

Priorswood Primary School



Friday 10th November 2023

A message from Carly Ellis

It has been a while since I have made a post on the newsletter as I communicate with you all through Dojo. However, we have a few changes coming up and the newsletter is one of them! The parent survey highlights, as it always does, that 95% of parents find the use of Dojo to be the best method of communicating. The survey also highlights that 97% of you are happy that the school communicates effectively. Even though the parent survey is positive, I feel we could make some improvements in how we keep you informed about the learning taking place in class as well as whole school events. At the moment we are discussing what this will look like and the information we include. If you have any ideas, I would really like to hear them.

In addition to the newsletter, we are also going to look at the diary dates for the year. I know that sometimes we have needed to change the dates of events due to unforeseen circumstances. To try and address this, we will send dates out on the newsletter and Dojo a term in advance. We will map out the year, as we do already, which can be shared if you would still like them, with the understanding that some dates may change. As many dates from our diary have already changed, we have updated the list of dates on this newsletter. We will be trying hard to minimise any changes to events including cancellation of clubs and advance warning of Forest School changes.

I am still in the process of analysing the parent survey but I feel I have already worked hard to resolve some of the comments and findings. I will post more detail about the findings soon.

I am still in touch with SSL who were planning and delivering workshops for children to attend with their parents. It was a shame that our first one was cancelled as the interest was minimal. I will continue to organise these in the background but if we continue to cancel the workshops, I will cease them altogether. They have taken a lot of time to organise which was based on the previous parent survey about our after school clubs.

I hope everyone has a lovely weekend and that Year 6 get the rest they need after their very busy Kilve residential!

Best Wishes,

Carly

The Photo of the Week



Year 6 at Kilve



This school is part of the The Redstart Learning Partnership, a Multi Academy Trust of primary schools in Somerset.

Dates for your Diary

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Message from TRLP

With half-term already a distant memory, the clocks having changed and Guy Fawkes night just behind us, we now begin the long run into the Christmas period. No doubt rehearsals are already beginning for nativity plays and Christmas extravaganzas across the Trust.

For trustees, this is a bittersweet time. We are enormously proud of our schools, our staff and our wonderful children, but this will be our last Christmas with everyone under the TRLP umbrella. Our schools will move to Cabot Learning Federation (CLF) and to Academies for Character and Excellence (ACE) on January 1st 2024, as we hand the responsibility and rewards on to them to take the schools forward.

Both trusts have an amazing track record and we, as trustees, are confident that both children and staff will further blossom and develop under their leadership and guidance.

While the nitty gritty business of making the transfers happen continues, with TUPE consultations for staff and a lot of behind the scenes work to ensure things like school dinners happen, the real work of education carries on day in and day out in every classroom.

We are delighted that Holy Trinity has just gained a good Ofsted judgement and, with Winsham having had their inspection last week, we have fingers crossed for more good news, hopefully before the end of term.

Thank you to all parents for your ongoing support at this unusual and hectic time. I will write a further piece to sign off at the end of term.

Tess Gale

TRLP Board Chair

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 16th November – Hedgehog Class assembly @ 2.45pm

Friday 24th November – Otter Class - Taunton Museum visit

Wednesday 29th November – Hedgehog Class – Sports Festival @ Wellsprings

Thursday 7th December – KS1 Nativity performance @ 2.15pm and 6pm

Thursday 8th December – Dodgeball tournament (team to be announced)

Friday 9th December – Christmas Jumper Day and FOPS Christmas Fair

Monday 11th December – Winning House Non-Uniform Day (House to be announced!)

Tuesday 12th December – Christmas Dinner day

Wednesday 13th December- Christmas Service at St Andrews Church (parents welcome)

Friday 15th December- Christmas Panto and last day of term

Wednesday 3rd January 2024 – Return to school

Attendance

The national target for schools is 96% attendance, and we are working hard to keep our attendance figures on track. Thank you for your help in ensuring that your child attends school unless they are genuinely unwell. Please remember that if your child is too unwell to come to school, you must phone the office before 9:00am on each day of their absence (unless it has previously been agreed with a member of the office team that your child needs to observe the 48-hour rule.)

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is high priority at Priorswood Primary School. We take every opportunity to ensure that our pupil's safety is paramount. We want our pupils to be healthy and happy and to develop well, both physically and mentally. The school follows the latest Government Guidance to ensure we are fulfilling our duties in this important area.

Our Designated Lead (DSL) and contact at school is Carly Ellis. and our Deputy Safeguarding Lead is Jordan Murphy.

Our school's Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy can be found online at: www.priorswoodprimaryschool.co.uk/safeguarding

If you have any concerns about the safety of a child you can either talk to our DSL or DDSL or you may phone Somerset Direct on 0300 123 2224.

There is lots of online safety advice on our website – please follow [this link](#) to help keep your child safe.

Contact Information

If you change any of your contact details, please inform the school office as soon as possible so that we may update our records. It is imperative that we have up to date details at all times.

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