



Priory News 2018

Dear Parents,

The Cross Country Championships held in April were fantastic – we had over 1000 children taking part in the event, which we held at Priory Park. A huge thank-you to everyone who helped us – we really appreciate the team effort in making the event so successful. We were also delighted to be featured on Anglia TV for the event!

Last week saw our Year 6 children taking part in the SATs. They all worked incredibly hard, demonstrating perseverance and commitment to doing their very best. We are very proud of them all.

There are many events to look forward to this Summer term – we have our Residential visits for year 6, day trips, many sporting events and much more. Please check the diary dates to make sure you don't miss out.

**Don't forget, half-term ends on Thursday, 24th May.
Term re-starts on Monday, 4th June**

Class Assemblies

Class assemblies still to enjoy this term are as follows:

TO3	20 th June
BP3	11 th July

Parents are very welcome to join us for these assemblies – they start at 9.15am, on Wednesday mornings.

Diary Dates

Tennis Tournament	22 nd May
Y5 Maths Challenge	23 rd May
Y5 Safety Zone Visits	22 nd / 24 th May
Parents Forum	23 rd May
Catering Presentations	24 th May
Professional Day – School Closed	25th May
Half-Term	28th May – 1st June
Y6 Residential Week 1	4 th – 8 th June
Y5/6 Kwik Cricket Tournament	5 th June
PPP Music Concert Rehearsal 1	12 th June
Y6 Residential Week 2	11 th – 15 th June
Athletics Tournament	12 th June
Y2 /Y3 Story Sharing	14 th June
Parents Do Day (Y3/5/6)	18 th June
PPP Music Concert Rehearsal 2	19 th June
PPP Music Concert	19 th June
Girls Kwik Cricket Tournament	19 th June
Basic Skills Quality Mark	
Renewal Assessment	20 th June
TO3 Class Assembly	20 th June
Seaside Lunch	22 nd June
New Parents' Coffee Morning	28 th June
Longsands Language Leaders	28 th June
Y2 / Y3 Maths Games	28 th June
New Classes Morning	3 rd July
Y4 Kwik Cricket Tournament	3 rd July
Y6 Transition Days	3 rd / 4 th July
Reports Sent Home	6 th July
Sports Day	10 th July
Y2 / Y3 Games Afternoon	11 th July
BP3 Class Assembly	11 th July
Non-Uniform Day	13 th July
Summer Fete	13 th July
Reserve Sports Day *CHANGE OF DATE*	16 th July
Y6 Leavers' Play	18 th July
FOPJS Y3/4/5 Disco / Y6 Leavers' Disco	19 th July
End of Term Lunch	20 th July
End of Term	24th July
Autumn Term Starts	5th September

Staffing

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Wyer to our Teaching Assistant team. Mrs Wyer will be working in JC3.

Parents Do Day

Our next Parents Do Day is on 18th June. Parents are encouraged to come and join your child in class and take part in one of their lessons for the day. The timings for each year group are as follows:

<i>Year 5</i>	<i>9.30 – 10.30am</i>
<i>Year 3</i>	<i>1.20 – 2.20pm</i>
<i>Year 6</i>	<i>2.20 – 3.20pm</i>

We hope you will be able to join us. Year 4 parents are invited to get involved in the project below.

Year 4 Parents Art Project

Last year, the school worked closely with the charity, Children's Links to develop a project focused on the stories of the children's parents.

This term, we will again be running the project by ourselves. Parents will be invited to join their children for sessions, and the project will culminate with a display of the children's work – to which parents will be invited.

We hope you will be able to join us for the sessions, or some of them. If you are unable to, there will also be opportunities to send in photographs and useful information to help.

More details about the project will be sent home to you in the near future.

Pobble

Our writing platform, Pobble, continues to go from strength to strength – with us seeing great enthusiasm from children to be published on the site. We hope you are enjoying reading your children's writing too.

So far, we have had 6889 views, and 1941 comments given to our children! Thank-you to you all for getting involved!

Catering Provision

As you know, we are currently looking for a new catering provider for September, following a review of our current catering provision.

We have now shortlisted three caterers who will be visiting school this week to discuss their ideas further. We have selected a small group of children who will also have the opportunity to meet with them, sample their food, and ask any questions they may have.

From this, a decision will be made as to our catering provider for September, which we look forward to sharing with you in the near future.

Well done to:

- *All our children who took part in the Cross-Country championships – you were magnificent!*
- *Our football A team – on winning the Spring Tournament final!*

Good Luck to....

- *Our team of Year 5 children competing in the Cambridgeshire Maths Challenge!*

Parents Forum

You may remember that we asked for parents to join our Parents Forum – a group of parents, who will provide invaluable feedback to us, and help us in the decisions we make as a school.

Our first meeting of the Parents Forum will be on Wednesday at 6pm. If you forgot to return your slip, and wish to be involved, it's not too late – all we ask is that you ring the school office to let them know you wish to be involved.

We very much see the Parents Forum as working in partnership with the school. We are striving to build on the good practice that exists within our school, and make Priory Junior School an even better place to learn.

Term-Time Holidays

Please remember that schools are not able to authorise absences from school for the purpose of a holiday. Should you decide to take your child out of school for a holiday, Cambridgeshire County Council may issue a penalty notice.

Leave of absence may only be given for exceptional circumstances. If there is a reason you need your child to be absent, please request a 'Special Leave of Absence' form to complete at the school office.