



Princefield  
First School

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Dear Parents,

It is always exciting to try out new events in school which help to promote healthy living and support the school curriculum.

On Monday 8th October we are very pleased to be inviting Eden Francis, a British Discus and Shot Put champion, to school to meet the children and for Years 1-4, complete some sporting activities with her.

Following a request from the children and staff, who are also planning more sporting activities to coincide with our visit, **KS1 & KS2 children can come to school on Monday in sports wear**, this can include football kits. **Reception children to wear uniform please.**

We are pleased and excited to announce that Mrs. Wood is expecting a new addition to her family in March. As soon as we have any news about her replacement we will let you know.

Helen Barron  
Head teacher



## LATEST NEWS

### National Poetry Day - Thursday 4th October 2018

Yesterday we celebrated National Poetry Day. It is held every year on the first Thursday in October. The theme for National Poetry Day 2018 is 'Change'. For more information simply visit: <https://nationalpoetryday.co.uk/about-npd/>

### KS2 Severn Trent Water Visit

Over the next few weeks Severn Trent Water will be visiting KS2 to deliver a range of exciting activities linked to our water topic.



### KS2 Canal Day & Canal Workshop

On Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October KS2 will be participating in a canal walk. Please can you sign the letter to agree to your child participating in the walk, thank you. The Canals and River Trust will also be visiting school and will deliver an assembly to KS2 and work with the classes using educational kits to build a canal. For more information about The Canal & River Trust simply visit: <https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/>

**PARENTPAY** You will have noticed that the ParentPay 'before and afterschool club' account has changed. Hopefully the new combined account will be more manageable for all concerned. Please be aware that going forward this account will be updated daily and payment will be chased weekly via text message as opposed to monthly updates. We ask that you pay in advance thereby reducing the number of text messages that you receive.

### HARVEST FESTIVAL - Wednesday 24th October

Our Harvest Festival will take place in school on Wednesday 24th October (children only). We would like the children to bring in a small donation of non-perishable food (e.g. cans, packets) that we will donate to charity. Please bring all donations on the morning of the Harvest Festival. Thank you.



### HALLOWEEN DINNER MENU - Thursday 25th October

Why not send your child for a hot Halloween dinner on Thursday 25th October. We will be serving Halloween Hotdog and Chips or Beastly Bolognese with Pasta followed by Chocolate Brownie Mummies or Pancakes with Spooky Sauce for dessert.

### DRINK BOTTLES

A reminder that drinks bottles should **only contain water** and not squash unless there is a medical reason that has been discussed with Mrs Barron or the class teacher.



### CAR PARK

We understand that parking is an issue around the school area but please be aware that **parents are not allowed to use the main school car park** when dropping off or collecting children. This is for staff parking only and must be kept clear at all times for the Emergency Services. You are welcome to use the 'top' car park. Thank you for your co-operation.

### LOST PROPERTY

Several items of named uniform have been lost recently. Please check labels and return any that have inadvertently been brought home.



## DIARY DATES:

|   |  |
|---|--|
| Mon 8 Oct   | Sports for Champions (KS1 & KS2 Children can wear sports clothes)  |
| Wed 17 Oct  |  E C Straiton Vets to visit Reception Class |
| Wed 17 Oct  | KS2 Canal Walk                              |
| Wed 24 Oct  |  Harvest Festival (children only)           |
| Thu 25 Oct  | BREAK UP   |
| FRI 26 OCT  | INSET DAY  |
| Mon 5 Nov   | RETURN TO SCHOOL   |
| Mon 5 Nov   | Flu Vaccinations   |
| Tues 6 Nov  | Individual Photographs                      |
| Tue 27 Nov  | Parents Evening  |
| Thu 29 Nov  | Parents Evening  |
|  | <b>CHRISTMAS DATES</b>   |
| Thu 6 Dec   | KS2 Christmas Performance  |
| Tue 11 Dec  | Reception - Christmas Play   |
| Thu 13 Dec  | KS1 Christmas Play   |
| Fri 21 Dec  | BREAK UP   |



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## Term Dates - 2018/19

### Autumn Term 2018

**Inset Day: Monday 3 September**

**Inset Day: Tuesday 4 September**

**Term starts: Wednesday 5 September**

**Inset Day: Friday 26 October**

**Holiday: Monday 29 October – Friday 2 November**

**Term ends: Friday 21 December**

**Holiday: Monday 24 December – Friday 4 January**

### Spring Term 2019

**Term starts: Monday 7 January**

**Inset Day: Friday 15 February**

**Half term: Monday 18 February – Friday 22 February**

**Term ends: Friday 12 April**

**Holiday: Monday 15 April – Friday 26 April**

**Easter Sunday: Sunday 21 April**

### Summer Term 2019

**Term starts: Monday 29 April**

**May Day: Monday 6 May**

**Half term: Monday 27 May – Friday 31 May**

**Inset Day: Monday 22 July**

**Holiday: Tuesday 23 July – Friday 30 August**