



Priory News 2015

July

Dear Parents,

It's incredible to believe that it is July – where has the year gone? It has been another busy year at Priory with much to enjoy and celebrate.

You should have received your child's annual report now – we hope it is informative. Please make sure you return the reply slip so we know you have received it.

*We still have a lot of events taking place before the end of term – most of which are mentioned in this newsletter. Don't forget the term ends on **Wednesday, 22nd July.***

We have enjoyed hearing the positive stories from our Year 6's recent visits to their new secondary schools. We wish them all the very best as they leave us to start the next stage of their education. We will miss them!

Staffing

As we approach the end of this school year, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Bownass. After 10 years teaching at Priory Junior School, Mrs Bownass is leaving to pursue personal interests. We wish her every success for the future, and thank her for her hard work and contribution to Priory Junior School during her time here.

In September, we will be growing slightly in size – expanding to 10 classes. We will welcome Miss Brace to our teaching team. We are looking forward to her joining Priory Junior School. Miss Brace will be joining the Year 4 team.

Attendance

Whole-school attendance is currently 96.9% - this is fantastic! Keep it up, everyone!

Diary Dates

<i>Year 4 Cambridge Trip</i>	<i>7th July</i>
<i>Y5/6 Football Final</i>	<i>7th July</i>
<i>Year 3 Recorders Performance</i>	<i>8th July</i>
<i>Sports Day Morning</i>	<i>9th July</i>
<i>Year 6 Fire Safety Talk</i>	<i>9th July</i>
<i>Joint Sports Event with Samuel Pepys</i>	<i>9th July, pm</i>
<i>Year 3 Drumming Workshop</i>	<i>10th July</i>
<i>Year 2/3 Cakes and Games</i>	<i>13th July</i>
<i>St Neots Library Assembly</i>	<i>15th July</i>
<i>End of Term Discos</i>	<i>15th July</i>
<i>End of Term Lunch</i>	<i>17th July</i>
<i>Y6 Leavers Play</i>	<i>20th July</i>
<i>End of Term</i>	<i>22nd July</i>

Autumn Term Starts 3rd September

Andy Cope, Children's Author, Visit

We were thrilled to be visited by Andy Cope on June 17th. Andy inspired the children with his talk about being an author, how he gets inspiration for stories, and then he gave us all a writing challenge. The children wrote some brilliant stories and we enjoyed hearing these in an assembly with Andy.

During the afternoon, he spent time working with the Year 5 and 6 children – this time, the focus was positive thinking – and how, through adopting a positive attitude, this can make a difference to our own enjoyment and that of others.

Basic Skills Quality Mark

We are thrilled to inform you that, following an external assessment, we have been awarded the Basic Skills Quality Mark for the 5th time! This is in recognition of all the work we do to ensure our children secure a good level of reading, writing and maths skills. It involves our tracking systems, our development of teaching and learning, and the opportunities we provide for parents to get involved in their children's learning.

A Summer of Sport.....

Quadkids Athletics

We were delighted to take a team of Year 5 and 6 children to represent Priory Junior School at the School Games competition. We performed very well and qualified for the School Games Final – held on 25th June.

Congratulations to all children who took part.

Quicksticks Hockey Tournament

Well done to our team of Year 5 children who competed well in the Inter-School Quicksticks Hockey tournament.

Year 5/6 Kwik Cricket Tournament

Our Year 5/6 Cricket team qualified for the Kwik Cricket Tournament Final, held in Peterborough. They all played well – on a very hot day! Well done to all children who took part.

Year 4 Tennis Tournament

Well done to our Year 4 children who competed in the tennis tournament – it was greatly enjoyed by all.

Football Tournaments

*Our Year 5 and Year 6 football teams have been very successful in their matches for the Dickenson Cup (Year 6) and the Millennium Cup (Year 5). They are now through to the semi-finals – which they will play next week.
Good Luck to all taking part!*

St Neots Schools' Maths Challenge

Sixteen of our Year 5/6 children represented us at the Inter-School Maths Challenge held at Longsands Academy last week. They worked in teams and one of the teams came third – well done!

Don't Forget:

It's Sports Day on Thursday, 9th July, at 9.30am. Please come and support your children as they compete.

*Have a lovely Summer holiday
– see you in September!*

Year 6 Science Challenge

Six members of Year 6 represented the school recently at an Inter-School Science Challenge held at Ernulf Academy. They competed well – working together to solve a variety of investigations. Our team performed exceptionally well at building the tallest tower, and making a microbe – well done!

Year 5 County Maths Challenge

Our team of Year 5 Mathematicians represented our school in the recent county maths competition – and secured a place at the final, held at Duxford Air Museum on 2nd July.

They competed tremendously well, and came 6th in the final, competing against 31 other teams. Well done!

School Meals

From September, CCS will be increasing the cost of school dinners.

*Children's meals will rise to £2.25
Adult meals will increase to £3.20*

Please Note: All meals must be paid for in advance – this can be done online using ParentPay.

From September, no meals will be supplied unless payment has been received in advance.

Andrew Ware – Cycling Expedition

Many of you will remember Jane Ware, Andrew's wife, who sadly died suddenly in October 2013.

This summer, Andrew is cycling 4000 miles coast to coast across America to raise money for the charities that have supported his family during this difficult time; in particular WAY (Widowed and Young).

We look forward to hearing about his experiences on his return!

If you would like to be involved, you can find sponsorship details on:

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/AndrewWare2>

Good Luck, Andrew!