



2022 - 2023 Edition Five (10.02.2023)

Halfway There

We already find ourselves half way through the year as we come to the end of Term three, and another fun packed six week period of learning to look back on. EYFS finishing their term with a trip to Roves Farm, Years 1 and 2 enjoying exploring the past in their Memory Box topic and their trip to the Story Musuem in Oxford. Years 3 and 4 have been lost in the mountains for the past six weeks only appearing for their trips to the Egg theatre in Bath and the Arc Climbing Centre in Chippenham, whilst Years 5 and 6 have been shivering their way through their Frozen Kingdom topic and enjoyed a visit

from the Huskies. All this and a trip that emptied most of the KS2 classrooms to see the stage performance of Buggy Malone at the Millenium Theatre in Cardiff. We now have a few days ahead of us to catch our breath before we embark on a new round of topics and trips. Thank you to all of you who have made the termly trip payments, without your support the children would not enjoy such wonderful experiences. If you have not made the payment for term 3, you are still able to pay via your ParentPay account.

Teachers Strike

Thank you for your support with regards to the recent strike day. As it stands there are still three more strike days in the diary, Thursday, 2 March, 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.

School Uniform

Just a quick reminder that a massive part of being Priestley and Proud is wearing the team colours. I appreciate costs continue to rise but it doesn't cost much to at least maintain the school colours. Santa was obviously kind this year and we've started to see fancy trainers creeping into school, black or brown footwear only please. We will be speaking to the children encouraging them to make sure they are all wearing the school colours next term.

Careers Fair

We are looking to get our annual Careers Fair back off the ground this summer. This was a fixture before the pandemic that allowed the children in Years 4-6 to explore the possibilities that might lie out in the big wide world post education. This sowing the seeds of ambition is so important in developing the intrinsic motivation that the children will require to successfully move through the education system and enjoy their occupation of choice in later life. We are looking to attract our usual range of contributors, from national organisations through to small local employers. If this is something you think you could assist us with then please contact the school office and Mrs Royal, the School Business Manager, will get back in touch with you.

Phone Messages

Please can I ask that arrangements for the end of the day are made before coming to school where possible. Some afternoons Mrs Jefferys or Mrs Harper are in the office on their own, therefore if they spend the afternoon running messages around the school there is no one available in the office.

Please be reminded that absences need to be reported by 9.15 am, each day your child is off. The school office opens at 8.30 am, if you need to call before this time please leave a message on the answer machine, rest assured it will be actioned by the office staff. Thank you.

Rags 2 Riches Clothing Collection

We have signed up to the Rags 2 Riches 4 Schools recycling scheme, to raise money and help others around the world benefit from our good quality unwanted clothes and shoes. If you can, please use half term to have a good clear out, so we can raise funds for school. We will get 40p for every kilo we collect of reusable items towards school resources and would be most grateful if you could help us with this challenge at home. We have a collection booked on Friday, 24 February 2023, so please keep good quality, clean clothing to donate to us on this date.

Clean and reusable items that can be donated:

Good quality clothes and accessories. Adults, Childrens and babies clothing such as jackets, jumpers, hoodies, trousers, skirts, scarves, gloves, belts, handbags, paired shoes and other footwear.

These items can be bagged up in black bags and should be left on the grass area at the side of the main driveway gates before 9am on Friday 24 February.

Afterschool Clubs

Club letters are going out today, Thursday 9 February. If your child has been lucky enough to have been given a space on a club, please make sure they attend. If your child has not been given a club of their choice, this is purely because the clubs are always very popular and they are allocated on a first come, first served basis. The clubs will run from Monday, 27 February to Friday, 24 March and will restart on Monday, 24 April and finish on Friday, 19 May.

Dates

Monday 20 February – Back to School

Tuesday 21 and Thursday 23 March – Virtual Parents Evenings

Friday 24 February – Rags 2 Riches Clothing Collection

Thursday 2 March – World Book Day

Tuesday 14 March – Monday 20 March – Book Fair in School

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

Priestley & Proud

A Marsh-Ballard

Mr Marsh-Ballard