

PRIDDY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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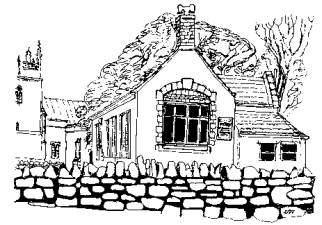
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NEWSLETTER 8 - SPRING TERM - 7TH MARCH 2008

Dear Parents,

Dates for the diary

Monday, 17 th March	Netball 3.45 - 5pm - Blue School
Tuesday, 11 th March	Strings Day for violinists at Elmhurst School
Wednesday, 12 th March	Whole school Science Robotics Day
Friday, 28 th March	Children's Parliament
Monday, 31 st March	Football - Central School 3.45pm
Friday, 4 th April	KS2 trip to Bristol City Museum
Friday, 25 th April	Spring Fayre - after school
Monday, 28 th April	Football match vs St Lawrences (home)
Friday, 6 th June	Epic Photography - children's photos
Saturday, 7 th June	Epic Photography - family photos

Small School Strategy

Many of you may have heard local news that some small schools are under threat of closure. This is very sad for their children, staff, parents and community.

Currently, these schools all have fewer than 30 pupils and were advised in 2005/06 to federate with a neighbouring school in order to prevent closure. (Federation is where two or more schools retain their own identity and budget but work closely together for the children's interests. In some cases there is one governing body overseeing the relevant schools; this is called "hard federation".)

At Priddy, our numbers are growing and we have not been advised by the Local Authority that we need to look towards federation. However, working closely with colleagues in neighbouring schools can be very beneficial as it helps share the workload, share teacher expertise and provide access to a wider range of resources. The children benefit from making more friends whilst retaining the close knit family feel of a small school.

Despite not being advised to federate by the authority, Priddy School's governing body is looking into the benefits of federation as part of their vision for the future success of our school.

Please be assured that the Governing Body as always are putting the children's health, well being and attainment at the fore of all its decision making.

Netball Club

There will be no netball club on Monday, 10th March.

KS2 trip to Bristol City Museum - 4th April

The KS2 children will be visiting the Ancient Egyptian exhibition at the City of Bristol Museum on Friday, 4th April in connection with their History topic. They will be leaving school at 9.10 am and returning by 3.15 pm. The children will be supervised by Mrs Elsom and three helpers. Avalon Coaches is providing us with transport. I would be grateful if you could sign the permission slip below and return with a voluntary contribution of £2.50 per child by Friday, 14th April. Thank you.

Football match v St Lawrence's School

Priddy School hosted its first ever football match on the new sports field donated to us by Mr and Mrs Robin Maine. St Lawrence's School brought 2 teams and many children from both schools had their first opportunity to play football for their school. Each school won one game each and the experience was enjoyed by all. Another fixture is planned for 28th April! Look out in the Wells Journal for a photograph of the teams.

Football practise

I have arranged for the children in Year 2 - 6 to have the option to practise football during lunchtimes on our new sports field. They will have this opportunity on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. In order to do so, please could they bring in some spare kit and boots that they can change in to for the football?

Mendip Junior String Workshop

Congratulations and good luck to the 7 children who are representing the school at this special event. A reminder that you should arrive between 9.15 - 9.30 at Elmhurst Junior School and be picked up at 3pm promptly. The children may wear casual clothes and should wear soft shoes. Please take your child's lunch box, a pencil and a rubber and don't forget his or her violin!

Yours sincerely,

Sue Lidgey

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As parent/guardian ofI have read, understood and am satisfied with the details supplied about the above mentioned activity and agree to my son/daughter taking part.

I know of no medical reason why he/she should not participate.

I am aware that:

- a) Except for visits abroad insurance arrangements are the same as for students in educational establishments, i.e that the Authority only provides cover against proven or agreed negligence by the Authority and its employees:
- b) I should consider making my own insurance arrangements for personal accident cover for my son/daughter.

Signed..... (Parent/guardian) Date.....