



PRIOR'S MILL CE PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER – NUMBER 19
WEEK ENDING 2nd February 2018



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to this week's newsletter. We are fast approaching half term and continue to be extremely busy here in school!



Football Competition

On Friday, seven Year 6 pupils visited the outdoor '4G Pitch MFC Foundations Herlingshaw Centre' in Eston for the MFC football competition. Although the children did not qualify for the next round, Miss Blackett reported that everyone played extremely well and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Cross Country

On Wednesday this week, sixty of our Key Stage 2 pupils competed in the cluster cross country competition at Northfield school. The children competed in their relevant year group races and all tried extremely hard and showed great perseverance. Approximately twenty of the pupils qualified to compete in the next round and we will be in touch with the details in due course. Well done to all!



Playground Friends Training

On Tuesday, Miss Dowson accompanied ten of our Playground Friend to the Marsh House Avenue Sports Site to take part in the Leaders in Sport training Programme. The pupils spent the day developing their leadership skills in order for them to become effective Playground Friends supporting our Key Stage One pupils during our lunchtime period.

Wet Playtimes

It has come to our attention during the recent poor weather that we are running very low on resources and equipment for wet playtimes. We are in the process of working with our School Council and each class to gather opinions on the types of games and equipment the children would like to purchase for use during wet playtimes. If there are any parents/carers who would like to donate working sets of games (board games, sets of playing cards, dominoes etc.) that are no longer used at home, these would be most appreciated. Thank you to those parents who have kindly donated games this week.



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

2nd February 2018: 95.4%

Academic year to date: 94.5%

WORSHIP THEME

FORTHIS WEEK:

Forgiveness

'Be compassionate and kind to one another forgiving one another, even as God for Christ same has forgiven" (Ephesians 4:32).



Bible Verse Of The Day
"Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you."
Colossians 3:13



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: **Tolerance and Respect of Faith**

To know and explain why it is important to forgive and move forward



DIARY DATES

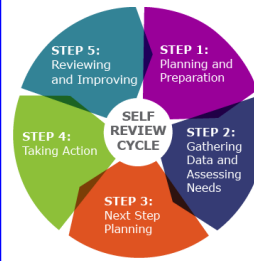
Diary dates for the **first half of the spring term** as of publication of this newsletter. Dates may be subject to change dependent upon circumstances.

February

- 5th: Y6 SATs Information Evening for Parents 6.00pm
- 6th: Miss Dowson Class Worship : 9.00am
Reception Class Chinese New Year Workshop for parents
- 7th: Miss Morrison Class Worship: 2.15pm
- 8th: Valentines Disco KS1: 3-4.15pm
KS2: 4.45 - 6.15PM
- 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.

