



2022 - 2023 Edition Six (07.03.2023)

A Brief Catch Up

At the time of writing, we are coming to the end of a busy week of trips and visitors, finishing with a Science 'Join Your Child @ School' morning. Trips out to Noah's Ark for Reception children, the Pitt Rivers Museum in Oxford for Year 5 and 6 children, along with a visit in school from our friendly Viking for Year 3 and 4 pupils and a visit from the Tree House Theatre group for the children in Year 1 and 2. Thank you for your continued assistance, both with offers of help and making your termly trip payments, which make these experiences happen. Not

only does it make the learning fun and much more real for the children, but it also helps us to continue to open the children's eyes to so many possible opportunities for them in the future.

Food Allergies

Please can I draw attention to the fact that we have several children that have potentially serious food allergies, particularly nuts. Therefore, please can I ask that you refrain from putting any nut-based products in lunchboxes please.

Lunches

It has been brought to my attention that we are starting to have to throw food away because school meals are being ordered and then lunchboxes are also being sent in. Please only order a meal if you intend your child to eat it. Thankyou.

Congratulations

I'm sure you will join me in congratulating and wishing Mrs Clifford the very best of luck as she is expecting her first baby after Easter. She will be leaving to start her Maternity Leave at the end of term. Curlew will complete their final two terms at Priestley being taught by Miss Vincent who will be joining the staff, having moved back to Wiltshire from London.

I'm sure you'll also join me in congratulating and wishing Mrs Rens good luck as well, she will also be leaving to begin her Maternity Leave at the end of term, to have her second child.

Parents Evening

There will be another opportunity to catch up with your child's class teacher virtually this term. Appointments are available on Tuesday, 21 March and Thursday, 23 March. Text messages and email invitations have been sent out, please click on the link to book your appointment. The turnout for these virtual catch ups continues to be tremendous, thank you.

Teachers Strike

Thank you for your continued support with regards to the recent strike day, as it stands there are still two more strike days in the diary, these are Wednesday, 15 March and Thursday, 16 March. As per the last strike day, I will let you know what's happening as soon as I know.

Rags to Riches

Once again, thank you for your clothing donations. As a school, we raised £57.08 from our collection. We have two more collections booked and more details will follow nearer the time. These will be on Wednesday, 21 June and Tuesday, 3 October 2023.

Comic Relief – Red Nose Day

On Friday, 17 March, we will be raising money for Red Nose Day. We would like the children to wear something red on this day. This can be something as small as a red hair band or a red pair of socks. We are asking for a minimum donation of £1 which is payable via your ParentPay account. Just click on this link below and you will be able to make a donation. We will be holding a biscuit sale for the children and would ask if the children can bring a sealed, new packet of biscuits in on the day as well as some money to buy the biscuits (maximum £1). Please see the separate letter that was emailed on Monday regarding further activities on this day.

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=10761>

Book Fair

Our book fair is being held in school next week from Wednesday, 15 March to Monday, 20 March 2023. The children will be able to visit the book fair to browse and buy the books. If you would like your child to buy a book, please provide a maximum of £10 in a named envelope on the day that your child's class will be visiting the fair. More details of this are on the letter emailed out on 20 February 2023.

Dates

Friday 10 March – Join Your Child @ School, Science Day
Wednesday 15 March – Monday 20 March, Book Fair in School
Friday 17 March – Comic Relief Red Nose Day (wear something red to school)
Tuesday 21 and Thursday 23 March – Virtual Parents Evenings
Thursday 30 March – Whole School Church Service at St. Mary's Calne
Thursday 30 March – Priestley and Proud Open Afternoon
Friday 31 March – Last day of Term 4
Monday 3 April – Friday 14 April – Easter Holidays
Monday 17 April – Back to School
Wednesday 19 April – Friday 21 April, Yr3/4 Skerne Lodge Residential
Monday 1 May – Bank Holiday – School Closed
Monday 8 May – Bank Holiday for the Coronation – School Closed
Friday 26 May – Last day of Term 5
Monday 29 May – Friday 2 June – School Holiday
Monday 5 June – Back to School
Friday 9 June – Class Photographs
Wednesday 21 June – Rags 2 Riches Collection
Thursday 29 June – Careers Fair in School
Friday 21 July – Last day of Term 6

Priestley & Proud

A Marsh-Ballard

Mr Marsh-Ballard