



PRIORSLEE ACADEMY

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another very busy and exciting week, filled with exiting events. There has been the start of our 'Black History Month' workshops, Forest School sessions, beautiful artwork in Year Three, fabulous friendship groups in Year Four, and the opportunity to award lots of prizes to our wonderful children in recognition of their hard work. Next week, we will be holding two further Black History Month workshops, as well as one of our first whole class trips for Year 1 since the beginning of the pandemic!

Thank you to everyone who has booked onto parents evening, I realise that you may be disappointed that the appointments are not face-to-face, but we hope you can appreciate that COVID cases locally are continuing to increase, as well as in school; we have had 23 cases in the past 25 school days which has a significant impact on staffing and the number of pupils in school. The families who have been affected by this illness would agree that is something they would not want others to experience. Therefore we have made the decision to hold online appointments, as well as holding year group bubble book drop-in sessions in a socially distanced manner after half term.

On this note, please can you ensure you send a copy of your PCR test results, once received, to Covid.Priorslee@taw.org.uk. As always, if your child has one of the main three symptoms: new or continuous cough, high temperature and/or change or loss to their sense of taste or smell, they must stay at home and seek a PCR test. Lateral flows cannot be done on under 12s.

This morning I have started to create our communication policy/statement. This will clarify the school's standard of communication to parents and children, and also the communication from parents to staff. I am very aware how frustrating things in life can be at times, but unfortunately, the 'be kind' message has occasionally been forgotten in some of the emails, phone calls or face-to-face meetings we have had in the past few weeks. We all have the same goal: trying our hardest to make our school filled with happiness, laughter, opportunities to make memories and to give our children the best possible start in their educational journey.



As I have said many times before, we are not perfect, but we really are working as hard and fast as we can to learn, develop and improve. If you do have any ideas or feedback about how we can improve communication, I would really appreciate it.

On a positive note, if your child has earned a certificate, medal or have achieved something out of school, I would love to celebrate their achievement during Star of the Week assemblies, which are held on Mondays.

I hope you have a lovely weekend!

Many thanks,

Mrs Cooper
Head of School

