



Priory News 2019



Dear Parents,

We held the 21st Cross Country Championships at the start of May and they 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 – Riverside Runners, St Neots Football Club, Nice Tri, Friends of Priory and the staff at Priory Junior School too. This year saw the introduction of chip timing for the runners – which was a successful addition to the event. We should be very proud of our school for organising such an event for the whole of Cambridgeshire Schools! We were also delighted to be featured in the Cambridge Evening News for the event!



This week is SATs week for our Year 6 children. They have 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 and year 4, 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, 23rd May.
Term re-starts on Monday, 3rd June**

Diary Dates

Year 6 SATs Week	13 th – 17 th May
Y3 /4 Tri Golf Tournament	14 th May
AG6 St Neots Library Visit	20 th May
CS6 St Neots Library Visit	21 st May
Y5 West Stow Trip	21 st May
Y3/4 Tennis Tournament	21 st May
Parents Coffee Morning	21 st May
Football Tournament	22 nd May
Community Sports Fair	22 nd May
Professional Day – School Closed	24th May
Half-Term	27th May – 31st May
Y6 Residential Week 1	3 rd –7 th June
Y6 Residential Week 2	10 th – 14 th June
Y4 Residential Week 1	10 th – 12 th June
Athletics Tournament	11 th June
STEM Club Science Tournament	12 th June
Parents Forum	13 th June
Father's Day Lunches	13 th – 18 th June
Y4 Residential Week 2	15 th – 17 th June
Y6 Maths Challenge	20 th June
Y3 and Y2 Story Morning	21 st June
Parents Do Day	25 th June
New Parents Coffee Morning	27 th June
Secondary School Transition Days	2 nd / 3 rd July
New Classes Morning	3 rd July



Summer Fete	5 th July
Sports Day (morning)	9 th July
Reserve Sports Day (morning)	10 th July
Y3 and Y2 Sports afternoon	12 th July
Reports Sent Home	12 th July
Y6 Leavers Play	17 th July
Y3/4/5 Disco	18 th July
Y6 Leavers Disco	18 th July
Y4 Cambridge Trip	19 th July
End of Term	24th July
Autumn Term Starts	4th September

Parents Do Day

Our next Parents Do Day is on 25th 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

As part of work with the community, the school has developed a project with the charity Children's Links, focusing on the stories of the children's parents.

We will be running the project by ourselves this year. 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

We continue to celebrate children's writing using Pobble. To view your child's writing, please make sure you have given consent for this – you can do this by talking to your child's class teacher. By doing so, you will then be able to view their writing too.

Staffing

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Cole to The BASE as a Play Worker. Mrs Cole already knows the school well, and the children, through her role as a midday supervisor at Priory Park Infants School.

Class Assemblies

Class assemblies taking place this term are as follows:

<i>HR5</i>	<i>15th May</i>
<i>SH5</i>	<i>19th June</i>
<i>DF4</i>	<i>8th July</i>

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

Parents Forum

Parents Forum is proving to be a strong partnership between school and parents. It's very friendly, and meetings are no more than 45 minutes.

Our last meeting of the Parents Forum took place towards the end of last term. During the meeting, we discussed the school's approach to homework, and we were pleased to hear from parents that they were happy with the homework that the school provides, and recognised the way it prepared children for secondary school in Year 6. We also heard that the self-organisation of different types of homework is an aspect that children need to manage as they move to Year 7. As a result of this, we will be trialling some different approaches in Year 6.

The next Parents Forum will take place on Thursday, 13th June – starting at 6pm. Please come along and get involved.

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.