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Head Teacher: Mr. J. Cross

Newsletter – 22/11/24

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to everyone who attended Parents' Evening. It has been a pleasure to see so many of you and thank you to everyone who has managed to put up with me chatting to you in the hall! I hope that Parents' Evening has given you some insight into what the year has been like so far at Priory Junior School, and has given you a greater understanding of how to support your child's next steps.

Snow is (was) falling!

It was exciting to experience my first snow day as the headteacher at Priory Junior School... and a great excuse to get outside and have a bit of fun. Mrs. Tilling played photographer whilst we charged around throwing snowballs.



No one was safe... especially not the staff! We had a brilliant time and the children were a credit to the school behaving brilliantly, even though there were a few rogue snowballs that meant some of us got very, VERY soggy!

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Parent/Carer Feedback

Thank you to everyone who completed our online questionnaire/survey. It is really important for parents/carers to let us know how we're getting on and there has been lots of constructive feedback for me to consider and share with the staff and the governing body. On Friday 6th December, I will be holding an "honest coffee" morning where parents can book in to see me and share their thoughts on the first half term. This will be for discussions that are about the school as a whole, rather than individual children. It will be a really good opportunity for people to come and see me in person, and share their thoughts and vision for the future. I will send out a link at a later date so you can book a time, as you would for Parents' Evening.

Year 5 visit All Hallows Church



To support their local history topic, the children in Year 5 went to All Hallows Church. They learned about the timeline of the church and the different features inside. There were volunteers to help the children find out more about the church and its importance to the local area.

Year 5 also make some incredible artwork....

As well as going to the church, Year 5 have also created some amazing abstract artwork based on the text they have been learning about in English. They have created their own prints, and used them to make their own backgrounds, before adding images on top.



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Monitoring and improvement - reading

As you will know, Priory Junior School will be joining White Hills Park Trust in the near future. The CEO and CSO of the Trust have been in this week to speak to leaders, observe lessons and speak to pupils about their learning and find out more about what happens at Priory. The White Hills Team are really excited to be working with Priory and are looking forward to continuing to support us in moving forwards and with our school improvement. This week, the Trust were monitoring reading. Reading will be a big focus of our improvement plans moving forward and we will be getting in touch with parents to find out your views at some point this academic year. Research shows that reading is one of the biggest indicators for success and it is something that we are keen to develop and improve to support our pupils in making excellent progress. Please continue to support your child by reading with them regularly at home.

The Roving Bookshop

Talking of reading... Our book fair this year will be hosted by a different company, 'The Roving Bookshop', and will be in school for one full day only - **Tuesday 3rd December 2024**. All classes will be given a timetabled slot within the school day where they can visit, browse through over 3000 titles and purchase books directly from the book fair. Additionally, the book fair will be open to parents from 8:30 until 9:00am and again after school from 3:30 until 4:00pm.

Towards the end of next week, an envelope will be sent home for your child to bring money on the day. For each book sold, school will earn commission to purchase new books for our classrooms and libraries.

Thank you, as always, for your support. It means a great deal to us.

Have a fantastic weekend.

Mr. Cross



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New weekly fun class with Ms Lynas-Key

‘Theatre Kids’

★ Drama ★ Dance ★ Singing ★



First Session Free!

★ Songs from Musicals ★
★ Drama and acting games ★
★ Dance routines ★

Phoenix Infant and Nursery School

23rd & 30th November

From January, Saturday Mornings (Term Time Only)

10.00 - 11.00am

For all children in Yr 1 - 6

Normal price £5.00

To reserve your free taster session, email charissakey@gmail.com

Please include the following information below.

Name of child

Age

Contact Number