



# Priory News 2018

*Dear Parents,*

*Welcome back - we hope you all had an enjoyable Easter holiday.*

*It was great to see the children return to school looking keen, and ready for the new topics of learning this term.*

*The County Cross-Country Championships are being held at Priory Park on 26<sup>th</sup> April – we wish our team of children the very best. A huge thank-you to Mr Sadler and Mrs Wager for organising the event again, and to Friends of Priory for organising refreshments for visiting schools.*

*The Diary Dates should give you a flavour of all the events taking place this term – with many things to look forward to. The term dates for the next academic year are also attached, for your information.*

**Class Assemblies**

*We are looking forward to the following class assemblies this term:*

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| <i>ER4</i> | <i>2<sup>nd</sup> May</i>   |
| <i>LS5</i> | <i>9<sup>th</sup> May</i>   |
| <i>TO3</i> | <i>20<sup>th</sup> June</i> |
| <i>BP3</i> | <i>11<sup>th</sup> July</i> |

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

**Half-Termly Overviews**

*Your new half-termly overview will be sent home in the very near future. This will contain information about the learning taking place in class this half-term.*

*There are some inspiring texts supporting learning this term:*

*Year 6 – Way Home by [Libby Hathorn](#) and Gregory Rogers*

*Year 5 – Beowulf retold by Michael Morpurgo*

*Year 4 – Fox by Margaret Wild and Ron Brooks*

*Year 5 – Anthony Browne stories*

**Diary Dates**

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| <i>Cross-Country Championships</i>              | <i>26<sup>th</sup> April</i>                     |
| <i>Y6 Kick Ash Visit 1</i>                      | <i>30<sup>th</sup> April</i>                     |
| <i>FOPJS Mtg – 7.30pm</i>                       | <i>30<sup>th</sup> April</i>                     |
| <i>Y3 Church Visit</i>                          | <i>1<sup>st</sup> May</i>                        |
| <i>Tri-Golf Festival</i>                        | <i>1<sup>st</sup> May</i>                        |
| <i>Y3/4 Fencing Taster Day</i>                  | <i>2<sup>nd</sup> May</i>                        |
| <i>Spring Term Attendance Parties</i>           | <i>3<sup>rd</sup> May</i>                        |
| <i>Y6 SATS Information Evening</i>              | <i>3<sup>rd</sup> May</i>                        |
| <i>Bank Holiday Monday</i>                      | <i>7<sup>th</sup> May</i>                        |
| <i>Parents Coffee Morning – organised by Y3</i> | <i>8<sup>th</sup> May</i>                        |
| <i>High 5s Netball Tournament</i>               | <i>8<sup>th</sup> May</i>                        |
| <i>TO3/ BP3 St Neots Museum Visits</i>          | <i>9<sup>th</sup> May</i>                        |
| <i>Football A Team Final Tournament</i>         | <i>9<sup>th</sup> May</i>                        |
| <i>JC3 St Neots Museum Visit</i>                | <i>10<sup>th</sup> May</i>                       |
| <i>Y6 Residential Trip Evening</i>              | <i>10<sup>th</sup> May</i>                       |
| <i>Y3 Evangelical Church Visit</i>              | <i>17<sup>th</sup> May</i>                       |
| <i>Y5 West Stow Trip</i>                        | <i>18<sup>th</sup> May</i>                       |
| <i>Y6 SATS Week</i>                             | <i>14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> May</i>     |
| <i>Tennis Tournament</i>                        | <i>22<sup>nd</sup> May</i>                       |
| <b>Professional Day – School Closed</b>         | <b>25<sup>th</sup> May</b>                       |
| <b>Half-Term</b>                                | <b>28<sup>th</sup> May – 1<sup>st</sup> June</b> |
| <i>Y6 Residential Week 1</i>                    | <i>4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> June</i>      |
| <i>Y5/6 Kwik Cricket Tournament</i>             | <i>5<sup>th</sup> June</i>                       |
| <i>PPP Music Concert Rehearsal 1</i>            | <i>6<sup>th</sup> June</i>                       |
| <i>Y6 Residential Week 2</i>                    | <i>11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> June</i>    |
| <i>Athletics Tournament</i>                     | <i>12<sup>th</sup> June</i>                      |
| <i>Parents Do Day (Y3/5/6)</i>                  | <i>18<sup>th</sup> June</i>                      |
| <i>PPP Music Concert Rehearsal 2</i>            | <i>19<sup>th</sup> June</i>                      |
| <i>PPP Music Concert</i>                        | <i>19<sup>th</sup> June</i>                      |
| <i>Girls Kwik Cricket Tournament</i>            | <i>19<sup>th</sup> June</i>                      |
| <i>Basic Skills Quality Mark</i>                |  |
| <i>Renewal Assessment</i>                       | <i>20<sup>th</sup> June</i>                      |
| <i>Seaside Lunch</i>                            | <i>22<sup>nd</sup> June</i>                      |
| <i>New Parents' Coffee Morning</i>              | <i>28<sup>th</sup> June</i>                      |
| <i>Longsands Language Leaders</i>               | <i>28<sup>th</sup> June</i>                      |
| <i>New Classes Morning</i>                      | <i>3<sup>rd</sup> July</i>                       |
| <i>Y4 Kwik Cricket Tournament</i>               | <i>3<sup>rd</sup> July</i>                       |
| <i>Y6 Transition Days</i>                       | <i>3<sup>rd</sup> / 4<sup>th</sup> July</i>      |
| <i>Reports Sent Home</i>                        | <i>6<sup>th</sup> July</i>                       |
| <i>Sports Day</i>                               | <i>10<sup>th</sup> July</i>                      |
| <i>Reserve Sports Day</i>                       | <i>12<sup>th</sup> July</i>                      |
| <i>Summer Fete</i>                              | <i>13<sup>th</sup> July</i>                      |
| <i>Y6 Leavers' Play</i>                         | <i>18<sup>th</sup> July</i>                      |
| <i>End of Term Lunch</i>                        | <i>20<sup>th</sup> July</i>                      |
| <b>End of Term</b>                              | <b>24<sup>th</sup> July</b>                      |
| <b>Autumn Term Starts</b>                       | <b>5<sup>th</sup> September</b>                  |

