



PRIORSLEE ACADEMY

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! We hope that 2023 is a year that is kind to you, and that you are kind to yourself. I think the past few years have taught us that resolutions can be wonderful for some, but can put so much pressure on an already pressured life and world.

Our wonderful children have returned to school, and you can tell what a busy break they've all had; it has been wonderful to hear about the time they have spent with family members and the adventures they have had with pyjama days, making dens and going for walks!

I have attached the diary dates for this term, which will be added to throughout the term with further workshops, events and activities, but will hopefully help you to plan! We are extremely excited about the different events happening over the next few weeks, and we hope that they help the children to create memories that will last a lifetime. I have highlighted in bold the non-uniform/special days, but we will obviously be sending out more letters with further details about each event or workshop.

This week, the children have started lots of fabulous new topics and themes. Our wonderful new website is being continually updated; the majority of the year group pages in the curriculum area have a wealth of information about your child's year group and their topics, books they will be reading this year and how you can help them at home.

I have been lucky to see beautiful examples of writing and handwriting in Reception and Year One, and I have been extremely impressed with the progress being made with our children accessing the Little Wandle phonics programme. It has also been fantastic to award so many reading prizes this week, especially to our Year Six children who have been reading gigantic chapter books with such enthusiasm.

We have also welcomed a new member of staff to the Priorslee team: Miss Kang is now teaching Birch Class, whilst Mrs Emery is on maternity leave. We are extremely excited for Miss Kang to join us - her positivity is already shining through and this has really helped the children settle extremely quickly with a new adult.

Finally, although I was quite enjoying letting everyone think I have just eaten a significant number of mince pies over the holidays, Mr Cooper and I are extremely excited to be welcoming our second child this summer. We will be sharing plans for the leadership team over the next few months with the whole school community, but we are continuing to work hard as ever to make our school the best it possibly can be.

We hope you have a wonderful weekend!

Many thanks,

Mrs Cooper
Head of School

