

Good Afternoon from Miss Marwood

I can't believe that there is only one more week of school before we break up for the half term holidays – January seems to have flown by!

This week I have been around school monitoring behaviour and attitudes towards learning. All classes were full of excited learners, keen to participate and eager to learn. Mrs Smith has also had the privilege of visiting all classes as part of our Science day. She was particularly impressed with the children's use of scientific vocabulary, how they could link new learning to previous learning and how well pupils worked together on different projects.

Reading afternoon

Thankyou to all parents who were able to join us for our reading afternoon and thankyou to Mr Mahoney for organising this event. I really hope you enjoyed the opportunity to spend sometime in school reading books with you children and sharing stories.

A reminder about uniform

Please can parents help prepare their children for the school day by ensuring they have the correct uniform. A reminder that children should wear **black shoes or trainers, black or grey trousers/skirt, a plain white polo shirt and a maroon jumper or cardigan**. If you are missing any of these items they are available from supermarkets and do not have to be purchased from specialist uniform shops. We would appreciate your support in making sure that all children return after the holidays wearing the correct uniform.

PE Kits

Your child should wear their PE kits to school on the days they have PE. PE kits include **black trainers, plain black jogging bottoms, a plain white T-shirt and a plain black hoody or jumper**.

It's a great idea to write your child's name onto the label of their uniform to help them find any items of clothing they may have lost or misplaced.

I have also included details of a scheme from Bradford Council to help single parents save for uniform and receive £100 back. For details please follow this link:

[uniform saver scheme](#)

Please also find attached to this newsletter some useful information about how to keep your children safe online. There are lots of top tips and useful information for parents on how you can monitor online content. The focus for this week's newsletter is Music Streaming Apps and sites.

A reminder that school closes on **Friday 9th February at 3.15pm** and we look forward to welcoming you back on **Monday 19th February**. We wish you all a relaxing and restful break.

Packed Lunches

Please remember that we are a **nut, melon and pineapple free** school. This means that children are not able to bring these foods into school in their packed lunches. This includes **Nutella** which has hazelnuts as an ingredient.

A reminder also that packed lunches from home need to help children maintain a healthy diet.

If you are sending grapes in as part of a packed lunch please remember to **cut them in half** so they are not a choking hazard.

A reminder - if you are considering taking a period of extend leave you must book a meeting with a member of the leadership team before booking any tickets. We want to help explain the impact that extended leave has on your child's education and make sure you are fully aware of council process involving fines of up to £2,500 and in some cases prosecution

February	
Friday 2 nd February	Parent Partners at 9am- all parents are welcome to attend.
Monday 5 th February	Year 3 Forest School- Please ensure that the children wear sensible footwear. Adam Bushnell – Priestley Academy Trust English Group Local Governing Board meet 6pm
Tuesday 6 th February	Safer Internet Day Priestley Academy Trust Sports Competition Under 9s football competition
Wednesday 7 th February	9-10am Toddler Group Tuck Shop at Break time Parents' Maths Course 1pm-3pm
Friday 9 th February	Parent Partners at 9am- all parents welcome to attend every Friday Priestley Academy Trust Big Play and Big Sing House Rewards afternoon School closes for Half term 3.15pm School reopens on Monday 19 th February

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What you need to know about...

MUSIC STREAMING APPS & SITES



What are they? 'Music Streaming Apps & Sites'

Music streaming apps allow people to listen to music on their devices. It gives users access to millions of songs and artists from around the world. Popular music streaming apps and sites include Spotify, Soundcloud, Apple Music, Amazon Prime and Deezer. Music streaming allows children to listen to songs from around the world in a much easier and cheaper way. This enables them to showcase their talent which would have been very hard to do many years back.

Know the Risks

Explicit content

Explicit content is everywhere online, including in popular music. Children can easily access songs on Spotify, for example, that may have explicit or inappropriate language not suitable for children. It is also easy to erase searches so you can't see what a child has been listening to.

Adult themed podcasts

Many music streaming apps also offer the ability to listen to podcasts which can vary across any kind of topic, from business and health to comedy and relationships. Again, children could be exposed to content which is more adult themed or contains age-inappropriate language.

Chatting to strangers

Some music apps, like Playlist, want to make music a more social experience by finding others who share the same musical tastes and will allow users to join group chats where they listen to a playlist together in real time. This could open up your child to talking to strangers online.

Safety Tips

Use child friendly apps

Many music streaming services are made just for children. For instance, the Spotify Kids app provides parents with control over what their children listen to and all the content is family friendly and fun for children to explore.

18+ Turn off explicit content

Most of the major music streaming apps will provide the option to turn off explicit material to make sure the music is completely clean. Some services even offer an option to lock the content censoring settings with a password, so your child can't switch it back.

Implement privacy controls

Check the privacy setting of your child's app. Ensure that whichever app or site they choose to stream music, the settings are set to be private. This way they can only share the music they are listening to with friends and family and can't engage in conversation with strangers.

Offering Support

Explore apps yourself

If your child insists on wanting to use a music streaming app then be part of the journey with them. Take the time to understand which apps they prefer to use and why they want to use it. Find out how to use the app yourself and understand what they could be exposed to and how to ensure they get the most of it in a safe manner.

Regularly check-in

Have regular conversations with your child about what they are listening to and how they are feeling. If they do hear explicit music or content that makes them feel uncomfortable, let them know that they can always talk to you and discuss what they've heard and what it means.

Our Expert Parven Kaur



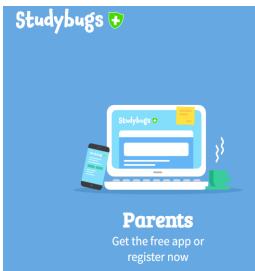
Parven Kaur is social media expert and digital media consultant who is passionate about improving digital literacy for parents and children. She has extensive experience in the social media arena and is the founder of Kids N Clicks; a web resource that helps parents and children thrive in a digital world.



Attendance



If you haven't done already please download the StudyBugs App



This is an easier way for you to report your child's absence from school.

A reminder that it is parents' responsibility to contact school by 9am if your child is going to be absent from school. This can be done via the Studybugs App or by phone and must be done for every day they are absent. If you do not contact school to report a child's absence this will be recorded as an unauthorised absence and may result in penalty notices being issued by Bradford Council Education, Attendance and Safeguarding Team.

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This term's attendance			
We are trying really hard to be above 96% for this year for the whole school, well done to classes 2M & 4S for reaching this target so far this term.			
Nursery		AM — 93% PM – 93%	
RG	93%	RS	89%
1L	94%	1P	93%
2M	98%	2S	95%
3C	88%	3G	90%
4B	96%	4S	97%
5H	93%	5W	90%
6A	96%	6S	96%

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