



Priory News 2016

Dear Parents,

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

Our Open Evening during our first week back provided a good opportunity for parents to have a look around the school. Thank-you to all the children who volunteered to help lead activities.

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.

National Anti-Bullying Week

This week is National Anti-Bullying Week. As part of the week, your child will be revisiting the strategies to use if they feel they are experiencing bullying or see this happening.

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.

Individual Photographs

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

Should you wish to purchase a photograph, please return your order to the school office by Wednesday 16th November.

Diary Dates

LS5 Class Assembly	16 th November
Anti-Bullying Theatre Show	17 th November
Parents Maths Workshop	17 th November
Children in Need Day	18 th November
CS6 Class Assembly	23 rd November
Parents Coffee Morning	24 th November
Y3 Flu Vaccinations	24 th November
FOPJS Christmas Shopping Evening	24 th November
National Anti-Bullying Week	16 th – 20 th Nov
TJ3 Class Assembly	30 th November
Y6 Viking Day	2 nd December
Parents Do Day	6 th December
Y3/4 Christmas Performances	14 th December
Y5/6 Christmas Performances	15 th December
Christmas Jumper Day	16 th December
Christingle	20 th December

End of Term

20th December

Spring Term Starts

5th January

Children in Need Day

Last week, we enjoyed a visit from Pudsey Bear. He joined us for our Singing Assembly – and enjoyed listening to the children sing.

To help us raise funds for Children in Need, we are inviting children to come to school dressed as their hero – for a contribution of 50p to Children in Need.

Their hero could include Pudsey himself!

Attendance

Our whole-school attendance is currently 97.2% which is very good!

We also currently have 175 children who have 100% attendance for the term so far – well done!

The BASE

*Following feedback from parents, we are delighted to inform you that The BASE now opens earlier for breakfast sessions – **from 7.30am**. We will also be increasing our capacity in the evenings – from 28th November.*

Should you register for The BASE, you can also make ad hoc bookings – using the school Gateway. You can view sessions to see spaces available each day – and book your child in.

More information, including our fee policy, can be found on the school website, or through the School Office.

Parents Coffee Morning

Year 6 children will be organising a coffee morning for all parents on 24th November – from 9 – 10am.

This will be a charity morning, with more details being sent home in the very near future. We hope you will be able to join us for this event.

Well done to....

- *Our 175 children who still have 100% attendance for this term!*
- *All our children who helped with our Open Evening.*
- *KS6 children for their wonderful class assembly.*
- *Our football teams who played well in the recent tournaments.*

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.

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!

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.

Dropping Off and Picking Up?

A reminder that the roundabout, in the morning, is for dropping off only. This means that we can keep a steady flow of traffic and keep the area safe for arrivals.

If you wish to leave your car in the morning to come in, please make use of our visitors' car park and walk round to the playground / entrance.

Please also consider your parking at the end of the day for collection. The visitors' car park provides our on-site parking.

If this is full, we would request that you observe the parking restrictions on Longsands Road as these are there to keep your children safe.