



# Priory News 2016

## June

*Dear Parents,*

*We hope you had restful and enjoyable half-term break.*

*It won't be long until our Summer Fete - on Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> June – we are all excited, and busy preparing. We hope to see you all there – let's hope the sun decides to shine!*

### **Theme Week – The Queen's Lifetime**

*The children will be involved in a theme week of learning next week – focussing on the events of the past 90 years – in recognition of the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday.*

*They will also be developing their portrait skills in art – with a focus of portraits of the Queen across the year groups.*

*Following on from this, our Summer Fete will have a similar theme too.*

### **Diary Dates**

<b>Theme Week</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> June</b>
<b>Y3 Storysharing with Y2</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup> June</b>
<b>Athletics School Games</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup> June</b>
<b>Primary Science Challenge at Ernulf</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> June</b>
<b>Girls Kwik Cricket</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup> June</b>
<b>Summer Fete</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup> June</b>
<b>Parent Information Workshop</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup> June</b>
<b>New Parents Coffee Morning</b>	<b>29<sup>th</sup> June</b>
<b>Longsands Primary Maths Challenge</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> July</b>
<b>Y5 Maths Challenge Final</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> July</b>
<b>New Classes Morning</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> July</b>
<b>Longsands Transition Days</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> / 6<sup>th</sup> July</b>
<b>New Parents Evening</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> July</b>
<b>Y4 Cambridge Trip</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> July</b>
<b>Y2/Y3 Sports Afternoon</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup> July</b>
<b>Sports Day, 9.30am start</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup> July</b>
<b>Olympics Lunch</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup> July</b>
<b>Y3 Recorder Concert</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup> July</b>
<b>Jeff Rich visit</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup> July</b>
<b>Music Assembly</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> July</b>
<b>Y3,Y4 &amp; Y5 Disco</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup> July</b>
<b>Y6 Leavers' Disco</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup> July</b>
<b>Reserve Sports Day *CHANGE OF DATE*</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup> July</b>
<b>Y6 Wood Green Visit</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup> July</b>
<b>Y6 Leavers' Play</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup> July</b>
<b>Y6 Leavers' Assembly</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup> July</b>
<b>End of Term</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup> July</b>
<b>Autumn Term Starts</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> September</b>

### **Tombola Items**

*Please send your tombola donations into school by **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June**, ready for our class with the longest line competition. All tombola items will need to go to their child's classroom. Thank-you!*

### **Summer Fete – Non-Uniform Day**

*Don't forget it's non-uniform day on Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> June.. Bring 50p to join in this day.*

*Have you read the Friends of Priory flyer? It contains lots of important information about the Fete itself.*

### **Staffing**

*We are delighted to welcome Mrs Swanborough back from her maternity leave. Mrs Swanborough has joined NS4 as a teaching assistant for the rest of this term.*

### **Well done to:**

*Our Year 4 Cricket and Tennis Teams who took part in the recent sporting tournaments.*

*Our Year 3 Cricket team who took part in a recent tournament.*

*Our Year 5 children who took part in the recent Quicksticks hockey tournament.*

### **Warmer Weather**

*As the weather becomes warmer, please help your child to be prepared for a day at school by ensuring they come with:*

- *A filled water bottle*
- *A sun-hat*
- *Sun protection (ideally put on before school)*

### **Break-time Snacks**

*Please remember that children are allowed a break-time snack of fruit or vegetables for break.*

*On Fridays, a treat snack is allowed – please keep this a sensible size. A **small** bag of crisps, a cereal bar, or a **small** chocolate bar are good. Sweets are not allowed. Please keep this to one per child.*

### **School Gateway**

*We are very excited to be launching our new communication system – School Gateway. Thank-you to everyone who has downloaded the app or registered on line so far.*

*Using the app, you will be able to view your child's attendance levels, report any absence, view achievement awards, manage payments and more!*

*By streamlining our system into one place, we believe it will further enhance communication between home and school, and vice versa.*

*Any feedback will be gratefully received.*

### **Class Assemblies**

*We have one more Class Assembly to enjoy this half-term. Parents are welcome to join us at 10.30am for these:*

NS4                      22<sup>nd</sup> June

### **New Classes Morning**

*Your child will meet their new class teacher on the morning of 5<sup>th</sup> July. This morning always starts with much excitement, as the children wait to find out who they will have.*

*We will also be joined by our new Y3 children for the morning. Our roll will increase in September, and so, we will have another 3 Year 3 classes in September. This will give us a total of 11 classes in the school.*

### **Pupil Premium Funding**

*Are you entitled to claim for Free School Meals but aren't? Do you know that for every child registered for Free School Meals, the school receives money to help with their education?*

*We have used this money to support with trips, including residential trips, taking part in clubs, 1-1 Tuition, and intervention groups for children.*

*If you think you may be entitled, please call into the school office for information about applying, or test it out on the School Gateway app.*

### **Jeff Rich, Status Quo drummer, visit**

*We are all looking forward to the visit of Jeff Rich, former drummer with Status Quo.*

*He will be presenting to the children about his work as a drummer, involving the children in a morning of percussion music making. The children will learn about different percussion instruments, and rhythms.*

## ***Strategic Plan***

*Thank-you to everyone who contributed to our survey during the Autumn term regarding your thoughts on Priory Junior School's strengths and how you would like to see it develop. During the Spring term, we spent much time discussing your ideas, those of the children, the staff and governors too, and from this we have developed Priory Junior School's Strategic Plan for 2016-2021.*

*We have identified key areas for development over the next five years. These are as follows:*

- A. To build a culture of success and achievement*
- B. To develop an aspirational and inspirational curriculum*
- C. Strengthening community between the school, parents and community*
- D. Developing and embedding sustainable, high quality and robust leadership throughout the school*
- E. Prioritising excellence in staffing*
- F. Strengthening the partnership between Priory Park Infants and Little Paxton Primary School (PPP Partnership)*
- G. Maintain and enhance existing areas of strength*

*A detailed version of the plan can be found on the policy section of our school website, or a copy can be provided at the school office.*

## ***Young Carers***

*Did you know that this is Young Carers Week?*

*A Young Carer is a child under 18 who regularly helps to look after a family member or friend who is disabled, ill, has a mental health condition or addiction problem.*

*Children may engage in:*

- Practical tasks (cooking, housework and shopping)*
- Physical care (lifting or helping someone use the stairs)*
- Personal care (dressing, washing, helping with toilet needs)*
- Managing the family budget (collecting benefits and prescriptions)*
- Managing medication*
- Looking after younger siblings*
- Helping someone communicate*

*Priory Junior School can support young carers. If you, or a family member, needs support please contact Mrs Coolbear at school – through the school office. All contact will be treated in the strictest confidence.*