



PRIORS FIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Belonging to our school

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8th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the new school year and a special warm welcome to our new families and children who have started school this week. The weather has been incredible for this time of year and a great excuse for the children to be outside and enjoy playing with their friends. It has been wonderful to see all the children back in school for the new academic year and we hope it will be a happy year, full of fun, lots of great learning and excellent achievement.

Yet again our school vision is an integral part of our teaching and learning and the Priors Field curriculum. We start with 'Belonging to our school' and the words: safe, happy, respectful, team-player, supportive, caring, inclusive, unique, valued and equal. We want all the children to be happy at school and love learning. All the staff will do their best to ensure your children feel safe and achieve their potential. Please get in touch if there is anything we can do to support your child during this time.

I hope everyone enjoyed their summer holidays and on behalf of the staff I would like to thank our community for your generous gifts and lovely cards at the end of the summer term. We all appreciated your kind thoughts and messages and hope you all enjoyed a restful break.

Best wishes

Katie Gane

Welcome to new staff

Priors Field welcomes lots of new staff to the team:

Mrs Bekki Godfrey joins Year 1 and Mrs Steph Moulard joins Reception as teaching assistants.

Mr Mark Freeman joins the staff and will be teaching computing, managing school technology and supporting children in Key Stage Two.

We also welcome a new team of cleaners - Ben, Francesca, Amrik, Omar and Erin and we thank them for their help keeping school clean.

In Rainbow Club we welcome Miss Ella Davison and Miss Amy Wilkinson to the after-school team.

We hope they will all settle in quickly and feel part of the great team at Priors Field.

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Priors Field Primary School is a **nut free school**. We have several children and also staff with severe nut allergies. Please ensure that your child's snack and lunch do not contain any nut products and help us keep all our children safe. Thank you.

Safety on the Playground

Please can we remind parents and carers to wait by the gate at the end of the day until all the classes are inside. PE lessons often take place on the playground and it is important for the teachers to ensure their children are safely back inside before parents come onto the playground.

At the start and end of the day we ask that parents do not allow children to play on the adventure playground for safety reasons. We also need to clear the playground as quickly as possible at the end of the day to allow our Rainbow Club children out to play. Thank you.

Lunchtime Sports Clubs with Mr B

Please see the rota below for the lunchtime clubs that will be running during Autumn 1. If your child is planning to attend a club that takes place on the field, please ensure that they have a change of footwear to use (either trainers or football boots) otherwise they might not be able to take part. All clubs will run from 12:00-12:30. The clubs aren't just for pupils who want to take part competitively against other schools, everyone is welcome.

Mon	KS2 Dodgeball (Sports Court)
Tue	Y3&4 Hockey (Sports Court)
Wed	KS2 Cross Country (Field)
Thur	Y5&6 Football (Field)
Fri	Y3&4 Tag Rugby (Field)

Kenilworth Books

Kenilworth Books would like to invite children and their families to join them for an evening of bookish celebration!

On Wednesday 13th September, 4.30pm - 6.30pm at Kenilworth Books, they're bringing Eerie-on-Sea to the Bookshop! If you are fans of the Eerie-on-Sea mysteries you can come and meet Thomas Taylor, and help us to celebrate the publication of the fifth and final book in the series, Mermedusa. There will be book signing, LOTS of book themed cake and general bookish celebration.

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If you'd like to pre-order copies of Mermedusa to be signed, let us know!

Parking in the School Car park

Parents may only use the car park for dropping children at Rainbow Club before 7.45am and collection after 4.45pm. At all other times please park safely and responsibly in the locality. Thank you.

Message for Year 1 Parents and Carers

We would like to invite you to a Year 1 information evening on Wednesday 20th September at 6.00pm in the school hall.

This will be a chance for us to go through routines and share information about aspects of Key Stage One life that are slightly different to Reception. During the meeting we will go through homework, reading books, Maths Wizard cards and phonics and show you where to get class information each week.

We look forward to seeing you on the 20th.

The Big Bootcamp - Sunday 17th September at Priors Field

There's just over a week to go until the Big Bootcamp event, raising money for Cancer Research, at Priors Field on Sunday 17th September.

To sign up or support see information at the link below:

www.tinyurl.com/thebigbootcamp

Vision Champions

This week we are celebrating these children for their super learning and behaviour and demonstrating our school vision in action:

Year 1: Maggie and Phoebe

Year 2: Ellis

Year 3: Winnie and Gabriel

Year 4: Ella

Year 5: Niamh and Harry

Year 6: Sophie and Alyssa



Attendance

We are legally required to inform/remind you of the regulations for 'Leave of Absence'. As always applications will be considered but authorised absence during term time will only be granted in exceptional circumstances.

