



Priory News 2015

Dear Parents,

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

Our Open Evening before half-term provided a good opportunity to have a look around the school. Thank-you to all the children who volunteered to help and lead activities.

We started this half-term with Parents Evenings and we hope these allowed you to gain a good overview of your child's progress when meeting with your child's class teacher. 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.

Diary Dates

<i>Individual Photographs</i>	<i>11th Nov</i>
<i>Book Fair Visiting</i>	<i>11th - 17th Nov</i>
<i>Children in Need Day</i>	<i>13th Nov</i>
<i>Y6 Viking Day</i>	<i>13th Nov</i>
<i>National Anti-Bullying Week</i>	<i>16th - 20th Nov</i>
<i>Anti-Bullying Theatre Show</i>	<i>18th November</i>
<i>FOPJS Christmas Shopping Eve</i>	<i>19th November</i>
<i>Parents Do Day</i>	<i>1st December</i>
<i>Tom Palmer, Children's Author</i>	<i>3rd December</i>
<i>FOPJS Christmas Lantern Walk</i>	<i>10th December</i>
<i>Christmas Performances:</i>	
<i>Y5/6: 15th Dec - 9.30am and 6.30pm</i>	
<i>Y3/4: 16th Dec - 2pm and 6.30pm</i>	
<i>Christingle</i>	<i>18th December</i>
<i>End of Term</i>	<i>18th December</i>

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 sitting alongside the children - joining in the actions of the songs.

To help us raise funds for Children in Need, we are inviting children to come to school in non-uniform and 'Wear their Hair Wacky' for the day - for a contribution of 50p to Children in Need.

School Building Work

During the October half-term, we had the pathway leading up to The BASE and DF3 re-laid, and some additional paving installed between the two rooms. This should alleviate the puddling that occurs in this area.

Book Fair

We are delighted to be joined by the book fair again. The book fair will be open from this week from 3.20pm to 4.20pm. All commission from the book fair will be used to purchase books for our library.

Individual Photographs

The photographer will be in school on Wednesday to take individual photographs of the children. Photographs with siblings in school will also be taken. Please book an appointment if you require photographs with siblings not in school. This can be done through the school office.

Attendance

Our whole-school attendance is currently 96.5% which is good!

We also currently have 191 children who have 100% attendance for the term so far – well done!

Half-Termly Overview

You should find the Half-termly Overview for your child attached to this newsletter.

We have appreciated your positive feedback about the overviews, and are glad that you are finding this information valuable.

Copies can also be seen in the entrance area.

Well done to....

- *our 191 children who still have 100% attendance for this term!*
- *All our children who helped with our Open Evening.*
- *KS5 children for their wonderful class assembly.*
- *Our football teams who won their first matches last week: Year 6 won 7-0 and Year 5 won 4-0.*

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.

The BASE

Do you know that you can make ad hoc bookings at The BASE? If you would like to make use of this facility, please make sure you have registered your child through the school office.

More information, including our fee policy, can be found on the school website.

Parents Do Day

1st 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!

We plan to stagger the times for Year groups across the day in order for you to visit more than one year group, if you have more than one child.

The timings will be as follows:

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

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

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.