



### Headteacher's News



#### This Week at Priory

A massive well done to Cherry class for winning first and second prize in the Ten pin bowling competition this week!

The WW2 afternoon tea was fantastic, such a lot of learning in just 6 weeks!

The stay and play session was really well attended and the children seemed to love the environment!

Thank you to everyone who attended parents evening, it all went very well and I think reinforces the importance of seeing parents in a face to face forum.

The Year 2s looked very proud of their participation medals, they certainly looked like they had a good time.



Year 6 have been really looking forward to Hogwarts day and look great in their outfits.

#### Next week

Have an amazing half term! I hope everyone enjoys a lovely rest. Don't forget the children are able to come to school in their Halloween costumes on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October.

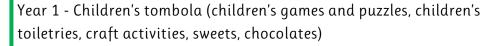


In return we are asking for donations for the school Christmas fayre.

Nursery – Tombola items (Gift type items – Christmas food, drink, biscuits, smellies, toiletries, wines and spirits, soft drinks)

Orchard – Children's tombola (children's games and puzzles, children's toiletries, craft activities, sweets, chocolates)

Reception - Tombola items (Gift type items - Christmas food, drink, biscuits, smellies, toiletries, wines and spirits, soft drinks)





Year 2 - Lucky dip (New Small Toys, Games, Books Craft Supplies/Fancy Pens/Stationery Pocket money Toys plus spare wrapping paper!)





Year 3 - Children's tombola (children's games and puzzles, children's toiletries, craft activities, sweets, chocolates)

Year 4 - Lucky dip (New Small Toys, Games, Books Craft Supplies/Fancy Pens/Stationery Pocket money Toys plus spare wrapping paper!)

Year 5 – Secret Santa stalls (Toiletries Candles Chocolates Other Gift type items Also Christmas wrapping paper!)

Year 6 - Tombola items (Gift type items - Christmas food, drink, biscuits, smellies, toiletries, wines and spirits, soft drinks)

#### Upcoming events

#### Poppies will be on sale after half term



Halloween - 31.10.23

As Halloween lands on Tuesday after the half term this year, we thought it would be nice to allow children to come to school in their Halloween costumes or non-uniform.

Priory Friends would like to use this as an opportunity to raise donations for our Christmas fayre so instead of the usual £1 donation we will be asking for a small donated item instead. We will send out more information nearer the time with the sort of donations we are looking for.

Priory Friends will also be holding a popcorn & sweet sale after school from 3.15pm – 4.00pm. This will be by gate 1.



Tuesday 31st October - Halloween Fancy Dress.

Tuesday 31st October - Priory Friends, Sweet and Popcorn sale 3.15pm - 4.00pm





#### **UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS**

Uniform is an important part of school life, it helps to build a sense a of community and belonging. Uniform can set the tone of the school and help raise standards of work ethic and behaviours in school. Uniform has many benefits including minimising the social pressures to wear what is in fashion. Our uniform should reflect the cultural and religious diversity of our school and should support our young people to grow up to be respectful of different religions and culture. Therefore, our uniform expectations are flexible, sensitive, and inclusive. We regularly review our uniform to ensure value for money, we provide appropriate alternatives to ensure parents can manage the cost of uniform.

Our uniform policy will not change significantly, it is important to send your child into school in full smart uniform. We have not set a deadline for all uniform to have the new logo and we will accept old uniform until it has phased out naturally.

Uniform with the logo is not essential. It is encouraged to have one jumper or cardigan with the school logo, but it is not required. However, if buying a plain top please ensure that there are no logos of any kind.

I do wish to impress on you that uniform will be monitored carefully, our policy is flexible and inclusive allowing everyone to access the uniform easily. We will be strict about uniform and will call home and expect you to bring to school appropriate uniform if necessary. We will pay particular attention to footwear and PE kits.

Children should wear plain black shoes or trainers only, even on PE days. No ankle boots or boots will be accepted. T-shirts, polo shirts, cardigans, jumpers that do not contain the school logo must be plain.

The uniform expectations from September are the following:

- Black trainers or shoes <u>no boots, heels, or sandals.</u>
- Grey or black trousers or shorts
- Grey or black skirts/ culottes, knee length.
- White or green shirts or blouses
- Grey school dress
- Green and white checked cotton dress
- White or green polo shirts with or without school logo
- Green jumpers or cardigans, either plain or with school logo.





- Plain white, green, grey, or black socks
- Grey, white, green, black tights.
- No Jewelleru
- No makeup, nail varnish, false nails or hair extensions.
- Long hair should be tied up.
- Religious headwear should be grey, green, black, or white.
- Leggings worn under school uniform must be white, black, or green.

PE Kit – it has been beneficial to families, pupils, and the school to wear kit to school on PE days, therefore, we will continue to ask children to wear PE kit on school days. However, PE kit must be smart and in line with the school uniform policy, expectations, and school colours.

- a white round neck t-shirt either completely plain or with school logo.
- Black sports jumper/hoody, plain or with school logo.
- black shorts, skirt or black tracksuit bottoms or leggings
- No jewellery/earings should be worn during PE/sport activities.

