



Priory News 2017

Dear Parents,

We hope you all enjoyed a relaxing time during the half-term break.

We hope the Parents Evenings before half-term provided you with a good overview of your child's progress, and ways to support learning at home too. If you missed attending, please telephone or drop-in to see your child's class teacher, who will be happy to make an appointment with you.

You will receive your half-termly overview in the very near future. These will be slightly different this time – with information about the focus book each year group is learning about, along with ideas for other books to read that would link with the topic. We hope you find this useful.

Attached to this newsletter is some helpful guidance for parents about Instagram.

National Anti-Bullying Week

Next week is National Anti-Bullying Week. The national theme for the week is 'All Different, All Equal'.

Each year group will be exploring this theme in different ways. They will also be reminding children of the strategies to use, should they see or experience bullying.

Should your child report to you that they are experiencing bullying, please contact your child's class teacher.

You can expect your concerns to be taken seriously. As part of this, your child will be given a named adult to report any further concerns too; and for us to take positive action to reduce the chances of this happening.

Through regular contact with you, we will work together to resolve this as quickly as possible.

Diary Dates

Year 4 Residential Group 2	6 th – 8 th November
B Team Football Tournament	9 th November
Parents' Maths Information Evening	9 th November
CS6 Class Assembly	15 th November
FOPJS Discos	16 th November
Anti-Bullying Theatre Show	17 th November
Children in Need Day	17 th November
Y6 Bikeability Week	20 th – 23 rd Nov
Y5 Peer Mediator Training	22 nd – 23 rd Nov
Open Evening	23 rd November
Y3/4 Flu Vaccinations	28 th November
DR6 Class Assembly	29 th November
FOPJS Christmas Craft Evening	30 th November
Y6 Viking Day	1 st December
Parents Do Day	6 th December
Christmas Lunch	12 th December
Year 3 / 4 Christmas Performance	13 th December
Year 5 / 6 Christmas Performance	14 th December
Christmas Jumper Day	15 th December
Parents' Coffee Morning	18 th December
Music Assembly	19 th December
Christingle	19 th December
End of Term	19th December

Proud to Be Priory:

- ❖ The enthusiasm our children have been showing for their learning.
- ❖ JC3 and KS6's wonderful class assemblies.
- ❖ Year 5's organisation of our recent coffee morning.
- ❖ The fantastic 'If' poems written by Year 5 – in the style of Rudyard Kipling's famous 'If' poem.

Attendance

Our whole-school attendance is currently 97.3% which is very good!

We also currently have 172 children who have 100% attendance for the term so far – well done!

Parents Coffee Morning

Thank-you to our Year 5 children for organising our recent coffee morning for all parents on 1st November – from 9 – 10am.

Thank-you also for the kind donations made – together, we raised £101.35 for the Salvation Army.

Our next coffee morning will be on 18th December, for all parents. Please join us for this event.

Parents Do Day

6th December is the date for our next ‘Parents Do’ day. During the day, we will be inviting parents to attend school, to be involved in making a Christmas decoration with their child/ren. We know that this is enjoyed by all who visit, so hope you will join us again!

The timings will be as follows:

9.30 – 10.30am: Year 5
11.15 – 12.15pm: Year 4
1.20 – 2.20pm: Year 3
2.20 – 3.20pm: Year 6

We very much hope you will be able to join us!

Well done to....

- Our 172 children who still have 100% attendance for this term!
- Our football teams who played well in the recent tournaments.

Cambridgeshire County Council Admissions Consultation

Cambridgeshire County Council is required to publish information annually regarding proposed changes to school admission arrangements. The Annual Consultation of Admission Arrangements in Cambridgeshire will take place between 1 November 2017 and 15th December 2017.

If you would like to view this information, and related documents, they can be viewed from the county’s webpage:

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/admissionsannualconsultation>

Maths Information Evening for Parents

On Thursday, we will be holding an information evening for parents about our work in maths –with a particular focus on problem-solving.

We anticipate that this will be a popular event so, don’t forget to book your place on the School Gateway.

Children in Need Day

To help us raise funds for Children in Need, we are inviting children to ‘wear their spots’ on 17th November – for a contribution of 50p to Children in Need.

Individual Photographs

You should now have received the proof of your child’s photograph.

Should you wish to purchase a photograph, please place your order on line or return your order to the school office by Wednesday 15th November.

Children’s Bags

In a bid to keep our school cloakroom areas as tidy as possible, we request that you keep the sizes of bags to a minimum. Cloakrooms are often shared by 60 children and so, you will appreciate, we do not have the space for 60 large bags.

Reading books and homework books should fit into a bag which is no bigger than a book bag.

PE kits should ideally be in drawstring bags that can be hung on a peg, under coats. In order to make sure your child’s kit is available for PE lessons, it is ideal if it comes into school on Monday, and goes home on Friday each week.

Please ensure all your children’s belongings are named to help reduce lost property. Thank you.