



Value of the Month: Resilience

Dear Parents/Friends,

Happy New Year to everyone in our school community!

I do hope that all our families enjoyed a wonderful Christmas break and that families managed to stay well.

We have enjoyed a happy, calm and settled start to the term with the children this week – fabulous!

5 Dimensions Trust Update

I am delighted to confirm that following the signing and sealing of all the relevant documentation on Monday 19th December with the Department of Education representative on behalf of the Secretary of State, Priory Rise is now officially an academy school and a member of the 5 Dimensions Trust.



We are looking forward to working together with colleagues from The Hazeley School and Shenley Brook End School to continue to provide the best in educational provision for our children, and further developing a vibrant community of exceptional people.

Please find here the latest 5 Dimension Trust newsletter:

<https://sway.office.com/UWPRo12kap61BKrp?ref=email>

Coffee Mornings are back!



As I mentioned before Christmas, we have re-introduced our weekly coffee mornings in school this term, where we invite parents and younger siblings to come along. These are held every Friday in our Art Room (accessed via the back of the school using Gate 8) between 9.00am and 10.00am.

This is an opportunity to meet and chat to other parents, have a coffee/tea and to speak with our school Learning Mentors – Mrs Pocock and Miss Ashby - about your child, their well-being and any other queries or concerns – or just to have a break and enjoy refreshments in a warm and nurturing environment.

Friday mornings are fun and informal and give parents the chance to chat and be part of the school community. We are excited to re-introduce this weekly event and look forward to welcoming our families. We hosted our first of this term this morning and it was a wonderful success.

Dates for your Diary

Please see below a couple of key dates for next week:

- Tuesday 10th January – 5.30 pm – Year 2 SATs meeting – in the school hall
- Tuesday 10th January – 6.30 pm – Year 6 SATs meeting – in the school hall



Attendance



Well done to all the children who have achieved 100% attendance last term. We presented certificates to all these children today.

The expectation is for children to have a minimum of 95% attendance in school. Children with attendance lower than 90% are considered to be persistently absent. We are keen to encourage excellent attendance as we know that there is a very real link between low attendance and poor attainment – something that we do not wish for any of our lovely young people. Many thanks to all our families who support in achieving good attendance for our children.

Safeguarding Snippet – Advice on keeping children well



As we all know, flu and coronavirus (COVID-19) are currently circulating and cases of scarlet fever, which is caused by group A streptococcus, are also continuing to be reported. UK Health Security Agency has issued some advice to parents on how they can help to ensure that children do not catch and spread illness in school.

Specifically, the guidance says:

- emphasise routines of handwashing
- if children do have a cough – they should use a tissue to catch it and bin it
- keep your child off school if they are ill and have a temperature
- get a flu jab for your child if they are eligible

You can read the guidance at <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/back-to-school-advice-issued-amid-high-levels-of-flu-covid-19-and-scarlet-fever>

And finally...

Once again, I would like to wish each and every member of our school community a happy and healthy 2023. Here's to making this year our best year yet!

With warmest regards,

Ruth Seagar

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