



**PRIOR'S MILL CE PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**NEWSLETTER – NUMBER 22**  
**WEEK ENDING 9th March 2018**



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to this week's newsletter. It is lovely to be back in school after the unexpected closure last week due to the adverse weather conditions. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your patience and understanding during this time - as always your support is greatly appreciated. All rescheduled events are in the 'Diary Dates' section of the newsletter.

**RAF Week**

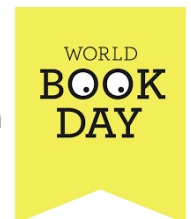
As you may be aware, on 1st April this year the RAF are celebrating their 100th birthday! In school this week, we have been taking part in the celebrations by holding a collapsed curriculum week which began on Monday afternoon when Corporal Neil Wittcomb visited school to launch our project. Corporal Wittcomb (one of our parents) asked school a number of weeks ago for our support with his Squadron's challenge to walk 100 miles along the Cleveland Way - one mile for every year - in 36 hours! The Squadron requested that our pupils produced pieces of work around the 100 year timespan of the RAF which would then be passed on and taken on the walk and read, reflected on and viewed at the appropriate mile along the route. We were more than happy to support this great challenge so this week have set about producing diary entries, poems, prayers and artwork reflecting the 100 year timespan. We will now hold a year group competition to identify those pieces which we feel would best support the Squadron along the way! As a thank you from Mr Wittcomb for our support, he has set up a charity page and all funds raised will go towards our school charities. If you would like to make a donation, please find the link below (Ctrl+click).

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/neil-wittcomb100-4-100>



**World Book Day**

Events for World Book Day have been rescheduled for Friday 23rd March. Also on this day, Early Years have their Julia Donaldson/character dress up day too! Mrs Rowbotham would like you to be aware that pupils in Early Years are more than welcome to come in their World Book Day costumes rather than Julia Donaldson costumes if they so wish. Mr Richards, our English leader, would also like to draw your attention to the Stockton Book of the Year Birthday Weekend taking place at Stockton Central Library this weekend. The event is free for 8-13 year olds on both Saturday and Sunday where fourteen of the past winning authors will be there to meet the children. Booking is essential and tickets are available on 01642 528130 or from the Rediscover Stockton Shop on Stockton High Street.



**Please see our information about donating to Billingham Foodbank and other notices on Page 2 of the Newsletter!**

Have a great weekend!

Kirsty Huddart

Deputy Head Teacher

### **Foodbank Fridays!**

To support the Tees Valley Riders and their Palm Sunday Ride Out, we would like to ask for your support in donating items for the Billingham Foodbank each Friday from **2nd March up to and including March 23rd**. The Tees Valley Riders hold this charitable event annually and asked for support from the schools in Billingham with donations of non perishable items and toiletries. If you would like to support this worthwhile cause, please donate any items on the specified Fridays to school and we will organise the transportation of them to St. Luke's Church on Palm Sunday. Thank you in advance for your support.



### **Governor Email**

From time to time you may wish to contact our Governing Body. If you would prefer to do this via email, the address of our Chair of Governors, Mr. Kevin Cooper, can be found below [PMGovernor@sbcschools.org.uk](mailto:PMGovernor@sbcschools.org.uk)



### **MyEd App**

As you are aware, this week we have launched the MyEd app a fantastic new way to communicate and share information with you. **MyEd**, is a free parent app that gives you a multitude of communication and information features to stay in touch with what is going on at school. Our current text messaging service will now be phased out and **from the beginning of the Summer term (16<sup>th</sup> April 2018), the MyEd app will be the primary means of communication**. It is therefore imperative, that you download the app at your earliest convenience - the app is set up and available to download now.

### **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**

**9th March 2018: 97.6%**

**Academic year to date: 95.2%**

### **WORSHIP THEME**



#### **Justice**

Seeing the world through God's eyes Christians recognise that there is an urgent need to change the world so that justice is done and peace is achieved in the way that God desires.



### **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: **Democracy**

To know why it is important to admit when we have done wrong and strive to make amends



### DIARY DATES

Diary dates for the **second half of the spring term**. Dates may be subject to change dependent upon circumstances

#### March

- 9th: St David's Day Team Celebration
- 12th: British Science Week including launch of Little Inventors project
- 13th: Mrs Legender Class Worship 9am  
Parents invited  
Little Sprouts Workshop Year 2
- 14th: Little Sprouts Workshop Year 1  
Julia Donaldson Teatime Story Session  
Early Years 4-5pm
- 15th: Snappy Spring Worship Year 1  
Science Week Open Afternoon for Parents 2-3pm  
Swimming Gala 6pm
- 16th: St Patrick's Day Team Celebration
- 19th: Judo Sessions across school (each morning this week)
- 20th: Miss Blackett Class Worship 9am  
Parents invited  
Early Years Julia Donaldson Themed Workshop 2-3pm parents invited
- 22nd: Phonics Workshop Year 1 2pm-3pm  
Parents invited (**rescheduled event**)
- 23rd: Early Years Julia Donaldson Character Dress Up Day  
World Book Day Y1-6 (**rescheduled event**)



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.

