



Value of the Month: APPRECIATION/GRATITUDE

Dear Parents/Friends,

Our first half-term for this academic year has flown by, filled with wonderful trips, assemblies and a wide range of exciting activities. We are delighted that the children have settled into their classes so well and are enjoying their new classes this term.

Staffing News

We are sad to wave farewell to Mrs Kat Sullivan who leaves us today to re-locate to live in Kent. We wish the whole family a wonderful and settled move. We have appointed Miss Lucy Ashby to continue her great work with our children and she will be joining us soon after the half term.

Miss Natasha Burns is now on maternity leave and we look forward to sharing news of her imminent new arrival.

In addition, Mrs Maria Tutty has also left her position as deputy play leader at the school to spend more time at home.

Welcome to Mrs Michelle Clawson who has recently joined us as a cleaner.

Online Safety

Throughout Key Stage 2 this term we have been updating our knowledge of Online Safety. We have varied the way that this is delivered across the different year groups, but our core



message has remained the same and revolves around The SMART Rules:

S – Safe – Keep yourself safe on the internet by not giving out your personal information to people or places you don't know.

M – Meet – Meeting up with people you have only spoken to online can be dangerous, always tell a trusted adult and take them with you.

A – Accepting – Be careful accepting files from people or websites you don't know. They can contain viruses, malware or nasty and upsetting content.

R – Reliable – Not all information online is reliable. Double check information found on websites by checking other sites, looking in books, etc.

T – Tell – Always tell a trusted adult if someone or something upsets you whilst you are online.

If parents would like to reinforce these messages at home there are a number of useful websites that you can visit with your children which can be found on our dedicated Online Safety website page.

If you would like to know more about Online Safety, please come along to our presentation for parents which is being delivered by the NSPCC on **Wednesday 29 November at 2pm**.

If you would like to attend, please indicate to the school office that you will be coming along so that we are sure of numbers for the presentation.

Open Evening and Parents Evening

Our Open Evening for prospective parents proved to be a huge success. A number of our Year 6 children returned in the evening to be ambassadors for the school, giving tours to prospective families around the school and many remarked on how wonderful the Year 6 students were.

Friends of Priory Rise

Our Friends do a marvellous job to help raise funds for our school. I look forward to seeing those of you who have bought tickets for the Bingo Night 'Fish and Chip' supper which is being held this evening, 20th October.



New morning 'drop-off' procedures

May I take this opportunity to thank all of our parents for your support with 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 so well to this very positive move. Thank you all so very much for making this slight change so easy and positive for our children. School is so much calmer in the morning now and we are able to maximise teaching opportunities with the children at this time.

Christmas Performances and Auditions

Due to the timings of the Year 6 residential this year, we have decided to make a change to our usual cycle of performances across the year. Our December production will be performed by children from KS2, which will take the form of a pantomime, on the 12th and 13th December. The KS1 production will now take place at the end of the summer term.

Auditions for the KS2 'Panto Pandemonium' are taking place in the first week after half term and children are already excited about the upcoming performance.

Oh no they're not! Oh yes they are!

Dates for Your Diary

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

- 31st October – school photographs – siblings
- 1st November – Phonics Evening for Parents of Foundation Stage Children
- 1st and 2nd November – Years 5 and 6 to Cadbury World
- 2nd November – Fireworks Night
- 3rd November – Year 3 to Verulamium
- **Saturday 4th November - Milton Keynes Cross Country Championships**
- 7th November – Maths Evening for Parents
- 9th November – Nasal Spray Flu Vaccination for Foundation Stage, Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 (where permission slip has been returned to school)
- 29th November – 2pm – NSPCC Online Safety Workshop for Parents
- 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 - 2pm and 6.30pm - KS2 Pantomime
- 13th December - 6:30pm – KS2 Pantomime
- 14th December – Christmas lunch and parties
- 15th December – Break 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.