### ***Kick Ash Visit***

*Year 6 children will be spending time working with older children from Longsands Academy next week, who will be leading them in a workshop about smoking.*

*There will be an opportunity for Year 6 parents to join their children in class at the end of the afternoon to hear about their work. A letter detailing this will be coming home in the very near future.*

### ***Well done to:***

- *Year 4 Orienteering team who enjoyed taking part in the orienteering festival this week.*
- *Our Cross Country teams for all their hard work in training and preparing for the championships.*

### ***Bike Shed Thefts***

*Unfortunately, we began the summer term with thefts from our bike shed. This occurred during the school day, with someone visiting the school and taking scooters. The matter has been reported to the police.*

*We have reminded children to place any scooters or bikes within the red shed for the time-being.*

*We are looking to raise the height of the remaining fence around this area in the near future.*

### ***Coffee Morning – 8<sup>th</sup> May***

*The next coffee morning for parents is on the 8<sup>th</sup> May. Please drop in between 9 and 10am to enjoy a coffee, a cake and some entertainment, which will be provided by Year 3.*

### ***Parking***

*When collecting children at the end of the day please do not park on the yellow zig-zags at the school entrance, or on the pavement. These areas should be kept clear at all times, so that all children are safe on their journey home.*

### ***Bird Themed Learning Week***

*The Spring term ended with a week of learning about birds. It was great to see the enthusiasm of the children for this topic. Highlights of the week included the visit from Night Owls, and hopefully, you have enjoyed looking at the picture sent home. Don't forget any orders need to be returned by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April.*

