



# Priory News 2017

Dear Parents,

The first half-term of the Spring term is now at an end – it has been a busy time in school, with many events taking place. The FOPJS disco this week was very well-attended, and we enjoyed seeing all their great dance moves. Thank-you to FOPJS for this event – and for all their hard work behind the scenes to make sure the children have many events to come to during the year.

We hope you all have a restful half-term and look forward to seeing everyone back at school on **Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> February**.

## Class Assemblies

Well done to HR5 and JH4 for their wonderful class assemblies!

Next half-term's class assemblies are:

**NS4– 9<sup>th</sup> March**  
**DF3 – 22<sup>nd</sup> March**

Class assemblies take place at 10.30am – parents / grand-parents are very welcome to attend.

## Parents Evenings – 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> February

You should have received details for booking your parents evening appointment online. The system is now live – and so, you can book your appointment time now.

You can do so by visiting:

<http://prioryjunior.parentseveningsystem.co.uk>

If you are experiencing any difficulty with this, let your teacher or the school office know, and they can book the appointment on your behalf.

## Diary Dates

<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>Cross Country @ Rowney Warren</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> March
<b>World Book Day</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> March
<b>World Book Day Lunch</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>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> March</b>
<b>A Team Football Tournament</b>	9 <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>Y5 Egyptian Day</b>	17 <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>Parents' Spelling and Grammar</b>	
<b>Info Evening</b>	23 <sup>rd</sup> March
<b>Red Nose Day</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>Music Assembly</b>	28 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>Girls Football Tournament</b>	29 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>Easter Lunch</b>	31 <sup>st</sup> March
<b>End of Spring Term</b>	31 <sup>st</sup> March
<b>Summer Term starts</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> April

## Staffing

I am delighted to inform you that our new Play Leader at The BASE is Mrs Claire Mulgrew.

Mrs Mulgrew is already a member of our office team, and a teaching assistant at the school and as such, she knows the children well. A very warm welcome to her at The BASE.

## Well done to:

- Our incredibly talented choir, who performed at the O2 Arena as part of the Young Voices concert – they performed with much enthusiasm!

### ***Spelling and Grammar Information Evening***

*Following on from the success of the maths information evening, we will be holding an information evening this term about spelling and grammar.*

*The evening will cover the school's approach to teaching spelling and grammar, the requirements of the curriculum, and ideas for supporting your child with their learning at home too.*

*We very much hope you will be able to join us for this evening – which will be on 23<sup>rd</sup> March, from 6 – 7pm.*

### ***School Roundabout***

*A reminder to you all that the roundabout is open for dropping off in the mornings only. If you wish to come into school, please park in the visitors car park. Please do not park on the grass.*

*We request that you do not park / wait in the staff car park at this time – as this makes it very hard for our staff to park and come into school.*

### ***Healthy Selfies***

*As part of our 'keeping healthy' work in school, we are launching a Healthy Selfie board in school today.*

*Children are requested to bring in photographs of them taking part in healthy activities outside school for us to add to the board.*

*To get your picture on the Healthy Selfie board, please hand it to Mr Smith.*

### ***Top Tips for Keeping Children Safe Online***

#### ***Find out what your child is doing online***

- *Be more familiar with their online world*
- *Get them to show you – make it clear from the beginning that you're interested and would like to be involved*
- *Agree rules as a family about personal information, time spent online, and contacting people via the internet....reinforce the [SMART rules](#)*

#### ***Assess the Risks and Opportunities:***

- *Where are the devices?*
- *What can they do?*
- *Can your child get online in his / her bedroom?*
- *Have you enabled any parental settings on devices / the internet as it comes into the house?*
- *Disable or cover webcams to avoid accidental sharing of images and talk to your child about the risks of sharing images*

#### ***Know where to go for help and advice***

- *Parenting in the Digital Age - <http://www.pitda.co.uk/>*
- *Switched on Families (Virgin Media) - <http://keepup.virginmedia.com/switchedonfamilies>*
- *Internet Matters.org (for help with controls and filters) - <http://www.internetmatters.org/>*
- *CEOP (for reporting when things concern you) - <https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/Parents/>*

### ***Birthday Lunches***

*CCS, our School Meals provider, offers children the chance to have a birthday meal table when it is their birthday. These are greatly enjoyed by the children.*

*If you would like to book a table, please ask at the School Office for a booking form.*

*All children at the birthday table, are required to have a school dinner that day – a consent form will be sent home to parents whose children have been invited.*

### ***Lost Property***

*Have you named all your children's belongings?*

*If you have, we can easily return missing items to their owners – we still gather a large amount of lost property that isn't named. Please help us to help you by putting names on belongings.*

### ***Does your child have Asthma?***

*Should your child be diagnosed with asthma, and need an inhaler, please let the school office know.*

*We will provide you with our Asthma Care Plan and Medicine Permissions forms for completion, which will be used to help provide the best care for your child in school.*

*It is the responsibility of parents to ensure that inhalers are provided (with spacers), and that these are clearly labelled with your child's name. These must also be kept in-date – please make sure you provide replacements for your child in good time.*

### ***Red Nose Day***

*We will be having a non-uniform day on Red Nose Day - for a 50p donation to Comic Relief.*

### ***World Book Day***

*During the week of World Book Day, the children will be taking part in learning about the wonderful stories written by Dick King-Smith. Dick King-Smith is most famous for writing *The Sheep Pig* – which was turned into the film 'Babe'. He also wrote many more books, with animals as the central characters.*

*We are inviting children to dress as their favourite animal on World Book Day – as part of this week of learning.*

### ***Attendance***

*You will be aware the children whose attendance falls below 90% are now classed as persistent absentees. In addition to this, where children are withdrawn from school for the purpose of a family holiday, parents may be issued with a fixed penalty notice.*

*The information below shows how attendance can affect your child's future progress:*

<b>195 school days in a year</b>
<b>Above 97% ( Less than 6 days absence a year - 2 days per term )</b> <i>Excellent attendance - these children will almost certainly get the better grades leading to better prospects for the future - college, university or work.</i>
<b>95% ( 10 days absence a year )</b> <i>These children are likely to achieve good grades and have opportunities for college, university or work, but could still improve their attendance !</i>
<b>90% ( 19 days absence a year )</b> <i>Children in this group are missing a month of school per year; it will be difficult for them to achieve their best.</i>
<b>85% ( 29 days absence a year )</b> <i>Children in this group are missing 6 weeks of school per year; it will be very difficult for them to keep up with their work and they are unlikely to do their best..</i>
<b>80 % ( 38 days absence a year )</b> <i>Children in this group are missing a year of school over 5 years . It will be almost impossible to keep up with their work</i>

*While we recognise that some absences are unavoidable, we would ask you all to ensure your children are at school whenever they can be.*

*Please also remember to notify the school office on the first day of any absence.*