



Value of the Month: RESPECT

Dear Parents/Friends,

With our Foundation Stage children now fully fledged 'Priory Risers', it is wonderful to see all of our children settled into their school routine and eager to learn. I am delighted that our new morning drop-off procedure has been smooth and would like to thank all of our parents, carers and staff for their support with this, in our pursuit to continuously improve our practices.

Friends of Priory Rise

It was lovely to welcome new (and 'old'!) faces at our Annual General Meeting earlier this month. Elections for the leaders of the organisation took place and the following appointments were made:

Mrs Jo Hines was re-elected as the chair of the organisation, with Mrs Hayley Yeomanson as Deputy. There are lots of ideas and plans to raise funds for our school during this academic year and new 'Friends' of Priory Rise are always welcome. Our next meeting will be held at 7pm on Wednesday 4th October when we will be discussing upcoming events – including a Bingo Night with a 'Fish and Chip' supper planned for 20th October, and this year's Fireworks event, planned for 2nd November.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to all those who donated cake and/or came along to eat cake and drink



coffee at our annual Macmillan Coffee Morning - yesterday. With your generous support we managed to raise £142.70 for this very deserving cause. Amazing! Well done to everyone involved.

Harvest



We will be holding our annual Harvest assemblies on the 6th October supported by Mrs Rachel Foster. Unfortunately parents will not be able to attend this event due to space restrictions in the hall.

Our Food Bank donations which go directly to local families in need, may be sent into school anytime from the beginning of October – next week. Trolleys will be in the courtyard for your donations. Thank you.

Thank you Mrs Healey



Huge thanks to Mrs Healey - grandparent to two of our children at Priory Rise - who has planted and is tending two of our flowerbeds in the courtyard. We are delighted with the results and feel sure that you will all agree.

Thank you Mrs Healey - you are a star!

Sporting Achievements

Congratulations to our Years 4, 5 and 6 Netball team who attended the Shenley Brook End Netball Festival

Well done to our Year 5/6 Badminton team: Krishnan, Srishti, Devkrish, Sonali, Anish, Eve, Eshanth, Natasha, Lakshanika, Pransha, Suraj and Om who qualified for the MKSSP Finals for the fourth year in a row after winning their qualifying heat without losing a match. We wish them lots of luck for the Finals!

A team of Years 3, 4 and 5 girls attended some Netball skills sessions and matches. They had a great time learning new skills. Well done to: Caitlin, Sequoia, Macy, Rajvi, Giselle and Chyan

New morning 'drop-off' procedures

May I take this opportunity to thank all of our parents for your support of our new morning 'drop-off' procedures for Key Stage 1 children. We are delighted that there has been such a smooth transition and all of our children and families have responded very positively. Thank you all so very much for making this slight change so easy and positive for our children.

Link to Hope Shoe Box Appeal



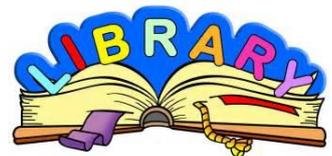
Following the success of last year, we are delighted that we are once again launching our support of the 'Link to Hope' shoebox appeal. Last year we managed to donate a huge amount of shoeboxes to families in Eastern Europe who often have to make a choice between buying food or fuel at Christmas time – and where buying presents is just not a priority. Many of these families do not have running water, heating or electricity. Some live in appalling conditions, often living in just one or two

rooms, and life for them is a real struggle to survive. Last year, we worked closely alongside the Watling Valley Partnership, who introduced us to this wonderful venture. This year, we are asking families to donate items from a designated list to the school, so that the children can see what goes into the boxes and have an investment in the whole process.

Please do not make up boxes at home as we feel that this is a worthwhile activity for children to be immersed in. We feel that this is an excellent appeal that we can support and supports our value for October – gratitude. Mrs Colvin will be writing to you with details of how you can support this. The items will need to be sent into school by Monday 16th October, so that we can have time to make up the boxes ready to be sent away in time for Christmas.

Request for School Library Helpers

Over the last couple of years, Miss Lowe has had a number of parents who have helped out in



the school library on a weekly basis - sorting the books into their correct sections, tidying up the shelves etc. Some of these helpers have now moved on and Miss Lowe is looking for new additions to her library support team. If you feel that you are able to donate some of your time to keep our library up to standard, please contact the school office, who will put you in contact with Miss Lowe.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Are you eligible for free school meals?

Did you know that there is a citizen portal to help you find out if your child qualifies for free school meals?

Please visit <https://emsonline.milton-keynes.gov.uk/CitizenPortal LIVE> to sign up, even if your child is in Foundation, Years 1 or 2 and receiving universal free school meals, or if you have applied before and do not think you are eligible. In doing so you will help us to find out whether we can claim pupil premium funding for your child.

This additional funding is essential to enable us to provide appropriate extra resources such as books, school visits or extra staff provision for eligible children. The system is quick and simple to use and can be accessed via a smartphone or hand held device. If you qualify, you will receive a reference number that you can simply bring into school to show us and this will enable your child to start receiving meals.

End of Day Procedures

Please may I politely remind those collecting children at the end of the school day that the school gates are locked at 3.30pm to allow our Night Owls and Afterschool Clubs to commence their activities.

Please collect your child(ren) and exit the school grounds promptly. There is no access to the field area or play equipment at this time of day nor should the apple trees/fruit be played with in the interests of everyone's safety.

Thank you for your understanding.

Dates for Your Diary

Please see below a number of key dates for this term.

- 5th October – Coffee Morning with a craft activity in line with our world theme
- 6th October – Harvest Assemblies
- Week commencing 9th October – Foundation and Year 6 height and weight checks

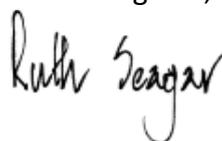
- 11th October – 5.30 – 7pm - Open Evening for prospective new families
- 17th October – individual school photographs
- 18th October 4:30 to 7:00 pm – parents' evening
- 19th October 3:30 to 6:00 pm – parents' evening
- 20th October – Bingo and Fish and Chip Supper – Friends of Priory Rise event
- 20th October – children break up for half term
- 1st and 2nd November – Years 5 and 6 to Cadbury World
- 2nd November – Fireworks Night
- 3rd November – Year 3 to Verulamium
- 1st December 3:30 pm – Christmas Fair
- 5th December 9.15am and 2:30pm – Foundation Stage Christmas songs
- 6th December 9.15am and 2:30pm Nursery Christmas songs
- 12th December 10:00 am and 2:00 pm - Y1 Performances
- 13th December 2:00 pm and 6:00 pm – Y2 Nativity
- 14th December – Christmas lunch and parties
- 15th December – Break up for Christmas holiday

Very occasionally, due to unexpected circumstances, we have to make changes to these dates. We will always let you know of any changes via ParentMail and post these on the school website.

And finally...

Thank you all so much for your continued support of our wonderful school!

Warmest regards,



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