*Children also enjoyed the bird-themed maths treasure hunt around the school grounds, and there were many entries to the competition to win the Easter egg! This was won by Lyla in Year 3. A big thank-you to Friends of Priory, Brittains, Sweet Paradise and Martins for their donations here.*



### ***Basic Skills Quality Mark Renewal Assessment***

*We will be receiving an assessment visit to review our Basic Skills Quality Mark on 20<sup>th</sup> June. This Quality Mark is held in recognition of our work related to developing children's basic skills in English and Maths, and we are very proud to hold this award. We look forward to sharing the outcome of the assessment with you later this term.*

### ***Catering Provision***

*We are currently looking for a new catering provider for September, following a review of our current catering provision.*

*Thank-you to everyone who contributed to our parental survey on catering (at Parents Evening in February). These thoughts are contributing to the process.*

*Several caterers visited the school last week, and we are now looking forward to reviewing bids and deciding on a final provider. Once we have this in place, we will share this with you.*

### **Number Link Boards**

*Have you seen our Number Link boards? These are a great way to help children learn their tables, and help them to not only practise tables, but see connections between tables too.*

*The children make use of boards in class, and there are also some fun games to play with them too.*

*Number Link Board packs are available to use at home too – and we have put together a pack of everything you need to play the game. These are available from the school office for £3 each.*

### **PPP Music Concert**

*We will be holding our first PPP Music Concert on 19<sup>th</sup> June.*

*Children from Priory Junior, Priory Park Infants and Little Paxton Primary will be coming together to share their musical talents. If your child is involved in this, they will receive a letter in the near future telling you a little more about the event.*



### **Charity Fund-raising**

*During the school year, we receive many requests from children asking if they can do some additional fund-raising. This is a great way for them to develop independence skills – and the planning for this is done entirely by them, with some small checks along the way. This includes asking them to consider how they inform others about their fund-raising, how they are gathering resources together, and how they are going to collect money, keep it safe, and send it off to charity.*

*We are always delighted to see the popularity of this, and as part of our checks with the children, we always ask that they have spoken to parents about their ideas too. To ensure you know about their ideas, we will be introducing a short permission slip for them to bring home.*

### **100% Attendance**

*Congratulations to the following children, who had 100% attendance for the Spring Term:*

*Riley A, Finley A, Pedro A, Charlotte A, Charlie B, Joshua B, Callum B, Chloe Rose B, Toby B, Josh B, Oli B, Elijah B, Jake B, Robert B, Jay B, Kai B, Tamla B, Amanda C, Susie C, Lilly C, Anna C, Mikolaj C, Evie C, Milla C, William C, Charlie C, Gemma C, Riley C, Ollie C, Charles C, Christopher C, Ellen C, Callum D, Edward E, Antonio E, Isaac F, Amy F, Emilia F, Jack F, Bo F, Maison F, Freddie F, Eric G, Riley G, Joe G, Aeryn H, Jerry H, Reuban H, Riley H, Louis H, Grace H-C, Jamie H, Chanelle H, Mason H, Vinnie H, Francesca H, George J, Brandon J, Celine J, Matheo J, Emma K, Jack K, Keira K, Sadie K, Bethan K, Eleanor L-S, Koston L, Charles L-G, Theo L, Neve L, Ewan M, Grace M, Skye M, Charlotte M, Lottie M, Carys M, Lauren M, Houda M, Harry M, Ava N, Logan N, Jackson P, Anthony Q, Daniel R, Alice R, Mackenzie R, Abigail S, Lyla S, Aleksander S, Reece S, Sophia S, Steven S, Gabriel S, Ines S, Hollie S, Bogumil S, Holly S, Bobbie S, Isabelle S, Damian T, Dylan T, Michael T, Isabella T, Alfie-Ray T, Archie T, Karolina V, Myles W, Reece W, Martha W, Phoebe W, Lyla W, Zachary W, William W, Grace W, Oliver W-B, William W-B, Harmony W, Maya W, Matilda W, Emily W, Eva W, Christopher Z*

***Our Whole-school Attendance is currently 96.9% - which is very good – well done!***

