

Priory Newsletter

January 2020

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Happy New Year and Welcome Back to the New Term!

We've had a busy start to the year with open visits for Nursery and Reception children who will be joining us in September; Nurse's visit from a Police Officer; Year 4's visit to Blue Planet Aquarium; Year 6's SATS Evening and visit to the Synagogue on London Road, and the launch of our Kabanda Trust project. **Still to come this term, we have a charity choir concert on 23rd January (tickets £2, available from the office),** Parents' Evenings on 11th and 12th February (bookable via School Ping), Mathsfest and Science and Technology week!



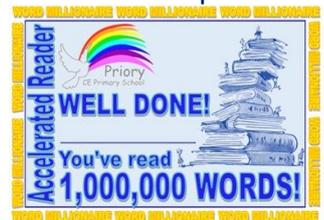
Mathsfest!

Mathsfest will take place on Tuesday 28th January and should be an exciting day for the whole school. This year, the children will explore 'shape', as well as working on basic maths skills through things such as Ten Town, Numbots, TT Rockstars, quizzes and tournaments. This won't be a dress-up day, as we will be dressing up during science week this year.

Accelerated Reader 'Word Millionaires'

We are pleased to announce that this year our Accelerated Reader 'Word Millionaires' will be sponsored by [Tinsdills Solicitors](#), a local firm who support individuals, families and businesses throughout Staffordshire and Cheshire. They will be supporting us by providing information to our pupils about the work that solicitors do and career opportunities in Law, as well as funding our Word Millionaire prizes.

To become a Word Millionaire, pupils have to read one million words and pass the relevant Accelerated Reader quizzes. Children who have achieved this by 3rd July will receive a certificate, a trip to Tinsdills' in Hanley and a visit to Waterstones to choose a book. There will also be certificates for the class with the highest word count overall and the class with the most improved average reading age at the end of the year. Happy reading!



Time4Sport Half Term Camp

Time 4 Sport February Half Term Kids Camp will run from Monday 17th to Friday 21st February. Time4Sport camps are the perfect place for your children to have fun, be safe, learn, and stay fit & healthy in the holidays. Activities include: Multi-sports, art/crafts, structured play and problem solving games. Flexible booking from 8am to 5:30pm. Prices start from £10 and siblings receive an automatic 10% discount. To book your child's place please visit: [Time4Sport](#)

School Crossing Patrol Warden

We have been informed by the local authority that our current School Crossing Patrol Warden will be leaving his post at the end of February and they are currently recruiting for a replacement. Please visit their [website](#) for more information or if you wish to apply.

Coming Soon..... Family Links Nurturing Programme

[Family Links Nurturing Programme](#) is designed to help you deal with the challenges of family life. We will be hosting an information session about the 10 week course which we will be offering to parents/carers, from the end of February. More information will follow soon.



The Nurturing Programme



Thank you very much for your continued support of FOPS. The Christmas disco raised a massive £1200 to go towards school resources. That's amazing!

5P Challenge Update

Keep bringing in your 5ps please. The ongoing FOPS 5p challenge is going really well. Waterloo and Wembley are currently in the lead with their bottles nearing the top. Don't forget, when they are full, a treat for the whole class will be enjoyed. Whose bottle will be filled first?

Valentines Cake Day

We are holding a Valentines Cake Day Sale on Thursday 13th February. The children will be able to buy cakes after lunch. The cakes will be 50p each (maximum of 2 cakes each). They will also be on sale after school. If you would like to donate any cakes, we would really appreciate it. Just pop them in to the office during the week beginning 10th February.

Please Join Us at Our Next Meeting

As always we are looking for new volunteers. Our next meeting is on Monday 27th January 5:45pm at school. We would love to see you there. We welcome new input into our meetings. Have you any ideas for new events that we could run? Any fundraising ideas? Or even if you could spare a small amount of time to help plan or run an event, then we would love to hear from you. Please email friendsofprioryschool@yahoo.co.uk if you would like to contact us, or just turn up on the night.

Diary Dates

Early Years Parent Workshop "Breakfast with Books" 8:45-9:45	Thursday 23rd January
Douglas Macmillan and Priory Choir Concert 6-8pm	Thursday 23rd January
<u>FOPS Meeting</u>	Monday 27th January
Mathsfest!	Tuesday 28th January
Early Years Parent Workshop "Getting Away from Gadgets" 8:45-10:15	Thursday 30th January
<u>Year 5 D&T Parent Workshop 1:15-3pm</u>	Thursday 30th January
<u>Year 1 Phonics Screening Information Session 2:30-3:00pm</u>	Tuesday 4th February
<u>Year 1 Phonics Screening Information Session 5:30-6:00pm</u>	Wednesday 5th February
Early Years Parent Workshop "The Best Things in Life Are Free" 8:45-10:15	Thursday 6th February
Safer Internet Day	Tuesday 11th February
Parents' Evening 4:30-7:30pm	Tuesday 11th February
Parents' Evening 4-6pm	Wednesday 12th February
Early Years Parent Workshop "Sow the Seeds to Read" 9- 10:15	Thursday 13th February
<u>Year 6 Safe and Sound Visit</u>	Thursday 13th February
Year 1 Arabian Feast Day	Friday 14th February
<u>Year 6 RAF Cosford</u>	Friday 14th February
<u>Time4Sport Half Term Camp</u>	17th to 21st February
<u>Year 2 Trip to Wedgewood</u>	Wednesday 26th February
Science Theme Dress-Up Day	Monday 9th March
FOPS Easter Disco	Tuesday 31st March
Reception Pirate Workshop	Thursday 2nd April
Year 1 African Dress-Up Day	Thursday 2nd April
<u>Year 5 Warner Brothers Studios Visit</u>	Friday 22nd May
<u>Year 6 SATS Week</u>	w/c Monday 11th May

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