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It has been a real pleasure working with our community to continue to move the school forward. To further develop this, we will be holding some coffee mornings so you can come along for a drink and an informal chat. The date for lower school (Years 3 and 4 families) is Thursday 14th March and for upper school (Years 5 and 6) Thursday 21st March from 9.15am.

Questions? Queries? Positive news? Great feedback? Let us know!

Catch Mrs Harper or Miss Edwards in the playground, pop into school, put a message on Seesaw, or have a chat to a member of staff before or after school. We really value the positive lines of communication we have with our families and welcome all feedback and will always try to help if you have a question!

Worries? Support needed? Chat to your child's class teacher or Mrs Harper so we can signpost you to support. We employ our own Family Support Worker – Rachel Jefferson who can also offer vital support at times of need.

The Spring Term parents' meetings take on the 28th and 29th February and due to the success of running them in classrooms we will do this again. Last time the focus was on how the children had settled in, this term the focus will be on their progress and next steps.



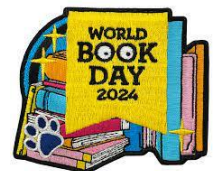
Parents Evening



To support our families knowing what learning is taking place we have published curriculum maps on Seesaw so take a look - we hope these are useful in giving you an overview of the term's learning.

COMING SOON

This year World Book Day will take place on Thursday 7th March with a focus on reading for pleasure. On this day we are inviting the children and staff to dress up as their favourite book character. Dressing up can be a way to encourage children (particularly reluctant readers) to engage with reading, to swap reading recommendations and to celebrate what children are reading at home. The idea is to have a bit of fun and we don't want anyone having to buy anything new or expensive for the event, be as creative as you can using items already in your home. If your child does not want to dress up they can bring along their favourite book and wear the clothes they feel comfiest reading in- eg their pj's! ake a look at the ideas below. We really looking forward to the week and will give further details closer to the event.





Dressing Up Ideas for Parents



Some schools invite children to come to school in a costume for World Book Day because it's a fun way to encourage children (particularly reluctant readers) to engage with reading, to swap reading recommendations and to celebrate what they are reading at home.

There are lots of alternatives to dressing up. We suggest some [HERE](#)



Top tips for putting together a costume

- Choose a book your child is happy to talk about.
- Start with things you might already have – tracksuits, t-shirts (inside out to make them plain) and pyjamas make a good base for a costume.
- Focus on the parts of the character that make them stand out - use facepaint or simple props to show these.

What if I/my child....



....doesn't have a book to share?

Try a costume that invites recommendations – a t-shirt with post-it notes or one you don't mind being written on.

.... doesn't like dressing up?

Keep it simple with a character who wears everyday clothes, by focussing on a prop, or by using a badge instead.

... likes non-fiction?

Focus on what they like – could they share a fact, or the subject matter, or do they want to focus on the author?

....aren't any good at crafting?

Stick to everyday clothes and add small details to focus on key elements of the character – hats, ears, sticking things on t-shirts etc.



Support your child to read for pleasure...

Take books home to read

Listen to books being read aloud

Choose the books YOU want to read

Ask for ideas on what to read next

Make time to read

Have fun reading!

Find your reading superpower

PTA or Class Rep Member?

Can you support your school by:

- Organising a costume swap or costume making workshop.
- Putting together class dressing up rails.
- Hosting a school dressing up rail or costume swap.

Have a wonderful weekend, Mrs Harper and the Priory Team!



Dates for
the Diary:

Spring

- Tuesday 6th February 2024- **Safer Internet Day**
- Friday 9th February 2024- **INSET DAY (School closed) and last day of term**
- W/C 26th February 2024- **Parents Evening (Wednesday 28th February and Thursday 29th)**
- Wednesday 28th February 2024- **Year 5 Swimming starts - details will be provided.**
- Coffee mornings

Years 3 and 4 families Thursday 14th March - 9.15 - 10.15am

Years 5 and 6 Thursday 21st March - 9.15 - 10.15am

- Friday 22nd March 9.30am **Year 5 DAaRT Graduation assembly (Parents/carers invited)**
- **Thursday 28th March 2024- Last day of term**

Summer

- **Monday 15th April return for Summer Term**
- **Monday 6th May 2024- Bank Holiday- School closed**
- **W/C 13th May 2024- SATS week**
- **Friday 24th May 2024- Last day of term**
- **Monday 3rd June - first day back to school**

- **W/C 17th June 2024- Sports Day (Days and times to be confirmed)**
- **Monday 8th July 2024- INSET DAY**
- **Wednesday 17th July 2024- (time to be confirmed) Year 6 Production**
- **Monday 22nd July 2024- Year 6 Prom**
- **Friday 26th July 2024 - (morning - time to be confirmed) Year 6 Leavers Assembly**
- **Friday 26th July 2024- Last day of term- END OF ACADEMIC YEAR 2023/24**

