

Newsletter

February 2017



Fire Engine visit

As part of the Year 1/2 topic on the Great Fire of London, we had a visit from a fire engine on Wednesday 1st February. All of the children in the school were able to visit the fire engine in the car park. They enjoyed hearing the siren, using the water hose and finding out about all the parts of the fire engine which are used in rescue situations. Year 1/2 also took part in workshops.

FS2 Sandpit

The children have enjoyed watching the builders constructing the sand pit over the last couple of weeks and we are delighted to announce that it is now fully open for the children to use. On the grand opening day, the children in FS2 treated the builders to a 'builder's breakfast' of bacon butties and tea. Children in other year groups will have opportunities to visit the sand pit during their break times. Could we ask that parents please provide extra socks in case they get wet!



Visit to St Mary the Virgin church, Weldon

As part of their RE study of Christianity, Children in Year 1/2 visited our local church, St Mary the Virgin church in Weldon on Wednesday 8th February. They looked at the architecture inside and outside the church and found out about the history of the church. Thank you to Rev. Kane Taylor for allowing us to visit.

Parents evenings

Parents evenings were held on the 7th and 9th of February. The evenings were very well attended, continuing to foster a positive partnership between parents and school.

Attendance

I am pleased to let you know that attendance overall is 97%. Thank you for ensuring that your child attends school regularly, which makes a huge difference to the progress they make in school. Can I please remind you that the school day begins at 8.55am. Please ensure that your child is punctual, to ensure that they have a positive start to the school day and are able to begin lessons on time.

Water bottles

From Monday 20th February, school will be providing water bottles for each child to use throughout the day. This will mean that your child will not have to bring their own water bottle to school. Replacement water bottles and replacement tops will be available throughout the year for you to purchase from the school office if required.

Staffing

On Friday 3rd February, Roxana Lupascu left the school to begin her maternity leave. We would like to wish her all the best with her new baby which is due in 6 weeks time. Next term, we are delighted to welcome Marc Begley, who will be working as a teaching assistant in FS2, and Amy Foster and Natalie Cox, who will be working as tea time club assistants.

Vacancies

We currently have a vacancy for a cleaner to work in our Nursery from 12.00—1.00pm.

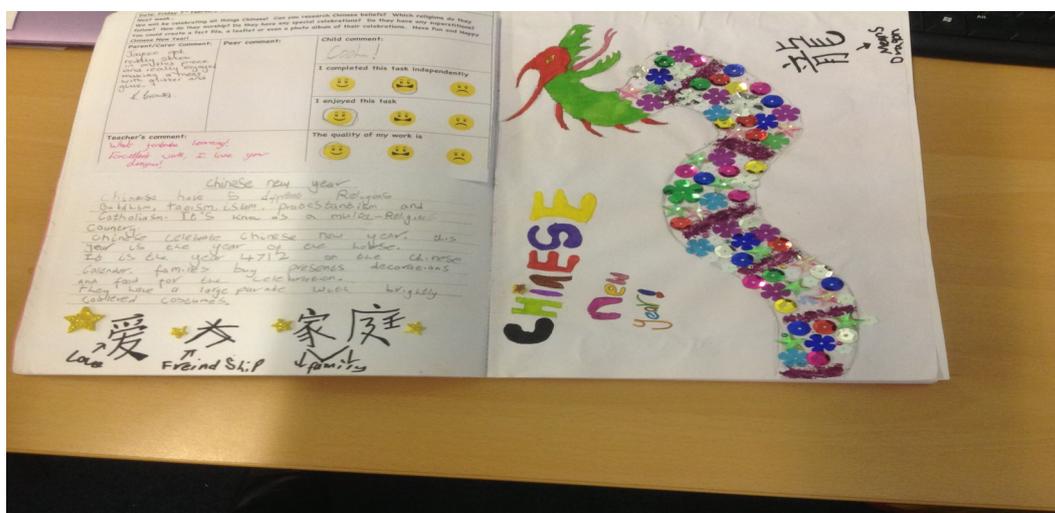
We are also interested in hearing from people who would be willing to provide relief cover for cleaning staff and lunchtime supervisors.

Please contact our HR administrator, Pauline Whittall on 01536265173 for further information or visit our school reception.

Homework

We expect the children to read every night to an adult at home and to practise high frequency words, and phonic sounds too. After half term, the children in Year 1/2 will also be bringing home a **learning log book**. They will be given a different task every 2 weeks, and they can complete this task in any way they like eg they can use books/internet to research and write about their findings, they could complete a piece of artwork or a poem or story, or even do something using their ICT skills. In this way, the children can use their homework to follow their own interests. It can also provide an opportunity for parents to work alongside their children in a pleasurable way.

Examples of learning log work can be found on Google.



Example of a learning log task on Chinese New Year

Dates for your diary:

Monday 20th February—school opens after term break

Thursday 24th February—circus skills workshop—Year 1 and 2

Thursday 2nd March—World Book day—dressing up as book characters

Monday 14th March—Scholastic book fair in the school hall (all week)

Wednesday 29th March—circus dressing up day

Friday 31st March— performance for parents

Friday 31st March—School closes for Easter break.

Thank you all for the continued support you have shown towards Priors Hall—a learning community. We hope that you have a restful break and we will see you at 8.55am on Monday 20th February.

Linda Culbert—Head of school

