



PRIOR'S MILL CE PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER – NUMBER 17
WEEK ENDING 19th January 2018



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to this week's newsletter. What a lot of excitement and fun we have had this week due to the snowfall and winter weather.

Sporting Success

This week has seen a hive of sporting activities here in school. On Tuesday, Class 12 attended the Hoopstarz Festival. Great fun was had by all learning and applying new skills. The pupils and staff thoroughly enjoyed their morning.

On Tuesday afternoon, Miss Blackett accompanied the girls' football team to compete in a cluster competition at Northfield school. The girls showed a great sporting attitude with Team A reaching second place and Team B 4th place in their leagues—well done to all! On Wednesday, the basketball team competed in their cluster completion again accompanied by Miss Blackett and came 2nd in their league. They returned to school extremely cold but very happy! A great sporting week!



School Uniform

The standard of school uniform continues to be exemplary and sincere thanks are extended to all parents/carers for their support with the implementation of our Dress Code. All children look extremely smart in their uniform! Please may I gently remind parents/carers that the wearing of earrings is not in line with school policy and should be avoided where possible. Until earrings can be removed, they should be covered with tape before coming to school each morning in line with our Health and Safety policy. The wearing of boots and trainers is also not allowed in school. Children may wear boots outside but must have a change of footwear for indoors. A reminder of our School Dress Code is available on the school's website.

Charities

As you are aware, each year group now supports a charity and there have been various Fundraising events organised across school. The running totals so far are: CRY (Year6) £38.00, Mind (Year5) £38.10, Daisy Chain (Year 4) £63.60, Zoe's Place (Year 3) £43.50, British Heart Foundation (Year 2) £78.93, WaterAid (Year 1) £79.93 and CAFOD (Early Years) £167.18.



Early Years have purchased a cow to make a real difference to a family living in poverty in Africa. They have also raised enough funds for a goat and a water pump too!

Have a great weekend!
Kirsty Huddart
Deputy Head Teacher

Winter Gritting Plan

The weather is turning much colder and as we prepare for the coming Winter we would like to draw your attention to our Winter Gritting Plan. Footpaths will be prioritised, gritted and cleared of snow as necessary. Please click on the link on our school website to view the Winter Gritting Plan in full.



NUT FREE ZONE

Due to severe allergies, our school is a NUT FREE zone. Please do not send your child in to school with any nut products ie packed lunch and snacks (Nutella and peanut butter). Thank you.



ATTENDANCE TARGET 2017 -18

97%

Attendance in school is very important and we ask that all parents/carers note our target for this academic year.

Attendance of all pupils is monitored each month and parents will be contacted should a child's attendance become a cause for concern.

Attendance achieved for the W/E

19th January 2018: 94.6%

Academic year to date: 94.5%

WORSHIP THEME

FORTHIS WEEK:



Friendship

Friendship is an undisputed value in our society. It is a key concept in the Christian framework, with Jesus being criticised for being 'the friend of sinners' and eating with those whom society rejected



FUNDAMENTAL BRITISH VALUES



Each week we incorporate a fundamental British Value in our school Worship. The value we will be looking at this forthcoming week will be: **Individual Liberty**

To explain the values of friendship and why it is important to be a friend to all



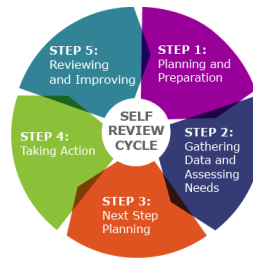
DIARY DATES

Diary dates for the **first half of the spring term** as of publication of this newsletter. Dates may be subject to change dependent upon circumstances.

- January**
- 22nd: Class 16 Cycle Training
 - 23rd: Miss Dalkin Class Worship: 9.00am
Year 4 visit to Durham Cathedral
 - 24th: Mrs Hoyle Class Worship : 2.15pm
 - 29th: Class 17 Cycle Training
 - 30th: Miss Horner Class Worship: 9.00am
 - 31st: Miss Thompson Class Worship 2.15pm
- February**
- 6th: Miss Dowson Class Worship : 9.00am
Reception Class Chinese New Year Workshop for parents
 - 7th: Miss Morrison Class Worship: 2.15pm
 - 9th: School Closes for Half Term

HALF TERM

- 19th: School Re opens
KS2 Catch Up Swimming (2 weeks)



As a self reviewing and evaluating school we are keen to ensure that parents are:

- ♣ Kept informed of arrangements and procedures for our school;
- ♣ Aware of what is happening in school and of events that are going to be taking place;
- ♣ Pre-warned of specific important events where you may need to take time off from work / prepare for an event!

I urge parents to look at the school website and calendar to see what events are taking place so not to be disappointed at missing out!

Absence from School

Please may we request that you notify us as soon as possible on the first day of absence? All absences should be followed with a letter explaining the absence on your child's return to school.

Appointments

Please try to keep all appointments – dental, medical or otherwise, to a minimum during school time. Any time away from school, no matter how small, disrupts the education of your child.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

A copy of the school calendar can be found on the school website along with other useful forms. School will be closed for **three** further days this academic year: **25th May, 4th June and 23rd July 2018** for Professional Development Training purposes.

