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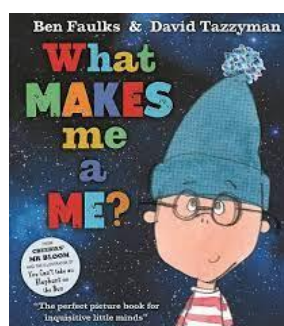
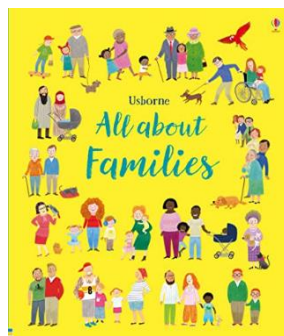
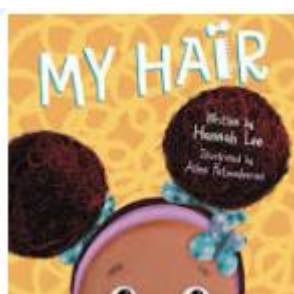
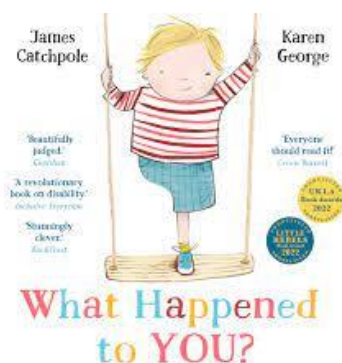
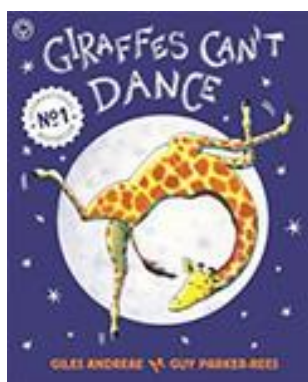
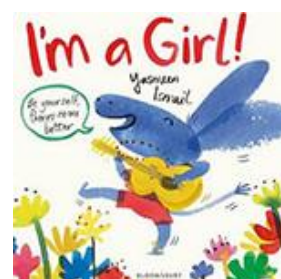
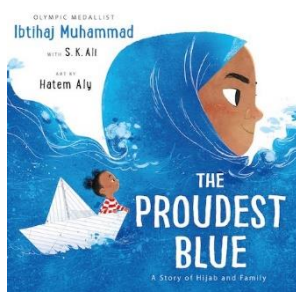
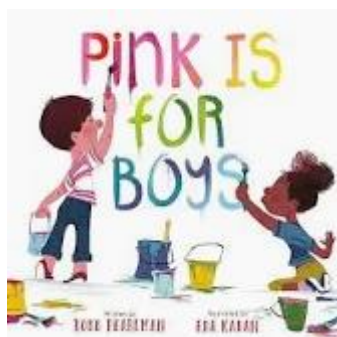
Headteacher: Mrs Lindsey Chivers

2nd February 2024

Dear Parents,

Book suggestions

As a new feature on our newsletters, we are going to be including suggested books or curriculum resources linked to a particular topic. This month's suggested reading materials are all based upon the theme of diversity and are useful to share with your children at home.



Staffing Update

Miss Day will sadly be leaving us at the end of this half-term to pursue her dream career in the film industry. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Day for all that she has contributed to Prior Heath and wish her the best of luck.

End of half term reminder

School finishes at the usual time of 2.50pm on Friday, 9th February and is closed for half term during the week of 12th February. School re-opens on Monday 19th February.

Reading Week

As you are aware, during the week of 19th February we are celebrating reading. You will have received a separate letter about the exciting events that are taking place during the week as follows:

Monday 19th February

Aesop's Theatre Company will be visiting school to perform "The Gingerbread Man". In order for the children to enjoy this experience, it is necessary to ask for a voluntary contribution and you will have received a letter about this.

Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd February

Your child will take part in drama workshops on one of these two days which will be led by a group of drama students from Tomlinscote School. During these workshops, the children will be exploring a range of different fairy tale characters.

Wednesday 21st February – Bedtime Story Evening 5.30 to 6.00pm

The children are invited to come back into school between 5.30 – 6.00pm wearing their pyjamas to listen to a couple of bedtime stories read to them by their class teacher. Parents are invited to stay in the hall during the event where refreshments will be provided by the PTA.



