



# Priory News 2016

*Dear Parents,*

*Thank-you to all our parents who attended our Parents Evenings – we hope you found them informative about your child's progress in school. If you missed an appointment, or would like to follow your discussion up further, please ring the school office, and they will help you make a follow-up appointment.*

*Thank-you also for the good return of the parents survey – if you still have yours at home, please return it by Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> March.*

*There are many things taking place in school in the final weeks of the Spring term – you should find all the information you need in this newsletter.*

## **Sports Relief**

*Come to school dressed sportily for Sports Relief on 18<sup>th</sup> March.*

*You might dress as your favourite sports personality, or wear your favourite sporty clothes for the occasion. .*

*Please bring a 50p donation to Sports Relief on the day.*

## **Pupil Progress Reports**

*On the last day of term, all children will receive their Spring Term Progress Report to take home.*

*This report will detail current teacher assessments for reading, writing and maths, alongside effort grades.*

*You will also receive your child's current attendance and achievement points.  
We hope you find this information useful.*

## **Diary Dates**

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| <b>Year 4 Gymnastics Competition</b> | 8 <sup>th</sup> March  |
| <b>Parents Do Day</b>                | 8 <sup>th</sup> March  |
| <b>Puzzle Challenge Day</b>          | 10 <sup>th</sup> March |
| <b>Family Puzzle Evening</b>         | 10 <sup>th</sup> March |
| <b>Class Photographs</b>             | 15 <sup>th</sup> March |
| <b>School Games Finals</b>           | 17 <sup>th</sup> March |
| <b>Talent Show</b>                   | 17 <sup>th</sup> March |
| <b>Sports Relief</b>                 | 18 <sup>th</sup> March |
| <b>Music Assembly</b>                | 21 <sup>st</sup> March |

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| <b>End of Spring Term</b> | <b>Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> March</b> |
| <b>Summer Term starts</b> | <b>Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> April</b>  |

## **Parents Do Day**

*Our next 'Parents Do' Day will have a mathematical theme – with the opportunity to join your children in a maths lesson focused on maths investigations / puzzles. Parents are welcome to join their child / children in class to work together.*

*The times are staggered 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:*

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| 9.00 – 10.00am:  | Year 4 |
| 11.10 – 12.10pm: | Year 6 |
| 1.20 – 2.20pm:   | Year 5 |
| 2.20 – 3.20pm:   | Year 3 |

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

## **Family Puzzle Evening**

*We are holding a puzzle solving day on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> March with the Puzzle Company visiting school.*

*As part of this, there will be a puzzle shop at the end of the school day, followed by a Family Puzzle Evening – please make sure you have returned your slip to book your place at this event.*

*Can't find your letter? Please ask for a copy at the School Office.*

### ***Well Done to.....***

*Our girls' football teams who have competed so well in the recent football tournaments and matches – well done!*

*Our boys' football teams for their recent matches.*

### ***Team Superschools – Tosin Oke Visit***

*We were thrilled to be joined by Tosin Oke and Ryan Scott last week – both Commonwealth Games Gold Medallists.*

*Tosin and Ryan led the children in a variety of sponsored exercises, which saw everyone getting active. Following the exercises, the children enjoyed the opportunity to listen to Tosin talk about his journey to success, including an incredible demonstration of his triple jumping skills – which saw him jump further than the width of the school hall!*

*Sponsorship money is due in by 11<sup>th</sup> March. Thank-you for all the sponsorship money received so far. The money will help renovate our environmental area.*

### ***Walk Once A Week***

*Our Walk Once A Week challenge is proving to continue to be popular with our children – with nearly 200 children earning their walking badge for February.*

*As the days begin to get a little warmer, please help your children earn their badges, by finding time to walk once a week.*

*If you do live too far away to be able to walk, please try to 'Park and Stride' – you could park in the car park at Priory Park and walk the rest of the way.*

### ***Talent Show***

*There is much excitement about our forthcoming talent show – which will be held next Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> March.*

*We very much hope you will join us for this evening.*

### ***Homework Policy***

*Thank-you to everyone who returned our recent Parents Survey, along with all your thoughts on our approach to homework - there were a whole range of different viewpoints on this topic.*

*The results of the survey, along with all your comments have been considered carefully by the staff and governors, as our homework policy was reviewed. You will soon receive our homework policy leaflet outlining the policy to you, but you may be pleased to hear of a couple of changes that have been made relating to holiday homework and model making activities.*

*Firstly, holiday homework will no longer be given during the short half-term breaks, but you will receive some activities where the holidays are longer than a week.*

*Secondly, where model making activities are given, these will be given as one of a range of choices for activity.*

*We believe that homework is an important part of a child's learning, and should help to reinforce the partnership between school and home. We hope that the above changes to our approach will help you manage your family time too. If you do experience any difficulties with completion of homework, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.*