



Priory News 2018

July

Dear Parents,

It's incredible to believe that we have so few days left to this term – where has the year gone? We have had another busy year at Priory - with much to enjoy and celebrate.

You will have received your child's annual report on Friday last week – we hope you find it 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 **Tuesday, 24th July.***

We have enjoyed hearing about our Year 6's visits to their new secondary schools – not only from them, but also from the secondary schools themselves, who were very impressed with them. We wish them all the very best as they leave us to start the next stage of their education. We will miss them!

Summer Fete – 13th July - 5 - 8pm

Feeling inspired by the success of England's football team? Then, why not come along to our World Cup Summer Fete on Friday?

There are lots of fun, football-themed games to play, along with much more!

If you are able to spare a short amount of time to help, please do let FOPJS know. The more help, the better!

Non-Uniform Day – Friday, 13th July

As part of our Fete festivities, we will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday too.

50p to wear non-uniform – how about wearing the colours of England, or a football kit from another nation?

Diary Dates

Y2 / Y3 Games Afternoon	11 th July
BP3 Class Assembly	11 th July
Longest Tombola Line	12 th July
Non-Uniform Day	13 th July
Summer Fete	13 th July
Y3 Recorder Concert	17 th July
Music Assembly	18 th July
Y6 Leavers' Play	18 th July
Y4 Art Gallery	19 th July
FOPJS Y3/4/5 Disco / Y6 Leavers' Disco	19 th July
End of Term Lunch	20 th July
End of Term	24th July

Autumn Term Starts

5th September

Staffing

As you know, we will be saying farewell to Mr Smith at the end of this term, who is moving to Leicestershire.

After 17 years at the school, we will also be saying farewell to Mrs Homewood, one of our teaching assistants, who will be retiring. We wish her well, and thank her for her dedication to the school.

Over the holidays, Miss Stevenson will be getting married – we hope the sun continues to shine for her. In September, she will be known as Mrs Wells.

In September, we will be welcoming Mrs Cook and Mrs Jones to our teaching assistant team. We will also welcome Miss Brain to The BASE, as our new playworker.

As the school has grown over recent years, we have made some changes to our staffing structure. From September, Mr Sadler, our Deputy Headteacher, will become our Pastoral Lead in the school.

Mrs Tully has recently become our School Business Manager, and will oversee both the admin and the premises team.

Longest Tombola Line

*Please send your tombola donations into school by **Thursday 12th July**, ready for our class with the longest line competition.*

All tombola items will need to go to the child's classroom. Thank-you!

September Music Lessons

You will be sent an information booklet soon about the music tuition available next year.

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

*Please return your slips to the school office by **Tuesday, 17th July**.*

Year 5 County Maths Challenge

Well done to our Year 5 Mathematicians who represented our school in the recent final of the county maths competition, held at Duxford Air Museum.

They competed tremendously well, and were one of the fastest teams on the relay challenge round. Well done to Holly, Harriet, Ryan and Ollie!

Year 4 Parents in Art Project

Our Year 4 children have been busy preparing some beautiful art work to create a life story montage of one of their parent's lives. They are superb!

Behind each piece of art is a very personal story – and we hope that you will love them as much as we do.

Very soon, they will be sharing them with parents – please come along to the Year 4 art gallery on 19th July in the afternoon, 2.20 – 3.15pm.

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.

Attendance

Whole-school attendance is currently 96.8% - this is great!!

Music Assembly

We will be holding our third music assembly of the year on 18th July at 10.30am.

Parents are welcome to join us for this assembly. Parents of children involved will receive an additional letter about this.

School Meals from September

From September, school meals will be provided by Lunchtime Co. – we look forward to sharing their menus with you in the near future.

*Children's meals will be £2.30
Adult meals will be £3.00*

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

We are also delighted to confirm that School Gateway will also be able to accept payments less than £10, from September.

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

Final Class Assembly

Don't forget it's BP3's class assembly on Wednesday, 11th July – join us at 9.15am.

Basic Skills Quality Mark

We were thrilled to be awarded the Basic Skills Quality Mark for the 6th time recently – an award we have now held for 15 years! This is in recognition of the school's continued commitment to develop children's basic skills, exploring leadership, teaching and learning, and partnerships with parents too.

Strengths recognised in the report were:

- *The ongoing drive for improving provision and practice has underpinned the school's commitment to raising attainment for all pupils, within a child-centred learning environment.*
- *Close pupil progress tracking provides a personalised view, leading to rigorous planning, systematic monitoring and ongoing evaluation.*
- *The prompt response to meeting the learning needs of the pupils who are under attaining or underachieving. The clearly defined provision map reflects judicious decisions relating to specific intervention programmes and relevant resources.*
- *School leaders are committed to ensuring that all staff receive relevant external and in-school CPD in line with curricular priorities.*
- *Engaged and motivated pupils progress well because they aspire to Be The Best You Can Be.*
- *The school is highly committed to involving parents and carers. Parents speak highly of the support they receive through the school's open door approach - providing accessibility to teachers, curricular information and support with their child's homework.*

Ideas for us to further develop our provision were:

- *English and maths leaders to undertake joint review of the learning environment at regular intervals ensuring consistent approaches remain across all year groups.*
- *To further develop the pupil voice specifically linked to seeking pupils' views on aptitudes and perceptions about their own learning and preferred styles in relation to maths and English*
- *To build on the school's good practice of pupils' self-assessment:*

PPP Summer Concert

Our first joint Summer Concert with Priory Park Infants and Little Paxton Primary was held on a warm summer's evening in June recently. It was an evening for all to be proud of – with fantastic performances from all the children involved – well done!

A big thank-you to Longsands Academy for providing us with the venue. Below are some pictures from the event.



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