



Priory News 2017

Dear Parents,

The Cross Country Championships held in April were fantastic – we had over 900 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.

This week saw our Year 6 children taking part in the SATs – we have been very proud of them. They all worked incredibly hard, demonstrating perseverance and commitment to doing their very best.

There are many events to look forward to this Summer term – we have our Residential visits for years 4 and 6, a sponsored Danceathon, year group 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, 25th May.
Term re-starts on Monday, 5th June

Class Assemblies

Class assemblies still to enjoy this term are as follows:

KB4 – 17th May
 JC3 – 5th July

All class assemblies start at 10.30am.
 Parents are very welcome to join us.

Thank-you to parents who have told us that 10.30am is an awkward time for you if you are working. From September, we will be aiming to change this time so that it is easier to join us for class assemblies.

Diary Dates

Walk to School Week	15 th – 19 th May
Longsands Y7 Teachers Visiting	15 th May
Parents Coffee Morning	16 th May
Y4 Cricket Tournament	16 th May
Y5 Maths Challenge	16 th May
Y6 Residential Information Evening	17 th May
Y5 Safety Zone Visit	18 th May / 19 th May
Y3 St Neots Museum Visit – DF3 / JC3	18 th May
Y4 Residential Information Evening	18 th May
Y3 St Neots Museum Visit – TJ3	19 th May
E-Safety Theatre Show – Y4 and Y5	19 th May
Y4 Tennis Tournament	23 rd May
Parents Do Day	23 rd May
Danceathon	25 th May
Professional Day – School Closed	26 th May
Half-Term	29 th May – 2 nd June
Y6 Residential Trip Week 1	5 th – 9 th June
Quicksticks Hockey Tournament	6 th June
Athletics Event	
with Beam County Primary School	7 th June
St Neots Rotary Club Sponsored Walk	11 th June
Y6 Residential Trip Week 2	12 th – 16 th June
Y4 Residential Week	12 th – 16 th June
Quadkids Athletics Competition	13 th June
Y6 Cricket Tournament	15 th June
High 5s Netball Tournament	21 st June
FOPJS Summer Fete	23 rd June
Seaside Lunch	23 rd June
Tri Golf Tournament	27 th June
Parents Coffee Morning	28 th June
Girls Cricket Tournament	29 th June
Secondary Transition Days	4 th / 5 th July
New Classes Morning	4 th July
New Y3 Parents Evening	5 th July
BMX Academy Experience	7 th July
Reports Sent Home	7 th July
Sports Day (Morning)	11 th July
Reserve Sports Day (Morning)	13 th July
Y4 Cambridge Trip	14 th July
End of Term Lunch	19 th July
Y6 Leavers Play	19 th July
Y3, 4 and 5 Disco	20 th July
Leavers' Disco	20 th July
End of Term	21 st July
Autumn Term Starts	5 th September

Parents Do Day

Our next Parents Do Day is on 23rd May. 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>9.15 – 10.15am</i>
<i>Year 4</i>	<i>11.15 – 12.15pm</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 Involved in Learning’ Project

Working with Children’s Links, a national charity, Year 4 are getting involved in a project focused on the stories of their parents.

Last Friday, Year 4 were joined by parents for a year group portrait session. This was a great occasion, with children drawing sketches of their parents and finding out information about their lives that they may not have already known. Thank-you for sending in pictures if you weren’t able to join your child.

This is one part of the project, which will culminate in an art exhibition at St Neots Museum in July.

Thank-you also to Children’s Links – particularly to Andrew Knight, who is also a parent, and working with us on this project.

Growth Mindsets

As a school, we have been working on the development of positive attitudes towards learning, and being able to persevere when learning feels tricky.

Our approach to this has been focused on the development of positive attitudes to learning, being able to keep going when learning feels tricky. This approach is building on research into the development of growth mindsets.

Very simply, this research shows that when children believe they can grow their brain and become smarter, they understand that effort makes them stronger. Therefore they put in extra time and effort, and that leads to higher achievement.

How can I help with this?

Praise your child for their effort, and link this to their achievement. Don’t just praise their achievement.

Do you say things like ‘I’m not very good at maths’? STOP!

If you hear your child saying, ‘I’m not very good at...’, add ‘yet’ onto the end of their statement. With practise, they can improve.

Parents Coffee Morning

We will be holding our next coffee morning for parents on 16th May, between 9-10am.

Please drop in for a coffee and a cake, and some entertainment from Year 3.

E-Safety Theatre Show – ‘In the Net’

Year 4 and 5 will be visited next week by Alter Ego, a theatre group, who will be sharing important messages about keeping safe online and when using social media in an entertaining way. The messages covered include:

- Safe internet / social media use*
- Keeping personal information safe*
- The effects of cyber-bullying on others*
- What to do if you have any questions or concerns*
- What to do if you are being cyber-bullied*
- What to do if you get that ‘Oh Oh’ feeling online*
- What makes a ‘healthy relationship’*