



# Priory News 2016

*Dear Parents,*

*Welcome back for the start of our Summer term! We hope you all had an enjoyable Easter holiday.*

*It has been lovely to see the children keen and enthusiastic for the start of the term. There are many events planned this term – we ended last week with our ‘Priory Marathon’ and despite the wet weather, all children were able to take part in a variety of sporting activities, over a ‘marathon timed’ session – in support of Mr Smith, who will be taking part in the London Marathon on Sunday – in support of Anthony Nolan Trust. We wish him the very best, and thank-you for your support.*

*The Diary Dates should give you a flavour of all the events taking place – with our two Residential visits, the Summer Fete, and the County Cross-Country Championships to name a few. The term dates for the next academic year are also attached, for your information.*

## Staffing

*We are delighted to welcome Miss Willcock back to school, following her maternity leave.*

*We said a thank-you and farewell to Mr O’Neill at the end of the Spring term, who had been providing cover during Miss Willcock’s absence.*

## Class Assemblies

*We are looking forward to the following class assemblies this term:*

JT3	20 <sup>th</sup> April
LS5	27 <sup>th</sup> April
KB4	18 <sup>th</sup> May
CS4	25 <sup>th</sup> May
NS4	22 <sup>nd</sup> June

*Parents are very welcome to join us for these assemblies – they start at 10.30am.*

## Diary Dates

<b>Big Pedal</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>Cross-Country Championships</b>	21 <sup>st</sup> April
<b>Y3 Kwik Cricket Tournament</b>	28 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>Y5 Maths Challenge</b>	28 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>Y4 Kingswood Trip</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>Y6 SATs Week</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>Y5 Safety Zone Visit</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>Y5 West Stow Trip</b>	19 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>FOPJS Movie Night</b>	19 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>Ian Miller Visit</b>	23 <sup>rd</sup> May
<b>Y4 Kwik Cricket Tournament</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>Parents Do Day</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>Professional Day – School Closed</b>	27 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>Half-term</b>	30 <sup>th</sup> May – 3 <sup>rd</sup> June
<b>Y6 Residential</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>Y5 Quicksticks Hockey Tournament</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>Y4 Bike Skills</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>Athletics School Games</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>Girls Kwik Cricket</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>Longsands Primary Maths Challenge</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> July
<b>Longsands Transition Days</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> / 6 <sup>th</sup> July
<b>New Parents Evening</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> July
<b>Sports Day</b>	12 <sup>th</sup> July
<b>Olympics Lunch</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> July
<b>Y3 Recorder Concert</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> July
<b>Reserve Sports Day</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> July
<b>Y3,Y4 &amp; Y5 Disco</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> July
<b>Y6 Leavers’ Disco</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> July
<b>Y6 Leavers’ Play</b>	20 <sup>th</sup> July
<b>Y6 Leavers’ Assembly</b>	21 <sup>st</sup> July
<b>End of Term</b>	21 <sup>st</sup> July
<b>Autumn Term Starts</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> September

## Mr Spruth

*We were saddened to learn of the death of Mr Spruth just before the end of the Spring term. Mr Spruth was a teacher at Priory Junior School for 34 years, and retired in December 2009.*

*I know many parents who attended the school themselves may have been taught by him; indeed, from conversations I have with parents about their old teachers, he is always remembered with great fondness. I am sure you will join us in wishing his family our sincere condolences.*

### ***The Big Pedal***

*Today sees the start of The Big Pedal fortnight. Children are encouraged to cycle or scoot to school during the fortnight, and help to earn 'pedal miles' for the school.*

*If you are collecting our Walk Once a Week badges, you will need to make sure that one of your journeys during the week, is a walking one!*

### ***Lost Property***

*We have a large accumulation of lost property in school. If you are missing anything, please pop in to see if you can find it!*

### ***Holiday Requests***

*You will be aware that recent changes by the DfE mean that parents no longer have a right to request leave for the purpose of a family holiday. Where families do take children out of school for this reason, it is likely that a penalty notice will be given.*

*If you feel you have an exceptional circumstance that requires your child to be absent, please complete the required request form, available from the school office.*

### ***Parental Survey***

*Thank-you to your parent survey responses, which were overwhelmingly positive.*

*We pride ourselves on being an approachable school, where staff listen and respond to concerns. Indeed, 97% of parents agree.*

*Should you have a concern, please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance. If you remain concerned, please speak to a senior member of staff – this may be Mrs Keefe or Mr Sadler.*

### ***Scooters and Bikes on the Playground***

*A reminder that scooters and bikes should not be ridden on the playground – for the safety of all the adults and children present. The playground is a busy place before and after school and we do not wish to have someone injured.*

***Please also make sure that if you are bringing younger children to the playground at the end of the day that you keep them with you to ensure their safety.***

***We have recently found infants school children in our garden area, and damaging our willow dome – keep your children with you.***

### ***100% Attendance***

*Congratulations to the following children, who had 100% attendance for the Spring Term:*

*Lillie Angell, William Baeta, Niamh Baker-Crane, Benjamin Barrington, Toby Birkert, Joshua Blanchard, Ashton Boon, Jake Boyce, Ella Broadhurst, Poppy Burke, Patrick Carpenter, Isobel Carter, Lauren Chilton, Olivia Coates, Robyn Cobain, Lucy Cole, Tilly-Mai Collins, Loui Cook, Ruby Cossins, Reka Czirjak, Annaleise Davis, Hayden Davies, Freddie Francis, Maddison Graves, Abigail Hall, Jerry Harcharran, Nathan Harris-Edwards, Carter Hassall, Louis Hayes, Chanelle Hill, Samuel Honour, Willow Hutchison, Amy Huynh, Eloise Jackson, Ashton Jenkins, Harvey Jenkins, Alex Johnson, Mattheo Johnson, Eleanor Johnstone, Callum Joynes, Alfie Kingsbury, Gawalyn Lawson, Harrison Leach, Charlie Lindsey-Gentle, Jack Marsden, Macy Masters, Andrew Mezovari, Orsi Mezovari, Lottie Milton, Carys Moore, Freya Mouldycliff, Lily-Mai Mulgrew, Harry Muston, Henry Peart, Dylan Reade, Lilli Redman, Rosie Robinson, Ryan Robinson, Brooke Salerno, Joel Salerno, Fionn Slade, Jamie Stevens, Bobbie Stone, Damian Takac, Michael Tolentino, Bella Toms, Myles Walker, Thomas Ware, Harmony Williams, Summer Williams, Leo Wu, Samuel Young*

***Our Whole-school Attendance is currently 96.2% - which is very good – well done!***