Attendance Compliance Enforcement Service

Attendance Policy Extract:

Leave of Absence

The Government issued new regulations in September 2013 regarding Leave of Absence; The Education (Pupil Regulations) (England) Regulations 2006 as amended by Education (Pupil Regulations) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013

- Head teachers **shall not grant any** Leave of Absence during term time **unless they consider** there are **exceptional** circumstances relating to the application.
- Parents do not have any entitlement to take their children on holiday during term time. Any application for leave must establish that there are **exceptional circumstances** and the Head Teacher must be satisfied that the circumstances warrant the granting of leave.
- Head Teachers will determine how many school days a child may be absent from school if the leave is granted.
- The school can only consider applications for Leave of Absence which are made by the resident parent.
- Applications for Leave of Absence must be made in advance and failure to do so will result in the absence being unauthorised which may result in legal action against the parent, by Fixed Penalty Notice.
- Applications for Leave of Absence which are made in advance and refused will result in the absence being unauthorised which may result in legal action against the parent, by Fixed Penalty Notice, if the child is absent from school during that period.
- The Attendance, Compliance and Enforcement Service have the authority to consider issuing Fixed Penalty Notices for Leave of Absence in line with the Warwickshire County Council's Non-School Attendance and Penalty Notices Code of Conduct. (A copy of which can be found at <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/pupilnonattendance>).

Each application for a Leave of Absence will be considered on a case by case basis and on its own merits.

Free School Meals

(not to be confused with Universal Free School Meals for Reception, Year 1 & Year 2)

Schools have historically received money for Free School Meals (FSM) as part of the Pupil Premium funding. The school receives more than simply the cost of the meal; the funding is used to support a **child's whole educational experience at school**. This FSM allowance is available to parents who are in receipt of any of the following:

Families who receive the following are eligible for Free School Meals:

- Income support
- Income-based job seeker's allowance (JSA)
- Income-related employment and support allowance (ESA)
- Guarantee element of state pension credit
- Universal credit (with an annual income of less than £7,400)
- Both income-cased and contribution-based JSA/ESA if you receive the same amount for both. You should also qualify if you receive both but the Income-based amount is greater, but not if the contribution-based amount is greater
- Families who are awarded Child Tax Credit and have an annual income, as assessed by HMRC, not in excess of £16,190 are also eligible to claim free school meals providing there is no entitlement to Working Tax Credit (unless in respect of a 4-week 'run-on').

The quickest and easiest way to apply for FSM is on line at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

If at any point your circumstances change and you believe you may be eligible for FSM then please do apply.

PRIORS FIELD PTA NEWS

PTA AGM - Tuesday 19th September at 7:30pm

We kick off the academic year with our AGM where new positions will be nominated and voted on.

Everyone is welcome at this meeting and so please come and find out more about the incredible events and fundraising our PTA organises for our school community.

We have had expressions of interest for Chair and Treasurer. We will also need to recruit new Year reps and a secretary to be a viable committee. If you would like to raise an expression of interest for any of these roles or would like to discuss what they involve in more detail please feel free to contact, Jo Williams at jomdawes@hotmail.com (our current Chair).

We welcome all carers and parents to our meetings. We value fresh ideas and enthusiasm to help us provide the much-needed extra funding for books, IT and other projects to benefit all of our school community.

Last year we managed to raise over £9200 and with these funds we have been able to offer to refresh all the IT tablets in each year group over the coming months and have provided enriching experiences for our children such as; Bioblitz day, Christmas parties, leavers events and a refresh of the outdoor Reception and Year 1 areas.

The Scarecrow Hunt - Friday 29th September - Friday 9th October

The first PTA event of the year is nearly upon us, the annual Scarecrow hunt!

This year's theme is: "My Hero".

We encourage children to create a Scarecrow of their Hero and if they wish, to write a short paragraph about why they are their Hero (optional) the PTA team will create a poster to display with your scarecrow.

When is the hunt?

The hunt will take place from Friday 29th September to Monday 9th October 2023. If you require hay for your Scarecrow, the school annual Outdoor Fun Evening will take place on the 22nd September, and hay may be collected after the event.



Where is the hunt?

This year the boundary for the Scarecrow hunt can be found [here](#).

Each year there are families outside of this boundary who would like to take part - if families are interested in hosting one of these families' scarecrows, please indicate this in the sign-up form.

How do I sign up?

To sign up to enter a Scarecrow please [use this form](#): **The deadline for sign up is Friday 22nd September 2023.**

Many thanks, The PTA committee

Week beginning 11th September 2023

Monday	Braiswick Photographic to take portrait photographs Woodwind lessons begin today Year 2 will be cooking this morning Year 4 swimming Bikeability begins for Year 6 - all children to bring bikes to school today
Tuesday	Brass lessons begin today
Wednesday	
Thursday	Guitar lessons begin today Full Governing Body meeting
Friday	Keyboard lessons begin today Year 3 will be cooking this morning
SUNDAY	Cancer Charity Boot Camp (see note and link above)

Other letters coming home today:

Whole School: Outdoor Fun Evening, Food Technology contribution request (Reception will bring these letters home on Monday)

Choir: Young Voices 2024

Year 1: Toys and Games Outreach session

Year 3: Stone Age Day

Year 5: Mazak trip

Year 6: Cadbury World trip

Year 4 took home a swimming letter on Tuesday

COMMUNITY NEWS

A PLACE TO

SING, DANCE AND ACT!

DISCOVERY DAY
Stagecoach Warwick and Kenilworth

Explore the world of performing arts through our free taster sessions in singing, dancing and acting for 4 - 18 year-olds.

8th September @ 4.30pm - The Kenilworth Centre, KENILWORTH
9th September @ 10am - All Saints CE Junior School, WARWICK

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