

Primrose Hill C of E Academy

Growing a brighter future together

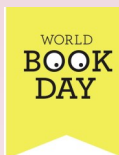
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This week, year 2 enjoyed a trip to the mosque. The children enjoyed learning all about the different areas of the mosque and were keen to tell me about washing their feet and hands, reading from the Qur'an and wearing traditional Islamic clothing. We have also planted our community orchard. Fifteen fruit trees (apple, pear and plum) were delivered on Monday and a group of staff, parents and children planted them on Wednesday after school. When they start producing fruit, we will be making up fruit and veg boxes to distribute to our families and neighbours. Next week is the last week of term 3, where does the time go?! Have a lovely weekend.

Events	
Monday 5th February	Girls indoor football event Governors 6pm
Thursday 8th February	KS2 Cricket Day Year 1 parents phonics screening check information session 3pm
Friday 9th February	End of Term 3—3pm
Monday 19th February	INSET—school closed to children
Tuesday 20th February	Start of term 4—8:35am
Wednesday 21st February	Year 6 to Wydean to watch a stage production.
Thursday 22nd February	Term 3 house point winners reward.
Friday 23rd February	Athlete in school—all children to wear PE kits. Book Fair 3pm
Monday 26th February	Parents evening all week.

World book day

World book day is on Thursday 7th March. Gloucestershire Libraries are excited to share an upcoming campaign that they believe will add an extra layer of excitement to this year's World Book Day celebration. In the spirit of promoting sustainability and creativity, Gloucestershire Libraries are organising a World Book Day Costume Swap.



A poster is attached to this newsletter which lists further information, such as dates. All 32 of their library sites in Gloucestershire will be taking part in the swap.

What's On at the Library Guide: They also have a range of upcoming events for both children and adults at their sites across the county. Events are open to everyone, membership isn't required. Our January – March dates can be found here in this online magazine: [What's On at The Library January - March 2024 by Gloucestershire Libraries - Issuu](#)

Fibromyalgia group

Attached to this newsletter is a leaflet advertising a support group for people experiencing long-term/chronic pain conditions including fibromyalgia and ME. The group starts on Monday 19th February from 11am until 12:30pm and meets on the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month.

Parking

Unfortunately, I have received a number of complaints from our neighbours about inconsiderate parking, including blocking people's drives and parking on the pavement so pedestrians are unable to get past. Inconsiderate parking poses a danger to our children especially if people are driving along the pavement. It has also resulted in a couple of our neighbours missing medical appointments because they can't get out of their driveways. I understand that parking is difficult around the school site but I would encourage you to park further away and walk the last few minutes to school to reduce the volume of traffic coming down School Crescent. Thank you for your support with this.



Parents' Relationships Matter

Tickets have been released for the Parents' relationships matter conference 2024. This conference takes a look at the thematic areas of conflict in couple's lives. There are both nationally renowned experts speaking as well as local service providers. Please see the attached flyers for more information.

Values Certificates

Oak—George = Thankfulness.

Elm—Frankie = Perseverance. Mae = Trust.

Chestnut—Oscar G = Trust

Birch—Archie = Trust

Holly—Thea F = Trust

Beech—Molly-Ann = Responsibility

Rowan—Edin = Generosity. Pippa = Responsibility.

Attendance

The class with the highest attendance last week was Elm with 97.58%

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I am sure you are aware that attendance in schools has been a national concern since the pandemic and we are no exception. Good attendance is vitally important to children's education and well being. The government sets a target of 96% attendance over the course of a year and schools have a duty to report on any pupil whose attendance falls below 90%. Research shows that attendance below 96% can result in children not achieving their full potential. All lessons are sequential and build on from each other, from one day to the next therefore, if children miss a lesson, they have to work harder to catch up the following day. In KS1, children learn a new phonic sound everyday so even missing 1 day puts them behind their peers. Friendships also move on when children are absent which may lead to feelings of isolation. Of course we understand that sometimes children are poorly and the best place for them to be is at home however, sometimes a dose of Calpol is enough to get them through the day. We will be sending your child's attendance certificate home next week for your information. If you have any concerns about your child's attendance please see Mrs Mignaud.

TTRS/Numbots Certificates

Oak = Ahmet

Elm = Zac

Chestnut = Jaxon

Birch = Alex

Holly = Amelie

Beech = Emily

Rowan = Theo

House Points

Last weeks house points winners were Berkeley, well done.