#### Iron on School Logo Badges

These are now available on ParentPay at a cost of £2.15 each, please make your purchase and then come to the school office with your ParentPay receipt to collect your badges.







#### **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:

- Gems Bear Cubs
- Gems Learn More Animation
- Oral Health Drop in Sessions
- Half-term Family Event at Windsor Great Park
- Antz Kids
- Hubby Bubble
- **NHS Courses**
- Bright Futures Start in Early Years
- National Sleep Helpline: We are here to help
- We Make Footballers



Sign of the Week

Sorry no sign this 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)





### **ECO Council News**

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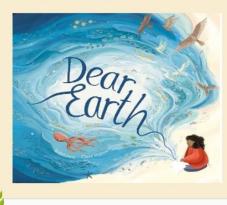


#### <u>Date</u> 20th October 2023



#### **Priory News**

During whole school assembly, we read the book "Dear Earth" by Isabel Otter. In the story, Tessa explores the natural wonders of our planet and what we can do to encourage everyone to protect it!



#### **World News**

We read about Stormy the Squirrel on BBC News. He was blown out of a tree and caught in some dangerous floodwaters - but luckily was rescued and nursed back to health!



#### **Elections**

Congratulations to the new Eco Council! We held our first Eco meeting this week and can't wait to get started.

#### Did you know...

We are entering hedgehog season! Keep an eye out for any, and if you have a garden try to make it hedgehog friendly with some leaf or log piles.







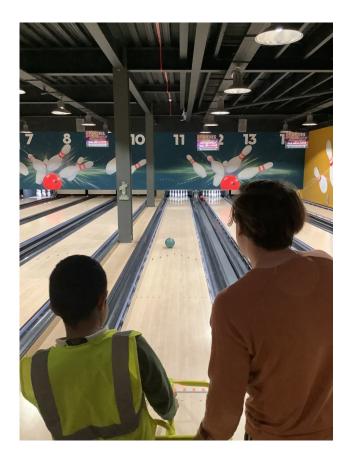






### Orchard News

This week in school, Cherry class had an invitation to compete in the Panathlon Ten Pin Bowling competition against other primary schools. We went to Super bowl in Wokingham and competed against 5 other Primary schools. The children tried their hardest and represented Priory School with flying colours. We came in first and second out of the 5 primary schools, bringing home gold and silver! A huge congratulations to the children!











### Year 2 Great Fire of London 1666

Year 2 have been studying the Great Fire of London and have had a visit from the Fire Brigade who brought one of their fire engines for the children to take a look at.

The children have been making models of buildings in Pudding Lane and on Tuesday (17th October) they recreated the Great Fire of London using these models. The Site Team were on hand to ensure everyone's safety and to extinguish the fire.











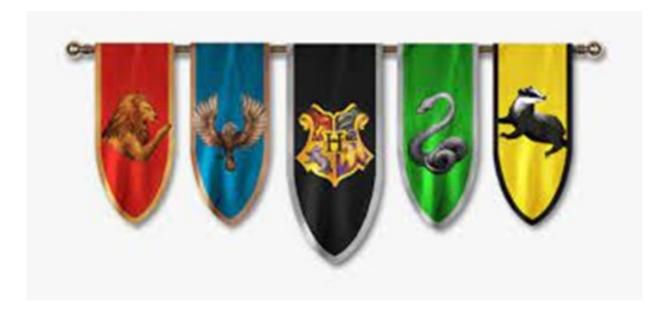




### Year 6 Hogwarts Day

Year 6 have been studying Harry Potter this term and today they had a really fun Hogwarts Day with lots of activities. More photographs will be in the next newsletter.









### Year 4 & 5 Orchestra Workshop and Performance

Today we had a visit from the Orpheus Sinfonia and Year 4 had a workshop in the morning and then in the afternoon, Year 4 & Year 5 were treated to a performance. The year 4 children had the opportunity to use the instrument they had created in the workshop. We will publish a full article and more photographs in the next newsletter.











### Christmas Card Designs

This year at Priory School all children are designing their Christmas cards which will be available to buy. This will be done in school before the end of term.

As well as Christmas cards you will also have the option to buy tea towels, calendars and more!

Please see attached letter from Xmas4schools.co.uk which will give you more information. £1.00 from the sale of each product will go straight back to the school/nursery or PTA!

More information on how to view your child/rens artwork and purchase options will be emailed to you in November

Kind regards

School Office



Dear Parents/Guardians

Don't miss the chance to have your child's artwork turned into beautiful Christmas cards, poster calendars, mugs, gift labels, or our fabulous waffle textured tea towels and help the school at the same time!

It's that time of year again and your child will either have already created their own special Christmas design at school/nursery, or will have brought the materials to do it home. This is a great opportunity to turn their creation into a range of professionally printed products, which you are able to purchase for family and friends this Christmas.

#### £1.00 from the sale of each product will go straight back to the school/nursery or PTA!



Please complete the form on the reverse of your child's artwork and return it to school by the date indicated. Once we have received your forms, we will send you an email and text message containing your order code and a link to our online ordering portal. Enter your order code to log in and complete your order and make payment.

Many thanks & we look forward to receiving your order.

Our very best wishes, The Xmas4Schools Team

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### **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!





### **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 <u>Click Here</u>