



Newsletter

20th September



Harvest Festival

The Harvest Festival will take place on the morning of **Wednesday 2nd October** at **The Ark**.

It will once again be split in to two parts, this is to accommodate as many families as possible. A flyer will be sent out next week with all the details!



Our new school council

Our school council elections were held at the start of the week, well done to all the children who put themselves forward and to the successful candidates in each class.



Priory Fields
School Council



This week we held our first school council meeting where we discussed our aims for the year and we will be going back to our classes to gather ideas for our chosen charities, fundraisers and ideas for improving our school.



Years 6 Parents: Transfer to Secondary School

It is now time to start applying for your child's secondary school place. You must apply before **31st October**.

The easiest way is to apply online via:

kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions.

Attendance

The best attending classes last week were:

1st: **Respect 100%**

2nd: Integrity and Loyalty 99.3%

3rd: Harmony 99.2%

Our school council decided that this term's attendance reward will be a pizza afternoon!

Our aim is always 100% and the best attending class at the end of each term wins a termly prize as decided by the school council!



Hot chocolate Friday Winners

Well done to our hot chocolate winners this week!

Our hot chocolate winners are children who have had a great week in their learning, behaviour and attendance and they enjoy a hot chocolate on a Friday morning with Mrs Martin.

New BBC Online Safety App

OWN IT

The BBC have launched an app called 'Own It' which is aimed at improving digital wellbeing amongst children. The app is built around a special software keyboard that monitors the tone of the words being typed and language. If it senses something worrying, it pops up to offer advice or encourage talking to an adult.

The Own It app also has its own content that aims to help children manage the amount of time they spend looking at their screen and passes on other advice about responsible online interaction. The idea is that the app will act as a "helping hand" to guide children into developing good habits when using their first phone and avoid some of the potential pitfalls of digital life.

The app does not allow parents to oversee phone use as it protects the user's privacy, so it is still really important for parents to regularly discuss online safety with children and anything that is worrying them.

Reminder for all parents

If you haven't already attempted to download the school gateway app, please do so as soon as possible!



You will not be able to pay by cash in the school office from next term, so please download early in case there are any issues that we can settle before the end of term.

If you have the app and are experiencing problems with registering or paying, please come in to the school office.

2019-20 Academic year:

Term 1: Tuesday 3rd September to Friday 18th October

October Half Term: Monday 21st October to Friday 25th October

Term 2: Monday 28th October to Tuesday 17th December

Christmas Holiday: Wednesday 18th December to Friday 3rd January

Term 3: Monday 6th January to Friday 14th February

February Half Term: Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February

Term 4: Monday 24th February to Wednesday 1st April

Easter Holiday: Thursday 2nd April to Wednesday 15th April

Term 5: Thursday 16th April to Friday 22nd May

May Half Term: Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May

Term 6: Monday 1st June to Friday 17th July

Last day of term: Friday 17th July