

NEWSLETTER and DIARY DATES JANUARY 17



Welcome back to the Spring Term.

Your children have returned keen and ready to learn. There is a buzz around school as children and staff enjoy lessons. If you have any concerns or worries, please contact your class teacher, the quicker the better. Quick reminder that should the snow fall, we will text and also put a news alert on local radio stations. We only close if staff cannot actually get into school. This is a decision we do not take lightly as we know the impact it has on you.

GOVERNOR ELECTIONS

We are currently seeking a new parent governor. If you are interested and would like to know more, please contact myself. The expectation is a couple of meetings a term in the evening and visits to school during the day if your working/home life will allow.

PARKING

Parking around our school is never going to be easy due to two schools on a dead end road. Some of you may have heard Radio Nottingham discussions on Friday about parking near schools and the CCTV car that is now being used by the Local Authority. Due to the high level of congestion on and around Priory Road, the CCTV car has visited 14 times and many parents have been issued with a fine.

Stopping on yellow lines or zig zags is illegal.

Please be aware that parking on the prohibited areas makes it very difficult and dangerous for children trying to cross the road. The last thing we want, is one of our children to be hurt. The Westdale Tavern are still happy for you to use their car park before and after school for the few minutes it takes you to collect them.

SOCIAL MEDIA

I gather many children will have had laptops, phones, tablets etc for Christmas. Social media is now with us and as parents and teachers it is our responsibility to monitor the appropriate use. Recent research is showing with older children at least 1 drop in grade at GCSE due to constant screen time. We continue to deal with incidents in school created by Whats App groups, Instagram messaging, Xbox Live, Face Time and texting. It was brought to my attention today that one child in school received over 200 Whats App messages on Saturday alone. Any areas that you would like us to cover during Safer Internet Week, please let us know.

INSTAGRAM

Instagram is for ages 13+ this means it isn't monitored by the company. Please check what children are messaging & posting. Keep them safe.

DIARY DATES

Mon 23rd Jan 17	PTA Coffee Morning 9am.
Tues 24th Jan 17	PTA Coffee Afternoon 2.30pm. Come and meet some of the PTA members.
w/c 30th Jan 17	RE Themed Week - Sikhism This will include an activity day led by an outside provider, traditional dance and food tasting, giving your children insight into the Sikh religion.
Tues 7th Feb 17	Safer Internet Day. This is a national awareness day focusing on "Be the Change - Unite for a Better Internet". This is about children learning what to share on line and most importantly, what not to share. GOVERNOR MEETING D & P
Wed 8th Feb 17	Parents Evening for Year 6 only. An appointment letter will follow. Appointments will be running from 1.30 through to the evening.
Thurs 9th Feb 17	Mark's Magic Kingdom has been booked by the PTA for a night of comedy and magic in a show suitable for all ages. A letter was sent out on 10th Jan. There will be a bar for over 18s, hot dogs and a tuck shop. Please look at the website for the letter if you didn't receive it. Ticket prices Adult £3.50 Children £3 Family Ticket £12.
Mon 13th Feb 17	Half Term week
Mon 20th Feb 17	INSET DAY
Fri 24th Feb 17	"Seeing is Believing". Come along to school and have a tour with Mrs Curson or Miss Edwards to see a typical morning at Priory.
Tues 14th March	GOVERNOR MEETING - RESOURCES
W/c March 20th	Parents Evenings. Letters to follow.
Tues 28th March	GOVERNOR MEETING - FGB
Fri 31st March 17	Grand Easter Egg Raffle. Break up for Easter
Tues 18th April 17	Summer Term starts
Mon 24th April	Fashion Show
Thurs 27th April	PTA meeting
3,4 & 5 May 17	Year 4 Visit to PGL
8th May 17	SATs Week for Year 6 - All children to be at school.
11th / 12th May 17	Year 3 Visit to Rand Farm
17th -19th May 17	Year 5 Visit to Bushcraft
Mon 29th May 17	Half Term week
14/16th June 17	Year 6 Visit to London
Fri 14th July 17	INSET DAY
Tues 25th July 17	End of Summer Term.

