

Princefield First School



Newsletter

Autumn Term 1 - 2024

Headteacher Update

A very warm welcome back to this new academic year. What a super start the children have had.

Can I please remind parents that their input into supporting routines and expectations in school is vital to ensure the children are safe and fully part of the Princefield family.

Getting them to school **on time** helps them settle into the school day with a relaxed and work focussed attitude—remember they need to be here before 8.55am.

Wearing the correct **uniform** makes them feel fully part of the Princefield family.—see the guidance on our school website. PE kits in particular

Ensuring they have a **water** bottle with them—it is a proven fact that drinking water helps with concentration. Squash should not be sent in bottles. If your child has a medical reason as to why they cannot have water please speak to myself regarding this.

Homework—this is intended to support and consolidate the learning they have been doing in school. It is good practice to get into ready for when they move on up through their educational journey.

Reading—regular reading supports learning in all the other subject as well as being an important life skill. Encourage / listen to your child as much as you can and provide feedback to your child's class teacher.

Communication—it is vital that we know when and why your child is not able to attend school. Please ring as soon as you can or email the office if your child is not going to be attending school. All appointments during school time will need proof either via an appointment card, letter or email.

Playground safety—at the beginning and the end of the school day the playground area gets very busy so we ask that you keep your children with you, not allow them to climb on the Trim Trail or other equipment on the playground. Bikes and scooters need to be pushed until you reach the areas outside the school grounds and once you have collected your child, vacate the area so if we have clubs running they can start in this area.

I hope your child has an enjoyable and successful year with us here at Princefield. If you have a worry or concern at any time please make contact with your child's class teacher in the first instance who will forward matters onto me if they feel this is needed.

DIARY DATES

Date	Event
27.9.24	KS2 Water Safety Workshop—further information to follow
3.10.24	Sharing Day—1 x adult invited to share work in class 2.30pm—3pm
21.10.24	Harvest Festival—Children only—Donations of goods for sending to the local food bank
22.10.24 & 24.10.24	Parents meetings—settling in information and initial discussions about possible needs / support.
24.10.24	Flu Vaccinations—details to follow
25.10.24	Spooky Day—Children invited to dress up for the day £1 donation
5.11.24	Individual Photo day
12.11.24	Odd Socks Day—Anti- Bullying Focus £1 donation
15.11.24	Children in Need—non uniform day—yellow / sots or own cloths—online donations invited—the link will be sent to you nearer the time.
10.12.24	KS1 (years 1 & 2) Xmas performance at the church 1.45pm
12.12.24	KS2 (years 3 / 4) Xmas Play 1.45pm
16.12.24	EYFS Xmas performance—9.15am & 1.30pm details to follow
17.12.24	Xmas dinner & Xmas jumper day
20.12.24	Break up for Xmas

FUTURE DATES YOU MAY NEED TO KNOW

6.1.25	INSET school closed to children
7.2.25	NSPCC Number Day
28.2.25	Interim Reports out
4.2.25 & 5.2.25	Parents Meetings
6.3.25	World Book Day
7.3.25	Adult sharing Day 2.30pm
21.3.25	Red Nose day
14.4.25—25.4.25	Easter Holidays
5.5.25	May Day—school closed
26.5.25—30.5.25	Half Term
11.6.25	Adult sharing day 2.30pm
26.6.25 & 27.6.25	Year 4 Adventure Days
2.7.25	EYFS Sports Day AM KS1 & KS2 Sports Day PM
7.7.25	End of year reports & New class notification
9.7.25	Parents drop in to discuss reports
10.7.25	New class visits
15.7.25	Year 4 Leavers performance
18.7.25	Year 4 Leavers Assembly

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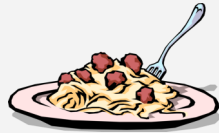


Please be mindful these are only provisional dates and changes may occur. We aim to give you as much notice of any changes as quickly as possible.

SCHOOL DINNERS

A quick reminder that school dinners are chargeable for all children in Nursery, Year 3 and Year 4. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 get their school dinners paid for by the Government.

All payments can be made through ParentPay.



CAR PARK

Can I please remind parents that the **bottom car park is for staff use only**. If you feel the need to use this car park for drop off and pick up for specific purposes please speak to myself so I can authorise this.



CAN YOU WALK?

In an effort to reduce the traffic around school at the start and end of the day I ask that you consider whether you could walk your child to school.

If you do need to drive can you be mindful of how you are parking, especially with the reduced space on the top car park.

Message from

Tim Rowlands

Midlands Air Ambulance Charity Event

26th of October

I'm holding a big event 80's,90's,00's in aid of the Midlands Air Ambulance at the Top Of The World/Colosseum/Zanzibar in Stafford.

TJDJ will take you on a nostalgic journey through time, stopping off at iconic venues, Zanzibar, The Colosseum and the original Top of the World. Dance the night away to your favourite floor fillers from the 80s 90s and 00s

Highlights:

Fancy Dress (optional)

Drinks Offers

We have already sold over 300 Tickets but I want to make it a sell out.

Don't miss out and help raise funds for the incredible life saving charity The Midlands Air Ambulance

Tickets are £5 +£1 admin fee from

<https://www.topoftheworldstafford.co.uk/event/80s-90s-noughties-spooktacular-party-with-tjdi/>

Changes to Penalty Notice Fines for Term Time Holidays

As of August 2024, there are new legislations surrounding taking your children out of school for holidays and for any unauthorised absence during term time. Schools will have to follow the following guidance...

Breakdown of Fines: -

5 days or 10 sessions missed for unauthorised reasons: £80 per child, per parent/carer, paid within 21 days or £160 paid within 28 days.

If, within a three-year period, a parent gets a second fine they will be charged automatically the higher rate of £160 per child.

Fines are capped to two fines within any three-year period.

After the cap, if a child is taken out again, a Parenting Order or prosecution will be considered. If parents/carers are prosecuted and attend court there could be a fine for up to £2,500.

FOR FURTHER ADVICE

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2024/08/19/fines-for-parents-for-taking-children-out-of-school-what-you-need-to-know/>