



We LEARN with PRIDE

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

Newsletter – 11/10/24

Dear Parents/Carers,

It's been another amazing week at Priory. The children in Year 6 have been showing me some brilliant work all about the Windrush generation as part of some of their work on Black History Month. The children in Year 3 have had the glockenspiels out and I now have the notes G and A lodged firmly in my head on a loop following their work on Bob Marley's Three Little Birds. There has also been some work on long division, binary code and semi-colons and other really complicated things. The children constantly astound me with their knowledge; they are working so, so hard as we reach the end of the first half term. Only one full week left!

We're open for business!



The Year 6 are absolutely buzzing to start their first shift in the shop next week. Children have been saving up their PRIDEs with the hope of buying something exciting. Each year group will have the opportunity to purchase something next week, if they've saved enough. Don't worry if you haven't got quite enough, yet. You can always bank your PRIDEs and spend them next half term!

The shop is one of things most associated by pupils with their time at Priory. Here's where it all started.

<https://www.nottinghampost.com/news/local-news/primary-school-teaching-value-money-2026038>

PINS Coffee Morning!

The PINS project aims to bring together health and education specialists and expert parents/carers to better identify and meet the needs of neurodiverse children. The coffee morning will be a chance for parent carers to share their voice about things which are successful and ideas to improve provision for children.

**Parent/Carer
Coffee and Chat**

Does your child have difficulties at school, at home or in the community?

Would you like to talk, voice the challenges, share ideas, and help to improve things for you and your child?

When: Friday 18th Oct, 1.30pm - 3pm
Where: Priory Junior School

Project for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools [PINS]

For further information please contact: enquiries@nottpcf.org

This project is independent of schools, or the educational dept of Nottinghamshire County Council. It is funded by Health and is being run by Nottinghamshire Parent Carer Forum - an independent charity run by and for parent carers.



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Celebration Assemblies

It has been a privilege to present certificates to children in all classes as part of our Celebration Assemblies this week. It has also been fantastic to welcome parents into school and have a cuppa, a biscuit and a chat. Having the opportunity to celebrate children that live our our Priory Values is so important to us. Knowing that our values of Peace, Respect, Independence, Determination and Equality run through each of our children is the most important part of their education at our school. It sets them up for the future to be strong, independent, life-long learners. This half term's winner should be incredibly proud.



A New Defibrillator

School has now installed a defibrillator at the front of the Main Entrance. Defibrillators are devices that apply an electric charge or current to the heart to restore a normal heartbeat. If the heart rhythm stops due to cardiac arrest, also known as sudden cardiac arrest (SCA), a defibrillator may help it start beating again. The defibrillator is accessible to members of the community. Hopefully, it won't get much use, but it is important for families to know where it is.



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 term, please make sure your child is wearing the correct school uniform and dressing to impress. Information can be found in the *Priory Way: Expectations for Pupils* document on the school website and below:

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, Trainers, Navy blue/black tracksuit, P.E. bag.



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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.

Parent Governors/PTA

It is really important that the parent/carer community has its voice heard as part of the school's governance and accountability structure. It is also really important that we hear how things are for parents/carers, and how we can look to improve as a school. If you are interested in becoming a parent governor, please email the office to express your interest. The same is true of the PTA. It is important that we work as a community to raise awareness for important causes and raise money to make a difference in the place where we live. If you're interested in joining our School PTA, please get in touch via the office to express your interest.

CCLG – Sponsored Run and Fundraising

We are now at over £3,896! Thank you so much for your hard work in supporting a member of our school family. Your generosity is incredible and the time and effort you have given to this is unbelievable.

House Captains

The speeches have been rousing, the pitches been made, and the votes have been cast. Year 6 were amazing in their house assemblies, they did a fantastic job of explaining why they would make amazing House Captains. House Captains will be named next Wednesday in assembly and will also be communicated in next week's newsletter.

Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening will take place on Tuesday 19th November, Wednesday 20th November and Thursday 21st November. Further communication will be provided for Parents' Evening, but these are the dates so you can put them in your diary.

As always, thank you for your support. Please get in touch with us to let us know what's working really well and keep us posted on anything you think we should know about or get on board with.

Many thanks,

Mr. Jack Cross