



## We LEARN with PRIDE

Priory Junior School, Priory Road, Gedling, Nottingham, NG4 3LE  
Head Teacher: Mr. J. Cross

### Newsletter – 8/11/24

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to a new half term! I hope you had a calm and restful half-term break and the children are ready to go again as we head towards Christmas! This is always a very busy term, so please keep an eye out for updates from the office and your child's class teacher for information.

#### Assessment Week

Next week is assessment week. This is the first official testing that will happen this academic year and will form the basis for some of the conversations your child's class teacher will have with you at Parents' Evening. It's nothing to worry about, though. It is a process that helps staff identify where they can support pupils in their learning and help them progress. Please ensure that your child is here every day next week, if possible

#### Parents' Evening

Week beginning the 18<sup>th</sup> November will be parents' evening. You should have already received the link this afternoon to book a slot with your child's class teacher, please use your child's name for booking. Parents' evening will take place on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday night, but if you cannot make it, please try and get in touch with your child's class teacher to arrange a different time. The system will be the same as last year. Parents are welcome to wait in the hall and enjoy a cup of tea, a biscuit, and a nose around at the work your child has been doing so far this term. When it is your appointment slot, someone will come to collect you to show you where to go.

#### School Uniform

Wearing school uniform is important. It shows that we belong to the same team; a team that values Peace, Respect, Independence, Determination and Equality. It shows that we belong to Priory Junior School. By wearing our uniform, it shows that we care about each other and we have each other's backs. Now we are through the first half term, please make sure your child is wearing the correct school uniform and dressing to impress. Basic information can be found in the *Priory Way: Expectations for Pupils* document or the *School Uniform Policy* on the school website.

**From this half term, children not wearing the correct school uniform will be provided with uniform at school to change in to. We appreciate that there may be odd occasions where children may not be in uniform due to exceptional circumstances. However, if children are not in the correct uniform on a regular basis, uniform will be provided. There will be strict policies regarding uniform at secondary schools, and we would like to support children in being KS3 ready as soon as possible.**

#### What *dressing to impress* looks like at Priory Junior School:

##### - Wearing the correct school uniform:

Navy blue sweatshirt/jumper or cardigan (no hoodies, grey skirt or grey pinafore dress or blue gingham dress, Grey or black school trousers, no leggings, sky blue polo shirt, sensible, black school shoes.

##### - Wearing the correct P.E. Kit: (P.E. Days only)

White t-shirt, Navy blue or black shorts, black/white trainers, navy blue/black tracksuit



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- **No trainers (unless it is P.E.)**
- **Shoelaces tied**
- **Shirts must be tucked in**
- **Shoulder length (or longer) hair tied back.**
- **Jewellery should only include stud earrings (these will be covered with plasters for P.E.) and a watch (this will be removed for P.E) OR jewellery due to a religious obligation (this must be covered)**

If you are having trouble with school uniform, please get in touch with school. We may have some spare/old uniform that we can provide to support getting all children into school and looking smart.

### Meet our marvellous middays!

Please meet Miss Teft, Mrs Ellis, Mrs Majid, Miss Robinson, Ms Wynn, Miss Alsworth, Mrs Cooke, and Mrs Hill and Miss V (not pictured).

Our midday team are incredible and one of the best around. We'd thought we'd share with you what makes them so special to us. Our number 1 reason is that they truly care for all children at Priory. They bring in resources for home, Mrs Ellis even made around 80 bean bags by hand, they think of new exciting games to play, they look after children's first aid, they help children solve friendship dilemmas and generally encourage children to be safe and have happy lunchtimes! We couldn't wish for a better group of people to work with at Priory.

### The children also want to pass on a message...

This week, some children thanked Mrs Ellis, our midday supervisor, for the amazing bean bags that she made by hand! She made 60+ for children to play with at lunchtimes. It took her a long time! These children said, "She always brings in her own things from home for us to play with or make things with". Thank you, Mrs Ellis.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support.

Many thanks,

Mr. Cross

