



PRIOR'S MILL CE PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER – NUMBER 4
WEEK ENDING 29th September 2017



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to this week's news update. It's been another busy week here at Prior's Mill with everyone well and truly in the swing of the new term and fully settled in their new classrooms.



As mentioned last week, the Year 5 pupils has a super visit to the Sikh Gurdwara in Darlington. On Monday this week I received a complimentary message from our guide:

"The Head Priest and the committee of the Gurdwara requested I drop you a little thank you and express at how impressed they were with the children, especially their manners and behaviour - by far the best school that has attended over all the years."

Once again, a special thank you to our Year 5 children and staff.

House Captains

I am delighted to share with you the outcomes of last week's voting for House Captains here in school. Following a very well fought campaign the results are as follows:

St George:

Captains: Naomi D
Charlie H
Vice Captains: Matilda S
Adam H

St David:

Captains: Evie L
Sam R
Vice Captains: Abbigayle M
Fraser B

St Patrick:

Captains: Alannah W
Ben T
Vice Captains: Freya W
Lewis G

St Andrew:

Captains: Amelia I
George S
Vice Captains: Maisie M
Ben B

A reminder, school photographs will be taken next Friday. Please return your consent slip should you wish for sibling photographs to be taken.



Have a great weekend and a good week ahead!

G E Wild
Head Teacher

Pupil Premium Grant

Pupil Premium is an amount paid into the school to benefit children from families with a lower income. The amount that school receives for each child registered under Pupil Premium Grant is £1300 per child, which can make a huge difference to what we can offer children. If you receive any of the benefits below, please phone 526606 and state that your child should be eligible for Pupil Premium. Even if you are not quite sure, it is worth checking.

The benefits which allow the Premium to be paid are:

- Income – based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income – related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support from NASS (National Asylum Support Service)
- The guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on
- Universal Credit



Please claim if you are eligible.

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

29th September 2017: 95.9%

Academic year to date: 95.4%

WORSHIP THEME FOR THE FORTHCOMING WEEK



RESPECT



Who do you know that you really respect and why do you respect them?

Respect – give it to get it!

Respect people's feelings, they may not mean anything to you, but everything to Them.



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 understand the term 'respect' and explore examples of this



DIARY DATES

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

- Oct** 4th **Miss Dowson's Class Worship 9.00am**
 6th Whole School Photographs
 11th **Miss Rigg's Class Led Worship 9.00am**
Parent Consultation Evening
 13th KS1 and 2: Roald Dahl Day
 18th **Parent Consultation Evening**
 19th **KS2 Eucharist:10.00am (Miss Kemp's Class)**
 20th Harvest Charity Day (more info to follow)
 Half Term Break

HALF TERM

- 30th School Re opens
- Nov** 6th **Mrs Legender Class Led Worship 9.00am**
 8th **Mrs Hoyle Class Led Worship 2.15pm**
 14th **Mr Richards' Class Led Worship 9.00am**
 15th **Miss Thompson Class Led Worship 2.15pm**
 21st **Miss Blackett Class Led Worship 9.00am**
 22nd **Mrs Mackay Class Led Worship 2.15pm**
- Dec** 7th **KS2 Eucharist 10.00am (Mr Stokes Class)**
 12th KS1 Christmas Production (pm)
 13th KS1 Christmas Production (am)
 Christmas Lunch
 14th Reception Classes Christmas Production (am)
 Lower KS2 Production (evening)
 15th Reception Classes Christmas Production (am)
 Lower KS2 Production (pm)
 18th Year 3 Party (pm)
 19th Year 2 and Year 4 Parties (pm)
 20th Year 1 and Year 5 Christmas Parties (pm)
 21st Year 5/6 Carol Service
 Early Years Parties (am)
 Year 6 Party (pm)
 21st **School Closes for Christmas**
 22nd Professional Development Training

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 **four** further days this academic year: **22nd December, 25th May, 4th June and 23rd July 2018**.for Professional Development Training purposes.

