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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a very busy second week back! Unfortunately, we have been alerted about a potential stranger danger incident; one of our children felt vulnerable when they were approached by a lady as they were walking alone. Well done to this pupil for reacting quickly and sensibly and then later reporting it to staff. This has been shared with Police, and staff will be talking about this in class with the children. When communicating this incident, we focused on parents of our Key Stage Two children, as so many of our older pupils have 'walk home alone' permission. However, as always, we will talk to the children about the 'Clever Never Goes' message, and about what to do in a similar situation. Hopefully, the link attached may help you with any discussions over the weekend [Clever Never Goes - The replacement for Stranger Danger from Action Against Abduction](#)

On Monday, our children in Year Three, Four and Five will be participating in Virtual Reality Workshops. Thank you to Miss Biddulph for organising this - it looks like it will be a very exciting! Don't forget to check our Facebook page to see the fun!

We will be launching a new Instagram account [@Priorslee\\_Academy](#), where we will be sharing our social media posts that we currently share on Facebook and Twitter.

I had a fabulous time listening to our Year Three children learning to play the glockenspiel, the children tried so hard, and they really impressed me with their resilience and determination to master such a tricky piece.

Our Opal playground project with our EYFS and Key Stage One pupils began this week, at lunch time and playtime. The children have had a fantastic time playing with a range of equipment and toys to make playtime a more exciting time for all our children. Miss Gaskell will be launching it on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January with our Key Stage Two children, and we cannot wait to see this programme develop and grow.

I have also enjoyed visiting lessons with Mrs Brewer, looking at the standard of work being produced by the children, and seeing how hard everyone has been working. I have seen amazing handwriting from Alexa in Year Two, and James in Year Five - well done both! Year Four children have been working particularly hard on their handwriting and I cannot wait to see who earns their pen licence next!



Year Four have also started their Forest School sessions with the fabulous Mrs Ratcliffe; it is fantastic to see the children enjoying nature and our outdoor area in a safe environment. The world has changed so much, which means our children are rarely able to explore their local area in a safe manner, but we hope that these sessions prevent them from missing out.

We hope you have a fabulous weekend!

Yours sincerely

Mrs Cooper  
Head of School

