



# Priory News 2017

Dear Parents,

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

We enjoyed many festive celebrations at the end of the Autumn term. The Christmas performances were wonderful – we hope you enjoyed them too. Thank-you for your generous donations. Together, we raised £334 for Shelter.

Thank-you to all the parents who came along to our coffee morning – we hope you enjoyed the carols that the children shared during the morning.

Our Christingle assembly ended the Autumn term – it was a beautiful occasion – we sang carols together, and children narrated the assembly, while we lit the candles together.

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:

- HR5 – 18<sup>th</sup> January
- JH4 – 8<sup>th</sup> February
- NS4 – 8<sup>th</sup> March
- DF3 – 22<sup>nd</sup> March

## School Census

The DfE has requested schools to collect all pupils' countries of birth, and nationalities. All parents have been requested to provide this information via the School Gateway.

Please return this information to us, if you haven't already. Thank-you for your help.

## Diary Dates

<b>HR5 Class assembly</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> January
<b>Choir Young Voices O2 Trip</b>	20 <sup>th</sup> January
<b>Coffee Morning</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> January
<b>FOPJS Chocolate Bingo</b>	26 <sup>th</sup> January
<b>JH4 Class Assembly</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> February
<b>FOPJS Discos</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> February
<b>Half-Term</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> February
<b>Parents Evenings</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup> / 23 <sup>rd</sup> February
<b>Book Week</b>	27 <sup>th</sup> Feb – 3 <sup>rd</sup> March
<b>World Book Day</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> March
<b>Coffee Morning</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>Book Fair</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>NS4 Class Assembly</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>Y4 Gymnastics Competition</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>B Team Football Tournament</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>Talent Show</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>Parents Do Day</b>	21 <sup>st</sup> March
<b>DF3 Class Assembly</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup> March
<b>TAG Rugby County Final</b>	23 <sup>rd</sup> March
<b>Music Assembly</b>	28 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>Girls Football Tournament</b>	29 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>End of Spring Term</b>	31 <sup>st</sup> March
<b>Summer Term starts</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> April

## Staffing

We will be saying goodbye to Mrs Pitman – our Play Leader at The BASE at the end of January, as she leaves to become a teaching assistant at Little Paxton Primary School. We thank her for her contribution to The BASE during her time with us.

We are currently recruiting for our new Play Leader, and will inform you of the outcome of this in the near future.

## Coffee Morning

Come and drop-in for a coffee and cake on 25<sup>th</sup> January – from 9 – 10am. We look forward to seeing you.

## Emergency Closures

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

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

### **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.

### **Log Books**

All children will have received a new Log Book at the start of this term. You may have noticed that the format of the log books has changed slightly.

There are some extra pages at the beginning containing useful information to help the children with their learning.

We have adjusted the pages to have weekly spelling and reading activities together.

A larger section for parent – teacher notes has been included towards the back too.

To help find the sections easily, we have also colour-coded them.

We hope you like them – the children have told us they do. If you have any comments about them, please let us know.

### **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.

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

### **World Book Day**

Children are invited to dress as their favourite book character on World Book Day.

### **Lost Property**

We have accumulated a large amount of lost property – if you are missing an item of your child's clothing, please do come and check the box. Any items still unclaimed after 23<sup>rd</sup> January will be donated to charity.

### **Autumn Term 100% Attendance**

Our attendance for the whole school ended the term at 97.3%, which is fantastic!  
A record 126 children were able to maintain 100% for the Autumn Term. Congratulations to:

Pedro A, Lillie A, Kieran A, Joshua B, Charlie B, Callum B, Chloe Rose B, Rowan B, Toby B, Josh B, Dream B, Robert B, Sebastian B, Ryan B, Jaden C, Patrick C, Issy C, Emma C, Anna C, Sophia C, Stephen C, Milla C, William C, Robyn C, Sonny C, Charlie C, Gemma C, Lucy C, Lily C, Tilly-Mai C, Felicity C, Lara C, Riley C, Benjamin C, Christopher C, Sophie-May C, Annaleise D, Lottie D, Edward E, Rosey E, Noah F, Amy F, Emilia F, Thomas F, Bo F, Maison F, Freddie F, Jake F, Riley G, Joe G, Eleanor G, Harriet G, Isla G, Aeryn H, Louis H, Jamie H, Caitlin H, Chanelle H, Isla H, Vinnie H, Oliver H, Ronnie H, George J, Harvey J, Brandon J, Celine J, Mattheo J, Cameron J, Emma K, Jack K, Keira K, Jake L, Eleanor L-S, Charlie L-G, Owen L, Charlotte M, Macy M, Skye M, Orsi M, Lottie M, Callum M, Lauren M, Freya M, Lily-Mai M, Harry M, Ollie P, Henry P, Natasha P, Lily R, Daniel R, Dylan R, Esme R, Mackenzie R, Abigail S, Lyla S, Brooke S, Aleksander S, Oliver S, Taylan S, Ruby S, Ravi S, Hollie S, Doug S, Liam S, Jasmine T, Michael T, Isabella T, Deimoras T, Alfie-Ray T, Max V, Aidan W, Myles W, Emma W, Summer W, Grace W, Matilda W, Ben W-B, Emily W, Leo W, Rhiannon Y, Christopher Z, Katie Z