



# Newsletter

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**We aim high \* We are resilient \* We are curious learners \* We value diversity \* We are respectful**

Dear Prior Weston families,

We have now been back for just over a week and the school and Children Centre are in full swing! Not a minute of learning has been missed and the year has got off to a flying start. On Sunday, our Year 6's head off on their adventure to be farmers for a week – a long standing and amazing tradition here at Prior Weston. You can follow their adventures on X (previously Twitter) - @Prior\_Weston

### Attendance:

Whilst it was great to see so many of you back last week, our overall attendance was actually at just over 80%. This means that almost 20% of our school did not come back for the start of term which is not the best start to the year. As I have written to you about before, there are new regulations in place this year around unauthorised absence, and 5 days (or 10 sessions) will now incur an automatic fine. Please do your very best to ensure that your child comes to school every day and on time. Did you know that children arriving after 9:30am counts as 1 session of unauthorised absence? This means that coming on time is just as important as coming every day.

We will be doing lots of great things with the children to encourage good attendance, and we are also here to support you to overcome any barriers. All children with 95% attendance or above will be entered into a draw in December, and two lucky children will win one of these amazing bikes!!! All children with 100% attendance will get a special award each term. Myself and Touvonna are now leading on attendance, and are happy to give help and advice if you are struggling.



### Vaccinations:

We will shortly be sharing information about this winter's flu vaccine, which can be administered in school. I strongly advise you to take up the offer of any vaccines your child is eligible for. Cases of preventable illnesses are on the rise due to lower uptake of vaccinations. We will be working with the NHS vaccinations team on this year's flu vaccines and can also ask for their help with any questions or queries about any other childhood vaccines you might have.

As the weather gets chillier, please make sure your child comes to school with a jacket. We have a plentiful supply of spares if you need one.

Wishing you all a safe and happy weekend.

Fiona

Head Teacher



## Welcome Back

### Prior Weston & Golden Lane families





## **Free Home Fire Safety Visits**

A fire can start in any room and the effects can be devastating, even a small fire in your home can lead to substantial damage and expensive repairs. The LFB want to stop fires from happening and that is why we offer free home fire safety visits to help keep you and your loved ones safe.

### **What happens during a home fire safety visit ?**

Our firefighters or trained staff will visit you at home, at a time that suits you and carry out a risk assessment. They will give you advice based on your home and individual needs, this includes; information on how to **prevent** fires, the importance of smoke alarms to **detect** a fire and your **escape** plan in the event of a fire.

A visit can take up to 90 minutes or longer if needed and we will fit free smoke alarms if required.

Specialist alarms can be fitted for people who may have a delayed response to escape for example; strobe light and vibrating pad alarms for those who are deaf or hard of hearing.

### **How to book a Home Fire Safety Visit:**

**Freephone: 0800 028 4428**

**Email: [smokealarms@london-fire.gov.uk](mailto:smokealarms@london-fire.gov.uk)**

**Text /SMS: 07860 021 319**

**Worried about a relative, friend or neighbour ?** Although everyone is eligible for a free home fire safety visit, some people with health problems or lifestyle behaviours can have an increased chance of a fire happening. To help you we have listed some of these examples below:

#### **Increased risk factors can include:**

Anyone that smokes; overloaded electrical sockets or poor wiring; unsafe use of candles or naked flames; previous fires or near misses; cooking left unattended; hoarding of any kind or someone who lives alone.

#### **They are less able to react because of:**

Mental health conditions such as dementia or learning difficulties; no smoke alarms are fitted or they don't work; alcohol dependency or drug misuse (prescribed or recreational); physical health issues including sensory impairments eg; hearing or sight.

#### **They have a reduced ability to escape:**

Mobility issues due to a physical disability; age-related problems or as a result of a long-term illness; escape routes are not kept clear or are blocked due to actions such as hoarding or conditions that affect decision making.

If you know anyone who has **any combination of these risk factors**, give them our details to arrange a free home fire safety visit or simply ask them if they would like you to book a visit for them.

