and may worsen dehydration
- if necessary, consider rearranging school start, finish, and play times to avoid teaching during very hot conditions
- encourage children to eat normally and drink plenty of cool water

Upcoming events

Yr 6 production rehearsals - Week beginning 5th June

Phonics screening week – 6th June

MTC period (3 weeks) from 6th June

Dress rehearsal, cast 1 - 19th June

Performance to parents - 20th June at 7pm

Dress rehearsal cast 2 - 21st June

Performance to parents- 22nd June at 7pm

Sports week - 26th June (Nursery and Orchard Friday 23rd June)

Yr 6 Transition – 4th July

Yr 6 summer fayre - Friday 7th July

Little Canada - 14-17th July

Rehearsals for Y6 Graduation - 18/19th July

Reception graduation - 19th July

Yr 6 graduation - 20th July

Yr 6 guard of honor – 21st July

End of term- Friday 21st July

Priory School Jubilee – we are going to celebrate the school's opening on **Friday 8th September.**

The school will have been open for 70 Years!



Important Notices

Please can we remind everyone that Bikes and Scooter are **NOT** to be ridden anywhere on the school site. We had an incident this week where a child was knocked over.



Year 6 P.E. Reminder

Please remember that Year 6 P.E. will be on Tuesday and Wednesday next week because of the Lion King Rehearsals.

Warmer Summer Weather

Further to the Headteacher's news above can we just remind all Parents / Carers that As we are now enjoying the warmer summer weather please can I remind you to ensure that children have long lasting sun protection cream applied in the morning before they come to school. They should also bring a sun hat for wearing when outside at break and lunchtimes. Most importantly, please ensure that your child brings a water bottle to school each day.

Urgent reminder: re Glass Bottles and Fizzy Drinks

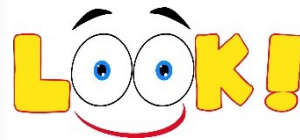
Please can you please ensure your children **do not** bring in glass bottles (including refillable water bottles) or fizzy/energy drinks.





Important Dates:

[Click here](#) to link to the school calendar
[Click here](#) to see term dates for 2022-2023



Leaflets and Letters

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

- Parenting Special Children Slough Community Support Group
- Homestart Local Playgroups
- Family Wellness
- PBS Family Courses



Sign of the Week No sign this week



Peek at the Week

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

Year 7 entry in September 2024.

The registration for the 11+ exams are open via Slough Consortium and Buckinghamshire Council. This is for the Year 7 entry in September 2024.

Please click link below which will take you to the Slough Consortium website for Slough Grammar Schools. Registration closes on Monday 12th June 2023 at 10.00am

<https://slough.applica.com/entry2024>

Please click the link below which will take you to the Buckinghamshire Council website for Buckinghamshire Grammar Schools. Registration is up to Friday 16th June 2023.

<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools-index/school-admissions/grammar-schools-and-transfer-testing-11/>

Please note: we do not register children for their 11+ exam, this is the responsibility of parents should you wish them to take the exam.



New 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](#)

Weekly Attendance Percentages: 22nd–25th May 2023

Whole school - 93%

Year 1 - 94%

Year 2 - 94%

Year 3 - 95%

Year 4 - 94%

Year 5 - 95%

Year 6 - 92%

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

Congratulations!



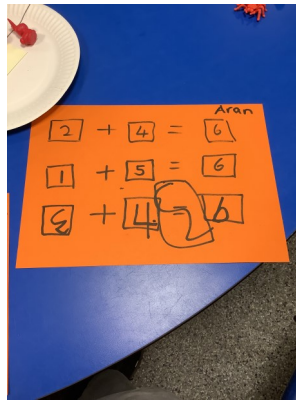
Orchard News

This week in the Orchard, the children have begun their new topic for this term, Under the Sea!

The term our topic book is Sharing a Shell (story can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aQ6SvbrEhvl>). It is about a story a crab who has lost his shell, and nobody wants to share one with him. He goes through the story finding a shell and meets some friends along the way who support him in his quest. It is a story about friendship and sharing.

During English this week, the children have been learning the key words linked to the topic and Sharing a Shell book. They have been participating in activities that support their phonics, matching skills and letter formation.

In Maths, the children have been revisiting strategies they have previously explored last term. They have been developing their one-to-one correspondence skills and continuing exploring the concept of addition.



P.E. News

It has been a while since we had some PE news. Below are the finalised dates for this year's sports days.

Friday 23 rd June-	Nursery AM	(9:15am-10.00am)
	Orchard	(10:30am-11:30am)
	Nursery PM	(1:00pm-1:30pm)
Monday 26 th June-	Year 6	(1:00pm-3:00pm)
Tuesday 27 th June-	Year 1	(9:00am-11:00am)
	Year 2	(1:00pm-3:00pm)
Wednesday 28 th June-	Year 3	(9:00am-11:00am)
	Year 4	(1:00pm -3:00pm)
Thursday 29 th June-	Reception	(9:00am-11:00am)
	Year 5	(1:00pm-3:00pm)

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Please join us from 9.00 – 10.00am on Wednesday 14th June for our monthly coffee morning!

