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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to our Academy Newsletter after the two week Easter break, which I hope you enjoyed amongst family and friends.

Our sponsor, the Co-op Academies Trust, recently released its new 2019 - 2022 Strategic Plan. This is an exciting time in the Trust's development, as it continues to grow in size. As its sphere of influence develops, so does its potential to work together to make its team of academies better and the communities it serves stronger.

At Priesthorpe, as with our sister academies, we are focused on improving and increasing 'Social capital' within our community. This, in essence, means the potential value that each one of our students, and their parents, can bring to their communities. Students with strong examination outcomes, who are well-developed individuals, socially and emotionally, earn and spend more money. This is a key catalyst in community improvement and, at times, regeneration.

The Trust's Strategic Plan can be read here: [Strategic Plan 2019-2022](#)

Can I also please urge you to watch the following clip of the Co-op Group's CEO, Steve Murrells, being interviewed last week on [the BBC's Andrew Marr programme](#).

Towards the end of the interview, Steve talks of the power of education on community development, and the fact that the Co-op group is the largest single business sponsor of academies across England. We were delighted that, as I reported to you, Steve was able to visit Priesthorpe recently and see, first hand, the work we are undertaking to support and develop our students.

*Martin Blacoe*

Mr Martin Blacoe, Principal.



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### Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April

School Closes – 2.30pm  
(For Bank Holiday – Good Friday)

### Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April

School Opens – 8am

### Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April

Y7 Parents Evening

### Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

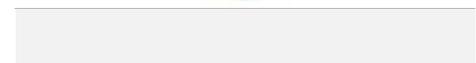
School Closes at 3pm

### Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May

School Opens – 8am

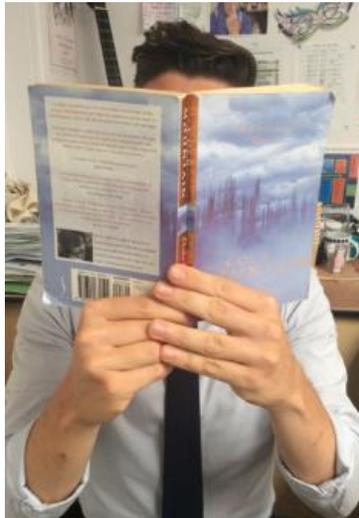
### Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May

School Closes at 3pm



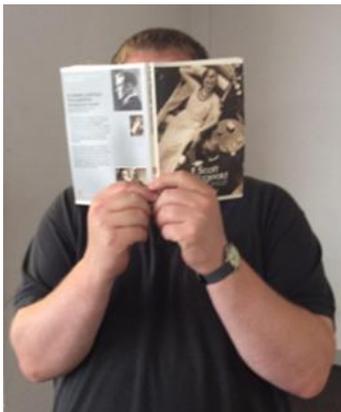
## Everybody Reading in Class

Can you guess which staff member is enjoying reading their book?



### This weeks recommended read – Miss Forster

Detective Chief Inspector Ryan retreats to Holy Island seeking sanctuary when he is forced to take sabbatical leave from his duties as a homicide detective. A few days before Christmas, his peace is shattered and he is thrust back into the murky world of murder when a young woman is found dead amongst the ancient ruins of the nearby Priory. This novel is set in Northumberland where my family is from and I really love crime mysteries.



Last week's reader was ...  
*Mr Whitehouse one of our  
Caretakers!*



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## Attendance Matters

Better 3 hours too  
soon than a minute  
too late

William Shakespeare

Y7 – 95.9%

Y8 – 95.2%

Y9 – 94.3%

Y10 -95.3%

Y11 – 93.4%

### Overall School Attendance

**94.9%**



# OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS



Please can you check that your child does not have any outstanding school library books on their book shelves or in their bag? It is really important that books are returned in a timely manner so that other students can also enjoy them.

Our books are easily identifiable as they will have labelling on the outer

spine and school name on the inside cover along with a five-digit barcode. In our last overdue check we had £1000 + worth of unreturned books. Students are notified when their books are overdue through coaching and overdue list displayed in OLC window but often forget so we really need your support to ensure items are returned. Students with overdue books are unable to borrow until they settle their accounts.

## Science in the News

### Plastic toys: Is it time we cut back?

- The UK's toy industry is massive - last year consumers spent £370m on them.
- But environmentalists say this is contributing to the amount of plastic ending up in landfill and oceans
- Whilst we don't know exactly how much of the plastic that ends up in landfill comes from toys, green campaigners say that consumers can help reduce the amount in circulation.
- Friends of the Earth says there are ways to cut back on buying plastic toys - things like toy libraries, passing toys on, buying less, borrowing off friends and sharing more.
- **How easy is it to recycle plastic toys?**
- Rather than chucking out an old plastic train set if it's damaged, it's worth checking with your local recycling centre if they'll take it.
- Plastic toys and games can't be collected as part of your household recycling scheme, according to the Recycle Now campaign group.
- "If your toys and games are beyond repair, it may still be possible to recycle some of the parts if you dismantle them - and this includes batteries and battery packs from remote controls which should be removed and recycled."



**What are the toy companies doing about plastic?**  
Whilst consumers are taking steps to reuse or recycle toys, green campaigners say it's up to manufacturers and retailers to act.  
Some toy companies are taking steps to become more sustainable. Lego's leaves, bushes and trees are now actually green- they're made with plastic sourced from sugarcane. It's part of the Danish company's pledge to use sustainable materials in its products and packaging by 2030.  
Toy company MGA Entertainment, which is behind L.O.L Surprise!, is trying to cut back on the waste produced from packaging its dolls.

## Y7 Parents' Evening Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April

We are looking forward to welcoming parents/carers to our Y7 Parents Evening next week.

We believe that this is an essential evening where both parents and staff have the opportunity to discuss the progress of their son/daughter.

The evening will take place in the school canteen between 5pm & 7pm.

Please visit our website to view more details and instructions on how to book appointments.

<https://priesthorpe.coop/academies.co.uk/letters-home/>

If you need any further help please contact the Academy.