Remember -This is not an exhaustive list, if you are unsure please contact us for extra advice.

**Meet the Learning Mentor:**  
**Touvonna Walsh-Royer**



**A Learning Mentor is:**

- A role model**
- An observer**
- An encourager**
- A good listener**
- Someone to talk to**
- Approachable**
- A mediator**
- A supporter**

**Learning Mentor approach:**

- One to one individual support
- Group work in or out of class
- Liaison with staff, parents, carers and appropriate agencies
- Smooth transition from infant to junior and junior to secondary school
  - Observation
- Regular contact with parents

If you feel you have any difficulties or problems with your child at school or at home please contact me to arrange a meeting where we can discuss any issues you feel are causing you or your child any distress.



**About me and my role:**

Hi, my name is Touvonna Walsh-Royer. I am the Learning Mentor at Prior Weston School and I started here in September 2018. I have worked for a number of years in a variety of roles and in different schools, across the boroughs of Hackney & Haringey, so I have lots of experience working with children. I am also a mother of one.

My role is to help pupils with any difficulties they may be having. I am here to listen, offer support and practical advice and help pupils make the most of their time at Prior Weston. If you have any problems or difficulties with your child at school or at home then please contact me to arrange a meeting. My door is always open. I can often be found at the school entrance at the end of the day or you can ask at the school office to see me.

**My contact details are: 0207 786 4800**

**Aims of the Learning Mentor**

- To help pupils overcome barriers to learning
- To raise attainment, attendance and achievement
- To investigate non and poor attendance and punctuality
- To improve social skills and relationships
- To develop self-confidence, motivation and self-esteem
- To provide a support network
- To help pupils recognise and reach their full potential

**Ways the Learning Mentor can get involved:**

- Staff can refer a pupil to the Learning Mentor
- Pupils can refer themselves to the Learning Mentor
- Parents can ask for help from the Learning Mentor

## Celebration Assembly

6th September 2024

Our shining stars were:

**St Pauls**– Shelby & Ronnie

**Piccadilly**– Seanna & Elliott

**Kew**– Maysa & Elijah

**Parliament**- Anita & Saanjana

**Trafalgar**– Toby & Emily

**Westminster**– Koby & Nusrat

**Tower**– Rayhan & Jenson

## Reminder to Parents

- Please remember to sign your child/children into school using the Inventory screen if you arrive after **9:10am**
- Following the reorganisation of the campus over the summer, there are some items of furniture available. If you are interested, please contact the School Office.

This week's Shining Stars results to be announced today. See next edition.

## Health & Wellbeing Clinic dates

The next health and wellbeing clinics with a school nurse have been scheduled for the dates below:

**24th September 2024**

**26th November 2024**

**28th January 2025**

**18th March 2025**

**13th May 2025**

**25th June 2025**

**NHS**  
**Whittington Health**  
NHS Trust

Whittington Health NHS  
Islington School Nursing Services  
Highbury Grange Health Centre  
1-5 Highbury Grange  
London N5 2QB

Telephone: 020 3316 8021

## Dates for your Diary

<b>September 2024</b>	
Tuesday 13th September	Music Masters – Lessons begin
Sunday 15th - Friday 20th September	Y6 Residential Farm Trip
<b>October 2024</b>	
Friday 4th October	INSET Day
Wednesday 9th October	Year 7 Tea Party 5-5.45pm
Monday 28th October-Friday 1st November	Half Term
<b>November 2024</b>	
Monday 4th November	INSET Day
Wednesday 6th November	Farm Presentation to Year 5 Parents
Wednesday 6th November	Tempest Photography– Individuals & Sibling photos
Thursday 14th November	Parent Meetings
<b>December 2024</b>	
Wednesday 11th December	Festive School Performance PM
Thursday 12th December	Festive School Performance AM
Friday 13th December	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 18th December	Class Parties
Friday 20th December	End of Term-2pm finish