



Priory News 2016

Dear Parents,

A very Happy New Year to you all. I hope that all you enjoyed your time together over the Christmas holiday.

The Christmas performances were wonderful – we hope you enjoyed them too. Thank-you for your generous donations. Together, we raised £275.43 for Shelter.

Following their return, it has been a delight to see the children's enthusiasm for a new term of learning. We are all excited too – with our new themes for learning this term. You should have received your curriculum overview for this term – please ask at the school office if you haven't seen yours.

Class Assemblies

Class Assemblies take place on Wednesdays, at 10.30am.

Parents are very welcome to join us for these occasions. This term, the following assemblies will be taking place:

*FS6 – 20th January
JR6 - 3rd February
SJ3 - 10th February
DF3 – 9th March*

Diary Dates

FOPJS Chocolate Bingo	21 st January
Favourites Day Lunch	21 st January
Choir Young Voices O2 Trip	29 th January
Year 3 Film-Making Workshop	2 nd February
E-Safety Parents Information Evening	2 nd February
Year 3 St Neots Museum Visits	4 th / 5 th February
Pancake Day Lunch	9 th February
Internet Safety Week	8 th – 12 th February
Half-Term	15 th – 19 th February
Parents Evenings	24 th / 25 th February
Change for Life Festival	9 th February
FOPJS Disco	11 th February
Team Superschools Event	2 nd March
Book Fair	8 th – 16 th March
Puzzle Challenge Day	10 th March
Family Puzzle Evening	10 th March
Class Photographs	15 th March
School Games Finals	17 th March
Sports Relief	18 th March
End of Spring Term	24 th March
Summer Term starts	12 th April

Emergency Closures

If the school should need to close for any reason, we will notify you through our Parentmail text service, and also on the front page of our website.

If you haven't signed up to Parentmail, please do so. You can opt for just text, email or both. Just call into the School Office to collect a form.

We will also notify Cambridgeshire County Council and our local radio station – BBC Radio Cambridgeshire.

Governor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy on the governing body for a parent governor. Being a member of the governing body is a rewarding role – it enables you to play an active role in the school, helping contribute to the school's continued journey of development.

If you are interested to find out more about what is involved, please do not hesitate to speak to Mrs Keefe or one of the other governors at the school. Nominations for the vacancy need to be submitted to the school office by Friday 22nd January on the forms recently sent home.

E-Safety

We have been reviewing our rules for using our IT equipment in school recently. The children are being involved in discussing the rules, and we will send home our renewed IT Acceptable Use Policy for children in the near future. We ask that you read and discuss it carefully with your child, and return a signed copy to your child's class teacher.

We are also delighted to be able to offer a workshop for parents on E-Safety on 2nd February. This will be led by Craig Thompson. Craig works for the Cambridgeshire Education ICT Service and will be able to provide you with valuable information about how you can help to keep your children safe when using PCs, and tablets at home.

A letter will be sent home in the near future with more detailed information on this event.

Supervision of Children

From 8.40am, children are supervised coming into the school. Please remember that, before this time, the supervision of children before the start of the day remains your responsibility.

At the end of the school day, please make sure you keep your younger children with you on collection.

They should not be using our Trim Trail, or in our Outdoor Classroom. We have been concerned that some of the younger children coming onto the grounds have been climbing on structures, where it is not safe for them to be doing so.

Please make sure your children are safe by keeping them with you, at all times, when visiting the school.

Parents Drop-Ins – Book an Appointment!

*We are fortunate to be holding drop-ins, **by appointment**, for Parents this term with Lorraine Simons, one of the locality's Family Workers. Family Workers are employed by the St Neots Locality team to support families on a wide range of areas – from bedtime routines – to challenging behaviour. They are also able to provide information to families about other services available in the local area.*

If you would like an appointment to see the family worker, this can be done either through the school office, or by calling into the cookery room, when the drop-in sessions are on.

The drop-ins take place on alternate Thursdays, from 8.45 – 10am, and are held in the cookery room.

Autumn Term 100% Attendance

*Our attendance for the whole school ended the term at 96.7%, which is great!
69 children were able to maintain 100% for the Autumn Term. Congratulations to:*

Roberto Acozmei, Valentina Acozmei, Giulia Alistar, Lillie Angell, William Baeta, Rowan Bird, Toby Birkert, Joshua Blanchard, Ashton Boon, Jake Boyce, Sebastian Bridge, Ryan Brister, Ella Broadhurst, Elise Brownt, Ella Charboneau, Sophia Chen, Tom Childerley, Kornelia Chmurzynska, Charlie Clark, Robyn Cobain, Tilly-Mai Collins, Loui Cook, Benjamin Crawshaw, Annaleise Davis, Kenya Dipper, Amy Farina, Thomas Fengler, Maison Fowles, Freddie Francis, Holly Goodchild, Abigail Hall, Kieran Hewitt, Chanelle Hill, Samuel Honour, Amy Huynh, Callum Johnson, Callum Joynes, Kamile Juskute, Jake Latchford, Gawalyn Lawson, Harrison Leach, Skye Masters, Charlotte McKnight, Orsi Mezovari, Lily-Mai Mulgrew, Harry Muston, Alex Norton, Chloe Parncutt, Molly Pyke, Jenna Quinn, Natasha Quinn, Dylan Reade, Lilli Redman, Carson Reed, Esme Reed, Ryan Robinson, Brooke Salerno, Joel Salerno, Reece Saunderson, Isabelle Stanley, Damian Takac, Ken Tang, Maddison Thomas, Georgie Thomson-Clark, Isaac Timms, Amelia Tuohy, Matilda Wilson, Christopher Zemenides, Katie Zemenidou