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Sporting Activities

A huge well done to 8 of our students; Ethan P, Tin Tin, Shane L, Jack J, Ryan N, Flynn, Scott R and Harry O



who participated in challenge days at MK Springers. The boys had great fun and showed off their fantastic gym skills.

In recent football matches, Priory Rise 'A' Football Team won their match against Long Meadow School, 3-2, after coming back from 2-0 down, with goals from Joe, Tomiwa and an opposition own goal. This was a great, spirited comeback with Joe and Timi sharing the 'Man of the Match' award.

The team lost their next match 5-2 against strong opposition from Oxley Park Academy, with both goals coming from captain Keon. The 'Man of the Match' award went to George D for his tireless work rate and defensive play.

Priory Rise 'B' Football Team drew their match against Long Meadow School, 3-3 with 2 goals from Oliver W and 1 goal from Addison. The 'Man of the Match' award went to Charlie after his heroic last minute penalty save! Well done to both teams.

Finally, the Years 5/6 Badminton team retained the MKSSP Badminton trophy with an outstanding performance in the Finals, winning an astonishing 33 matches out of the 36 matches they played! The Year 6 students; Srishti, Sonali, Eve, Natasha, Krishnan and Devkrish have all won this trophy twice now and the Year 5 children who have now won this trophy for the first time are; Anish, Eshanth, Suraj, Om, Pransha and Lakshanika! This is an incredible achievement, well done – we are all so very proud of you.

Link to Hope Appeal

We are delighted that we have packaged and wrapped 76 shoeboxes for our Link to Hope Appeal. Thank you all for the generous donations we



have received to help those less fortunate than ourselves, and a big thank you to Mrs Colvin and our School Council members for filling and wrapping the boxes so beautifully.

School Standards and Performance

We are delighted with the results and progress of our children at the end of summer 2017. At the end of each Key Stage Priory Rise School was significantly above national averages and has made improvements on our results from last year. We are also very pleased with the results in the Year 1 phonic screening test. Now that we have the provisional national figures we have put together an attainment summary at the bottom of the newsletter.

And finally...

As always, thank you all so much for your continued support. I would like to wish you and your families a safe and happy half-term holiday, we look forward to welcoming our children back to school on **Tuesday 31st October**.

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Ruth Seagar'.

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Summer 2017 Priory Rise School Results

Foundation Stage

At the end of the Foundation Stage children are assessed against each of the 17 Early Learning Goals (ELG). Children are assessed as either emerging, expected or exceeding in each of the ELGs and are considered to have reached a 'Good Level of Development' if they have achieved at least the expected level in:

- ☐ the prime areas of learning - personal, social and emotional development; physical development; and communication and language and;
- ☐ the specific areas of mathematics and literacy.

At Priory Rise in the summer of 2017 90% of children achieved a Good Level of Development. The national figure for 2016 was 69.3%. We are waiting for this year's national figure to be published.

As you can see, this represents achievements at Priory Rise to be well above current national data.

Key Stage 1 Results, Phonics and End of Key Stage Assessments

Children in Year 1 take a phonics screening check which checks how well children are able to read the sounds that letters and groups of letters make. In 2017 93% of children achieved the expected standards in the phonics screening test; the national figure for 2016 was 81%. Any children that do not achieve the expected standard in Year 1 re-take this assessment in Year 2. By the end of Year 2 in 2016 98% of children had achieved the expected standard compared to 91% nationally.

The table below shows Priory Rise results from the end of Key Stage 1 assessments taken in 2017 and the national provisional figures for 2017.

		Priory Rise School 2017 Key Stage 1 Assessment Results	National 2016 Assessment Results
Reading	Working at or above expectation	93%	74%
	Working at greater depth	30%	24%
Writing	Working at or above expectation	85%	65%
	Working at greater depth	34%	13%
Maths	Working at or above expectation	87%	73%
	Working at greater depth	38%	18%