



Priory News 2018

Dear Parents,

A very Happy New Year to you all. I hope that you all enjoyed your time together over the Christmas holiday.

We enjoyed many festive celebrations at the end of the Autumn term. The Christmas performances were wonderful – we hope you enjoyed them too. Thank-you for your generous donations. Together, we raised £312 for Shelter.

Thank-you to all the parents who came along to our coffee morning – we hope you enjoyed the carols that the children shared during the morning.

Our Christingle assembly ended the Autumn term – it was a beautiful occasion – we sang carols together, and children narrated the assembly, while we lit the candles together.

You should have received your curriculum overview for this term – please ask at the school office if you haven't seen yours.



SCHOOL GAMES PLATINUM AWARD!

We were delighted to hear that following on from the success of our Gold School Games Award, we have been recognised further, and awarded the Platinum! This is a brilliant achievement for the school and is in recognition of the many sporting opportunities and competitions that our children can become involved in while at Priory.

A very big well done, and thank-you, to the staff involved in making this provision possible.

Emergency Closures

If the school should need to close for any reason, we will notify you through the School Gateway message service, and also on the front page of our website.

We will also notify Cambridgeshire County Council and our local radio station – BBC Radio Cambridgeshire.

Decisions to close the school due to an emergency would always be taken as early as possible, and parents would be informed as quickly as possible regarding this.

Diary Dates

FOPJS Committee Mtg	10 th January
Pobble Launch Day	15 th January
NSPCC Assembly	16 th January
DF4 Class assembly	17 th January
NSPCC Y5/6 Workshops	23 rd January
NS5 Class assembly	24 th January
FOPJS Chocolate Bingo	25 th January
National Measurement Programme for Year 6	30 th January
Choir Young Voices O2 Trip	2 nd February
Parents' Coffee Morning	8 th February
Half-Term	12 th – 16 th February
Parents Evenings	20 th / 22 nd February
World Book Day	1 st March
FOPJS Movie Night	1 st March
Quicksticks Hockey Tournament	2 nd March
Young 'Uns Visit	7 th March
HR5 Class assembly	8 th March
Year 4 Gymnastics Competition	13 th March
KB4 Class assembly	21 st March
Parents' Coffee Morning	22 nd March
FOPJS Discos	22 nd March
Y5 Egyptian Day	23 rd March
Theme Week – Birds	26 th – 29 th March
Nite Owls Visit	28 th March
End of Spring Term	29 th March
Summer Term starts	17 th April

Class Assemblies

Class Assemblies usually take place on Wednesdays, at 9.15am.

Parents are very welcome to join us for these occasions. This term, the following assemblies will be taking place:

DF4 – 17th January

NS5 – 24th January

HR5 – 8th March (**Thursday**)

KB4 – 21st March

Parents Drop-Ins – Book an Appointment!

Do you know about our Family Worker? Lorraine Simons, one of the St Neots Locality's Family Workers, visits our school every fortnight and offers **appointments** for parents to support with a wide variety of areas – from bedtime routines – to challenging behaviour. They are also able to provide information to families about other services available in the local area.

If you would like an appointment to see the family worker, this can be done either through the school office, or by calling into the cookery room, when the drop-in sessions are on.

The drop-ins take place on alternate Thursdays, from 8.45 – 10am, and are held in the cookery room.

Coffee Morning

Come and drop-in for a coffee and cake on 8th February from between 9.30am – 10am. We look forward to seeing you.

Our coffee mornings are open to parents of all year groups, unless otherwise stated.

World Book Day – 1st March

Children are invited to dress as their favourite book character on World Book Day.

Supervision of Children

From 8.40am, children are supervised coming into the school. Please remember that, before this time, the supervision of children before the start of the day remains your responsibility.

At the end of the school day, please make sure you keep your younger children with you on collection. They should not be using our Trim Trail, or in our Outdoor Classroom.

Please make sure your children are safe by keeping them with you, at all times, when visiting the school.

Pobble

We are very excited to be launching Pobble next Monday in school.

This is a secure online platform which will allow us to share children's writing with you, and others too! Children will be able to have their writing published on Pobble for others to read. They will also receive feedback about their writing, and be able to give feedback to others too.

If you haven't already done so, please respond to the email sent to you from Pobble, to provide permission for your children to have full access to this.

Walk Once A Week.....

is continuing this term. The children are enjoying earning their badges for this, and our travel ambassadors for each class are doing a great job in helping the journeys be recorded on our Travel Tracker, and collecting badges for their classmates. Our walking journeys have risen from 38% in September to 46% now, which is fantastic, given that it's got much colder.

Please keep supporting this, and let's see if we can get above 50%!

Parking / Roundabout

Please remember that the roundabout is for dropping off only in the mornings. This is so that we can maintain a steady flow of parents using the roundabout in the morning to drop children off. It works really well when we all keep to this – so please help everyone by making use of the visitor's car park if you wish to leave your car to come onto the playground, or into school.

In the interests of the safety of all our children, please do not park on the zig-zags or the zebra crossing, even for just a short time!

You will no doubt be aware that the local PCSOs have been monitoring parking around the school site recently, helping to keep your children safe.

If you are having trouble finding places to park, have you considered 'Park and Stride' – one good place to park for this is Priory Park car park, which the council are happy for you to use for such a purpose, and then walk up to school from there. There are also marked parking bays further up Longsands Road, which are often empty at pick-up time, and are legal places to park.

Arts in St Neots Library

The Library Presents...Arts Alive invites all children and their families to come and enjoy some of the fantastic music, theatre, art and magic events that are taking place in Libraries across Cambridgeshire this term.

Click [here](#) to find out more about the events taking place in local libraries, including St Neots.

Music Assembly:



Autumn Term 100% Attendance

Our attendance for the whole school ended the term at 97.2%, which is fantastic! 94 children were able to maintain 100% for the Autumn Term. Congratulations to:

Finley A, Pedro A, Charlotte A, Charlie B, Joshua B, Chloe Rose B, Rowan B, Toby B, Dylan B, Gabriella B, Jake B, Ryan B, Amanda C, Libby C, Patrick C, Lottie C, Issy C, Jack C, Sophia C, Stephen C, Mikolaj C, Charlie C, Felicity C, Lara C, Riley C, Ollie C, Ellen C, Hayden D, Annaleise D, Lottie D, Edward E, Antonio E, Isaac F, Amy F, Emilia F, Tegan G, Joe G, Eleanor G, Charlie H, Carter H, Riley H, Lewis H, Sophie H, Oliver H, Vinnie H, Yasmin I, Sophie J, Brandon J, Celine J, Matthew J, William J, Zuzanna K, Koston L, Taison L, Charlie L-G, James L, Grace M, Charlotte M, Lottie M, Lauren M, Freya M, Houda M, Sri M, Harry M, James N, Alex N, Nashani O, Bella P, Ollie P, Mason P, Fraser P, Anthony Q, Daniel R, Esme R, Lyla S, Brooke S, Aleksander S, Reece S, Bogumil S, Holly S, Bobbie S, Damian T, Lewis T, Freddie T, Michael T, Amelia T, Karolina V, Myles W, Lyla W, Thomas W, Zachary W, Grace W, Oliver W-B, Maya W