



Value of the Month: Self Confidence

Dear Parents/Friends,

A Happy New Year and welcome back to Priory Rise! I trust you have all had a wonderful holiday and enjoyed some much needed rest and recuperation with your families.

As always, we have a number of news items and updates for our newsletter.

100% Attendance

In assembly this morning children who had achieved 100% attendance for the Autumn Term were issued with their certificates. Well done to all these children on excellent attendance. Look out for certificates coming home.

Coffee Mornings

It's great to see so many members of our school community and local community at our coffee mornings. If you haven't joined in already, please come along to the small hall on Thursday morning. All are warmly invited to come along for a drink and a chat from 9:00am to 10:00am. Activities for the next 2 weeks are as follows:



11th January – Henna tattoos

18th January – Low impact aerobics

At the end of each session, we have tidy up time and a number of goodbye songs for the pre-school children who attend.

If any parents/family members have a particular talent or area of expertise that they are willing to share at any of our coffee mornings, please contact either Mrs Pocock, Mrs Kalek or Mrs Cressy at the school.

Vision and Values

We are delighted to start 2018 with the important value of self confidence. Throughout the whole of January the children will be learning and reinforcing the importance of believing in themselves and developing the appropriate tools to operate confidently in any given situation. We will be exploring this value through assemblies and in our Personal, Social and Health sessions across the whole school.

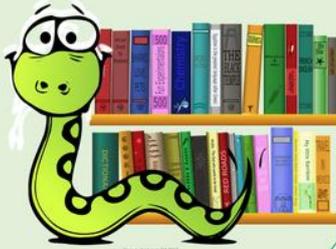


Reading Vipers

Across the school we have now introduced 'Reading Vipers'. This is an easily accessible approach to develop children's reading comprehension skills. VIPERS refers to the following aspects:

Reading Vipers

Vocabulary
Infer
Predict
Explain
Retrieve
Sequence or Summarise



When children have read texts, we are focusing on particular questions that challenge these aspects of their understanding, which can also be practised with Mum or Dad at home. Why not have a go with your children?

Come Dine With Us!

Our Foundation Stage children are very excited to welcome Parents/Carers who have booked their ticket to dine with them at lunchtime during the coming weeks. Tickets were sent home before the Christmas holidays confirming the date and time allocated for Parent/Carers of:



- Honey Bees class during week commencing 8th January
- Fireflies class during week commencing 15th January

- Beetles class during week commencing 22nd January.

We wish you all a Bon Appétit!

Dates for Your Diary



Please see below a number of key dates for this term.

- 9th January 6:00 pm – SATs meeting for KS1 Parents
- 9th January 7:00 pm – SATs meeting for KS2 Parents
- 17th January 9:00 am – Blake Class Assembly
- 24th January 9:00 am – Wilson Class Assembly
- 24th January - Pop Up Farm visiting Foundation Stage
- 31st January 9:00 am – Snicket Class Assembly
- 7th February 4:30 pm – 7:00 pm – Parents' Evening
- 8th February 3:30 pm – 6:00 pm – Parents' Evening
- 9th February 3:20 pm – school closes for half term holiday
- 19th February 8:40 am – school re-opens for Spring 2 half term
- 7th March 9:00 am – Browne Class Assembly
- 8th March – 13th March – 3:30 pm School Book Fair
- 14th March 9:00 am – Donaldson Class Assembly
- 21st March 9:00 am – McKee Class Assembly
- 23rd March 3.20 pm – school closes for Easter holiday

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- 9th April 8:40 am – school re-opens for Summer term

Very occasionally, due to unexpected circumstances, we have to make changes to these dates. We will always let you know of any changes via ParentMail and post these on the school website.

Clubs

Every term, alongside the clubs that are on offer after school, we provide a number of different clubs at lunchtime for children to participate in. Last term these included: cheerleading club, mindfulness club, friendship club, maths club, craft club, Change 4 Life, dance club, book club, science club and history club. We are currently putting together the set of clubs that will be available for this term. When this is finalised, we will publish this on the website for children and parents to be made aware of. Watch this space.

If you have received confirmation that your child has a place at an after school club that has been applied for, payment for paid clubs can now be made via your ParentMail account. Thank you.

In addition, we are launching our new 'Active Risers' club on Monday next week. We do have a number of spare places. If you would like your child to have a place for one of the days, please contact the school office.

Lost Property

Thank you to those of you who have been able to claim lost property which was displayed in the courtyard this week. There are still a number of unclaimed items.

Science Awards

This morning, alongside our weekly Rising Star certificates, Miss Hankin presented our first ever set of science awards to a number of children across the school who had been working in



Science Club to achieve a set of science challenges. Congratulations to all the children who achieved these awards. Miss Hankin and Mrs Woods will be working with another set of children this term to work towards achieving these awards. We look forward to hearing of their progress.

And finally...

We would like to wish each and every member of our school community a happy and healthy 2018. Here's to making this year our best year yet!

Warmest regards,

Ruth Seagar