



PRIORSLEE ACADEMY

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had a rather busy week, which has unfortunately included high levels of staff sickness, but our team has been fantastic and have really pulled together. Then, just to add to the fun today, all of the internet and network for the whole of Telford and Wrekin decided it also didn't feel very well, so thank you to everyone who once again, was amazing at adapting and thinking on their feet!

This week our Pre-School have been learning about Goldilocks and the Three Bears and it has been fabulous to hear the language being developed when talking about height of chairs, or sizes of bowls. The children have also thoroughly enjoyed retelling the story! It is fabulous to see our two-year-olds and three-year-olds coming into the main building for library and PE sessions and becoming confident around 'big school'.

Whilst visiting Reception this week, I was attacked by dinosaurs when I entered Chestnut Class! The children were so engrossed in play, happily telling me all about their dinosaurs and their adventures! It is amazing to see the confidence grow in our Reception children; they are becoming very mature and have been working particularly hard on their phonics. I enjoyed watching Mrs Bailey and her class practise their handwriting.

Miss Burton has been working extremely over the past few months introducing our new phonics and early reading scheme Little Wandle. We hope the children are enjoying the books they are bringing home. The sessions I have observed look like fabulous fun, but to get it to run so smoothly has taken a significant amount of time. Our entire timetable in EYFS and Key Stage One has changed to prioritise early reading and phonics, which we hope will boost and support children in all areas of learning.

Also this week, I was also lucky enough to watch a dance lesson with Year Six with fabulous links to their history project. The children listened to WW1 music, and thought about the emotions during the period, before participating in a dance. The children were completely engaged and it was fabulous to see so many of our children



actively participating.

Miss Brown and Miss Biddulph have given up a significant amount of their own time to support and promote football at Priorslee, and I cannot thank them enough! Our U11s won a fantastic 10-0 against Windmill on Monday evening, and our Under 10s played their first ever competitive game and won 5 -1! Miss Biddulph said that all toes and fingers now need to be crossed, to ensure we don't jinx anything, as out of the 5 games and tournaments entered so far this half term the children at Priorslee have won all five! Our next matches are at Redhill for our Under 10 girls and Under 9 boys, and they are due to be our toughest matches yet - we send them all the luck in the world! Finally, we have two fixtures next week (U11 boys @ St Georges and U9 girls @ Grange Park) to finish the half term.

We have chosen to move our Diversity Day, which was due to be on the 20th October to after half term, so we can ensure that the day has the maximum impact that we would like it to have; we will now be hosting Diversity Day on the **10th November**, and a letter outlining the day will be sent out next week.

Harvest Assembly is next Friday, and we would genuinely appreciate any donations of non-perishable food, which will be taken to Holy Trinity Church in Wrockwardine Wood. Donations can be sent in via the office, or by simply giving them to your child's class teacher.

Next week, we will be hosting in-school discos in the classrooms and in the hall. To help create the party mood, we would love the children to come in non-uniform for a £1 donation to support FOP. If you are able to donate, you can do so via the MCAS app from Monday 17th October.

I have received emails from parents who are extremely concerned about other parents and carers who are smoking by the school gates, which is obviously not pleasant for our others who are waiting to collect their children. We have also had members of the community expressing their concerns about dangerous parking on the double yellow lines outside school, leading to a few near-misses. Parents have also contacted us about missing uniform; can I please ask that you ensure that all items of uniform are very clearly labelled with the child's first and last name, and we will try our hardest to relocate any uniform.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Many thanks,

Mrs Cooper

Head of School