Friday 23rd February

The children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. The outfit that your child wears can be as simple or as flamboyant as you wish! There are plenty of book characters who dress in everyday clothing so please don't worry at all if your child would rather opt for something muted.

Scholastic Book Fair

The PTA have kindly organised for a book fair to take place on Tuesday 20th, Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd February. The book fair will be located in the music room (next to the school hall). Parents and children can enter the book fair at the end of the school day, via the "lettings door" which is located between the Year R outdoor area and Year 1 classrooms. Purchases can be made in the "check out" area that will be set up in the library area next to the music room. The book fair will be open each day between 2.50pm and 3.30pm and also during the bedtime story evening. We kindly request that parents keep their children with them at all times. The children will be taken to the book fair by their class teacher at some point during the week to show them the books that are on offer. Further details about purchasing the books will follow. The school will receive a proportion of the sales which will be used to replenish the books in our school library.

Comic Relief – Red Nose Day

This year we will be raising money for Comic Relief on Friday 15th March. We would like to invite the children to come into school dressed in their choice of home clothes, including something red wherever possible, in exchange for a suggested donation of £1 for the charity. We would also like the children to learn a joke to share with their class! For hygiene reasons, we ask that the children do not wear or bring red noses to school and we kindly ask that you do not send your child into school with coloured hair or wearing face paint. Clothing and footwear should be appropriate for a school day, including for PE where applicable, and must be warm enough for outdoor activities and playtimes.



Parent Interviews – Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th March

As previously advised, the Spring term parent interviews will take place after school on Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th March (later appointments will be available on Wednesday 13th).

You will be able to book your appointment online using the Parents Evening application within your ParentMail account or through the ParentMail App which is kindly funded by the PTA. Please note, you will need to be registered on ParentMail to be able to book an appointment – if you haven't yet registered, please contact the school office.

Bookings will be open from 7.00pm on Monday 4th March and you should receive an invitation to book parents' evening which will appear as a notification in your feed or menu. You will then be able to select a date and time that is convenient to you. If you need help you can visit the ParentMail help site: www.parentmail.co.uk/help/parenthelp/ and click on 'Applications' and then 'Parent Evening Manager.'

Please note that bookings will close on Sunday 10th March. If you are unable to book your parents' evening appointment online, please contact the school office.

Each appointment will be for 10 minutes only, so if you feel that you will need longer, please see the class teacher concerned to make alternative arrangements. Due to the limited number of time slots available, there will be one appointment allocated per child; we are unable to offer multiple appointments. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

School Photographs

Our photographer will be in school on Thursday 7th March to take individual photographs of the children. If your child has a sibling in school, a sibling photo will also be taken in addition to the individual photo.

I hope you all have a lovely half term break. We look forward to welcoming your children back on Monday 19th February.

2023 Poppy Appeal



We have received a message from The Royal British Legion to thank us for raising £209.08 during the 2023 Poppy Appeal. Thank you very much for your generous support.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs L. Chivers
Headteacher

Diary Dates

Friday	9th February 2024	End of spring half term at 2.50pm.
Monday – Friday	12th to 16th February 2024	Half term.
Monday	19 th February 2024	Aesop's Theatre Company visiting school to perform The Gingerbread Man.
Wednesday	21 st February	Bedtime story evening from 5.30 until 6.00pm.
Wednesday & Thursday	21 st & 22 nd February 2024	Tomlinscote School students visiting to run drama workshops.
Friday	23 rd February 2024	Children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character.
Friday	1 st March 2024	PTA Quiz Night – 6.30pm for 7.00pm start.
Thursday	7 th March 2024	School photographer in school to take children's individual photos.
Tuesday & Wednesday	12 th & 13 th March 2024	Parent interviews with class teachers after school. Later appointments on Wednesday 13 th .
Friday	15 th March 2024	Comic Relief Red Nose Day– children invited to wear home clothes to school including something red. £1 donation.
Wednesday	27 th March 2024	End of spring term at 2.00pm – please note early closure.
Thursday	28th March 2024	INSET Day – school closed for staff training.
Monday	15th April 2024	School re-opens for the summer term.
Monday	6th May 2024	Bank Holiday – school closed.
Thursday	23 rd May 2024	Sports Morning – 9.15 to 10.30am.
Monday – Friday	27th to 31st May 2024	Half term.
Monday	3rd June 2024	INSET Day – school closed for staff training.
Tuesday	23 rd July 2024	End of summer term at 2.00pm – please note early closure.