



Priory News 2016

July

Dear Parents,

It's incredible to believe that it is July – where has the year gone? We have had another busy year at Priory - with much to enjoy and celebrate.

You should have received your child's annual report now – we hope it is informative. Please make sure you return the reply slip so we know you have received it.

*We still have a lot of events taking place before the end of term – most of which are mentioned in this newsletter. Don't forget the term ends on **Thursday, 21st July.***

We have enjoyed hearing the positive stories from our Year 6's recent visits to their new secondary schools. We wish them all the very best as they leave us to start the next stage of their education. We will miss them!

Staffing

In September, we will be growing slightly in size – expanding to 11 classes. We will welcome Mr Coles and Miss Reeks to our teaching team. We are looking forward to them joining Priory Junior School. Mr Coles will be joining the Year 3 team, and Miss Reeks will be joining the Year 5 team.

We currently have vacancies for a Midday Supervisor and a Cleaner in school. If you are interested in joining our team, please contact the school office for an application pack.

Don't Forget:

It's Sports Day on Tuesday, 12th July - at 9.30am. Please come and support your children as they compete.

*Refreshments for **adults only**, will be available from Friends of Priory during the event.*

Diary Dates

Y4 Cambridge Trip	7th July
Y2/Y3 Sports Afternoon	11th July
Sports Day, 9.30am start	12th July
Olympics Lunch	13th July
Y3 Recorder Concert	13th July
Jeff Rich visit	14th July
Music Assembly	15th July
Y3, Y4 & Y5 Disco	14th July
Y6 Leavers' Disco	14th July
Reserve Sports Day *CHANGE OF DATE*	18th July
Y6 Wood Green Visit	18th July
Y6 Leavers' Play	19th July
Y6 Leavers' Assembly	21st July

End of Term **21st July**

Autumn Term Starts **5th September**

SENCO

As the school continues to grow in size, we have made a couple of changes for the coming year. We are moving to a non-class-based SENCO – to be able to increase the time that is needed in this role with more children in school. Miss Sharpe, who has been our SENCO for a number of years, will be handing this role over to Mrs Durham.

We are very grateful to the time and commitment Miss Sharpe has given to this role.

A full handover period will take place; in addition to this, we plan to hold transfer meetings for all parents with children who have an EHC plans – so that they can be fully involved in the transfer arrangements. You will be invited to these in September.

Music Assembly

We will be holding our third music assembly of the year on 15th July at 10.30am. Parents are welcome to join us for this assembly.

Attendance

Whole-school attendance is currently 96.3% - this is great!

Y2 / Y3 Sports Afternoon

The Year 2 children will be joining the Year 3 children for a sporting afternoon, with activities organised and led by our Year 6 Play Leaders. The afternoon is one that is usually enjoyed by all taking part, with a chance to visit the school again for the Year 2 children, helping them to feel a little more settled.

Parents of children in Year 2 are welcome to attend the afternoon, but please remember, your children will return to Priory Park Infants for collection at the end of the day.

September Music Lessons

The school's peripatetic teachers visited our assembly last week, and shared the musical opportunities on offer to children next year. Your child should have brought home an information booklet following this, with a slip to return if they are interested in lessons.

Lessons with peripatetic teachers carry a charge – and letters from them will be sent home in the very near future to all children who have expressed an interest.

*If you haven't yet sent your initial letter back, please return it to the school office by **next Friday**.*

Year 5 County Maths Challenge

Our team of Year 5 Mathematicians represented our school in the recent county maths competition – and secured a place at the final, held at Duxford Air Museum on 4th July.

They competed tremendously well, competing against 30 other teams. Well done!

School Meals

There will be no increase in the cost of CCS school dinners in September.

*Children's meals will remain at £2.25
Adult meals will remain at £3.20*

Please Note: All meals must be paid for in advance – this can be done online using the School Gateway.

A reminder that no meals will be supplied unless payment has been received in advance.

A Summer of Sport.....

Quadkids Athletics

We were delighted to take a team of twenty-seven Year 5 and 6 children to represent Priory Junior School at the School Games competition. We performed very well. Congratulations to all children who took part.

Quicksticks Hockey Tournament

Well done to our three teams of Year 5 children who competed well in the Inter-School Quicksticks Hockey tournament.

Year 4 Tennis Tournament

Well done to our two teams of Year 4 children who competed in the tennis tournament – it was greatly enjoyed by all.

Y3/4 Tri-Golf Festival

Well done to all our Year 3 and 4 children who took part in the recent tri-golf festival. They enjoyed the games played, and were able to learn some new skills too.

Year 5/6 Science Challenge

Twelve members of Years 5 and 6 represented the school recently at an Inter-School Science Challenge held at Ernulf Academy. They competed well – working together to solve a variety of investigations.

St Neots Schools' Maths Challenge

Four of our Year 5/6 children represented us at the Inter-School Maths Challenge held at Longsands Academy last week. They worked well as a team and came second overall – well done!

*Have a lovely Summer holiday (when it arrives)
– see you in September!*