



Priory News 2015

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the start of a new school year. We hope you have all enjoyed a relaxing summer break.

Our first newsletter of the year contains much information which we hope you will find useful. You should also find our new 'Good Behaviour' leaflet attached.

You will also be receiving a pack of information to check and return in the near future. We would appreciate your help in returning this information as soon as possible. This will help us to ensure our records are up-to-date. Thank-you!

Staffing

We are delighted to welcome Miss Brace to our teaching team this term. Miss Brace is joining the Year 4 teaching team.

We will also be saying goodbye to Mrs Ellul, our Finance Administrator, who is leaving us to join Westfield Junior School in St Ives. We thank Mrs Ellul for all her hard work during her time with us.

We are currently recruiting a new Finance Administrator and will inform you once we have appointed.

Diary Dates

'Magic' Assembly	7 th September
WoW Launch Assesmbly	8 th September
Meet and Greet evening	10 th September
FOPJS Welcome BBQ	17 th September
Y6 Bikeability Week	21 st – 24 th September
Y5 Luminus Young Wardens Launch	22 nd September
Y3 Hunstanton Trip	24 th September
FOPJS AGM	30 th September
Harvest Assembly	1 st October
Y6 Natural History Museum Trip	12 th October
Y5/6 TAG Rugby Festival	20 th October
KS5 Class Assembly	21 st October
Open Evening	22 nd October
Professional Day – School Closed	23 rd October
Half Term	26 th – 30 th October
Parents Evenings	3 rd / 4 th November
Individual Photographs	11 th November
Book Fair Visiting	11 th - 17 th November
Children in Need Day	13 th November
Y6 Viking Day	13 th November
National Anti-Bullying Week	16 th – 20 th Nov
Anti-Bullying Theatre Show	18 th November
JT3 Class Assembly	25 th November
Parents Do Day	1 st December
Christmas Performances	15 th / 16 th Dec
Christingle	18 th December
End of Term	18 th December

Meet and Greet

We will be holding a 'Meet and Greet' evening for parents, in order for you to meet your child's new class teacher and find out a little more about the topics they will be learning about this term, along with year group expectations. It also provides you with a chance to see your child's new classroom.

This evening will be on 10th September and the timings will be as follows:

Year 3: 5 – 5.30pm

Year 4: 5.30 – 6pm

Year 5: 6 – 6.30pm

Year 6: 6.30 – 7pm

We look forward to you joining us.

Assemblies

Class assemblies are held throughout the year and will take place on **Wednesdays at 10.30am**. Parents are welcome to come to these assemblies.

This term, there will be class assemblies for: -

- KS5 - 21st October
- JT3 - 25th November

Parents are also welcome to attend our **Harvest Assembly on 1st October at 10am**.

Break-Times

Children may bring a healthy snack (**fruit or vegetables**) for breaktimes on Monday to Thursday.

Sweets, chocolate and crisps are not permitted on these days. Crisps will be acceptable on Fridays. Please remember that a snack should be a small amount and not excessive in size!

We provide school footballs for use at playtimes. **Other balls are not allowed.**

New Website

Our new website went live on 1st September! We hope you will find it an informative site to visit and easily find your way around it. You will find copies of newsletters here, an online school calendar, updates on News events, and much more.

We are also developing Year group pages – and there are some good games for children to play too.

2015 SATs Results

We are delighted to share our Year 6 2015 SATs results with you, which maintain the high standards of attainment at Priory Junior School.

Reading	Level 4+	90%
	Level 5	51%
	2 levels progress	89%
Writing	Level 4+	87%
	Level 5	28%
	2 levels progress	97%
Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar Test		
Maths	Level 4+	73%
	Level 5	49%
	Level 4+	87%
	Level 5+	42%
	Level 6	9%
	2 levels progress	86%

We are very pleased that we continue to maintain good progress and attainment in all subjects – this is a reflection of the hard work of children and staff.

School of the Year

We were thrilled to be awarded the Hunts Post Sports Award for 'School of the Year' in recognition of our sporting successes during last year.

In addition to this award, we were extremely proud of Mrs Wager who won the award for the Unsung Hero category too – in recognition of her hard work behind the scenes organising County Cross-Country Championships, and more. Well done!

School Uniform

We continue to encourage all our children to wear school uniform.

School uniform sets the tone for learning, and provides children with a sense of belonging to the school community. It also helps to alleviate peer pressure from having the latest fashionable items.

School Uniform can be purchased directly from www.motif8.co.uk

If you do not have internet access, please send your order to the school office.

We also hold a selection of second-hand uniform in the school office which is available for £1.

School Library and other Work....

During the Summer holidays, our school library was refurbished and it is now a fantastic room – with brightly coloured shelving, new blinds, and of course, some wonderful books!

Thank-you to Friends of Priory for providing the funds for the new library furniture.

We have also created a new room within the library, providing a much-needed meeting room for teachers. We have also re-decorated some classrooms, and the stairwells. We are also in the process of installing new blinds in all the classrooms.

We have also refurbished the medical room, and resurfaced the pedestrian entrance to the playground.

Parent Helpers

We welcome parent helpers in class. If you are able to offer any time to help in school, please speak to your child's teacher in the first instance.

As part of our procedures, we will complete a DBS check with you. This will be done through the school office.

WOW!

WOW stands for Walk Once a Week. As a school, we were lucky enough to be selected for this project and will be working with Cambridgeshire Local Authority and the Living Streets charity to promote walking to school.

There will be awards for the children to earn during the year, with badges to collect. We start the project with a launch assembly next Tuesday. Further information will be sent home at this point.

School Dinners

School dinners now cost £2.15 per day and £10.75 per week.

Parents are welcome to come and enjoy a school meal with their child – adult meals cost £3.20

All payments can be made online using ParentPay – please speak to the School Office team if you experience any difficulty with this.

Payments must be made in advance for school dinner money.

If you have any difficulties with payments, please contact either myself or Mrs Mulgrew.

Water Bottles

A little reminder that children should bring a water bottle to school each day so that they can have a drink of water throughout the day. While we have water fountains in school, these are not as accessible in lessons.

Water helps to keep the brain alert and helps children to remain focussed and learning.

Absences

While we are keen to ensure that children attend school, we recognise that from time-to-time your child may be too unwell to come.

If this is the case, please inform the School Office as soon as possible, along with the reason for the absence – this can be done by leaving a message on the telephone system: 01480 226730.

School Roundabout

Just a reminder that the School Roundabout is open in the morning for dropping off only. Vehicles should not park here. The visitors car park is available - should you wish to come to the playground, or into the school at this point.

The roundabout is closed between 9.00 – 3.45pm, for the safety of our pupils.