Meet Priory Friends, staff and this month we will be joined by In2Care, our extended care providers for breakfast and after school club

Our last coffee morning for this academic year will be on Wednesday 12th July



Priory Coffee Morning!

Coffee, Tea & Biscuits

Wednesday 14th June 2023

9.00am–10.00am



Come join us after the school drop off for a cuppa and to meet Priory Friends, members of Priory Staff & staff from In2Care, our extended care providers!

Coffee mornings will also include a pre loved uniform sale



Pupil Achievements

Natalie Farhat

Well done to Natalie Farhat in 3Moore she has earned herself a Golden Ticket this week. This was awarded to her as she always offers help to other children that are sad or distressed in the classroom.

She is always thinking of how to help others!



Lucas Tsang

Our very own Lucas Tsang performed at St Mary's Church on Tuesday evening as part of Slough Music Service recital. Lucas performed a solo piano piece "Allegro" (first movement from Sonatina in C, Op. 20, No. 1) by Kuhlau.

His performance was very well received by the audience. Well done Lucas.

Distinction in Drumming

The Priory Staff would like to congratulate Lotan Dowdican (6 Darwin) on the results of his drumming exam. Lotan has been learning to play the drums at Priory and completed his first exam 2 weeks ago. He has worked incredibly hard to learn different pieces of music and had to perform these at Norden Farm.

Lotan achieved a distinction in his exam, which is the highest score that you can get! We are enormously proud of him and, if you would like to hear his talents, he is performing as a drummer in Year 6's production of *The Lion King*.

Wheelbarrow Competition

Priory are entering 3 wheelbarrows in the School Wheelbarrow Competition hosted by Slough Bid!

They will be on display in Slough Square between 14th - 18th June and judging will take place on 15th June at 4.30pm!

Please pop down and support Priory School!! Take a selfie with the wheelbarrow and tag us!

#teampriory





Summer Reading Challenge 2023 – Ready, Set, Read!



The Reading Agency has teamed up with the Youth Sport Trust for a challenge celebrating play and participation. This year's theme will encourage children to engage in reading, games and sport and keep their minds and bodies active over the summer.

Children aged 4 and over can complete the challenge by enjoying six books over the summer, collecting stickers and rewards along the way. Those that finish will be awarded a medal and certificate to mark their achievement. The challenge presents reading as a fun and enjoyable activity and encourages children to become lifelong book lovers. It helps prevent the trend for reading skills to dip over the summer holidays, and enhances and supports the school's reading initiatives. The fun rewards motivate the children to progress through the challenge and it is inclusive to children of all abilities as they can choose any library books that appeal to them to count towards the challenge.

Slough Libraries will be launching the challenge on Tuesday 4th July. It's free to take part - children just need to be library members. It's quick and easy to join.

The challenge will end on 16th September, so children have plenty of time to complete.

The resource pack is on our website.

Schools can access a range of materials and activities to support you to encourage your pupils to participate, including posters, newsletter copy and assemblies.



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The winner will receive a £30 Amazon voucher, sponsored by Special Voices.



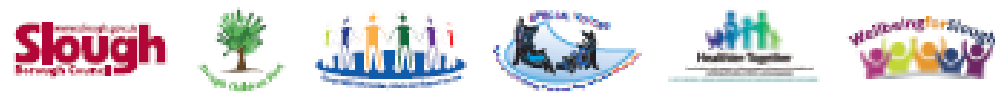
The SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) Local Offer is a website where children and young people with SEND, and their families can find information to help them get the right help and support.

Please send your Local Offer logo design to FIS@slough.gov.uk by 16 June.

The winning image will be used on the SEND Local Offer website and any promotional material. The competition is open to all year groups.

Any questions please email FIS@slough.gov.uk or call 01753 476589.

Find more information on the Local Offer, what's on it, and how it helps families at www.sloughfamilyservices.org.uk/localoffer.





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Covering a range of topics, our 'learn more' animations can be viewed at your own leisure and frequency once you have requested your link.

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- Autism & Communication
- Autism & Sensory Difficulties
- Autism & Anxiety
- Autism & Navigating Services
- Autism & Practical Budgeting Skills
- What is ADHD?
- Managing ADHD
- ADHD: From Diagnosis to Management



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- For parents and carers: Free workshops, courses & a series of animated learnings.
- For children aged 5 & over, young adults and the over 25's: a schedule of social group sessions.
- Signposting to local & national services.



Priory Friends News



Priory Friends on Facebook

www.facebook.com/prioryfriends



We would desperately like to encourage new members. We are looking to the future. If we don't start getting parents involved to create the ongoing success that we have had over the years in raising money for the school, then sadly it's not looking good. Fresh people bring fresh ideas, which would be great!

School Uniform

Please find attached a £5 off voucher when spending £35.00 or more online only on our website:



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