



Priory News

October 2019



Dear Parents,

It has been a busy first half-term in school, with the launch of our Aspirational Me Award, Y3 visiting Flag Fen, Y5 visiting West Stow, Y6 completing their Bikeability training, our Harvest assemblies and our Meet and Greet evening.

Our first Parents' Evenings of the year are this week; please make sure you have booked an appointment to meet with your child's class teacher.

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

*Don't forget, this half-term ends on **Friday, 18th October.***

*We return to school on **Tuesday, 29th October.***



Diary Dates

Parents Evenings	16 th / 17 th October
Parents Coffee Morning	17 th October, 9-10am
Y6 Viking Day	18 th October
Half Term	21st – 25th October
Professional Day – School Closed	28th October
Year 6 Football Match	29 th October
Year 5 Football Match	31 st October
Open Morning	5 th November
Stacking Cups World Record Day	7 th November
National Panathlon Finals	7 th November
National Anti-Bullying Week	11 th – 15 th November
Odd Socks Day	11 th November
Anti-Bullying Theatre Show	13 th November
Children in Need Day	15 th November
African Drumming Workshop	2 nd December
Parents Do Day	5 th December
Flu Vaccinations	6 th December
Y3/4 Christmas Performance	11 th December
Y5/6 'Carols by Candlelight'	12 th December
Parents' Coffee Morning	17 th December
Christingle	18 th December
End of Term	18th December
Spring Term Starts	6th January

Harvest Assemblies

A wonderful celebration took place involving all of our pupils in two separate assemblies on Friday, October 4th. The children's performances and singing were wonderful, and were enjoyed by all who attended.

Thank you so much for the very generous donations for the St Neots Foodbank. The amount came to an amazing amount of 264.26 kg. St Neots Foodbank pass on their gratitude and thanks to all of our pupils, parents and staff for their contributions which will make a big difference to families in need in St Neots. Thank-you for all your support.

St Neots Foodbank offers help to people who may be struggling financially. As a school, we are registered with the foodbank and as such, are able to support families with the provision of vouchers to use at the Foodbank, should the need arise. If you know of any family who might be in need, or are yourself, please do let me know, and we will be able to help you.

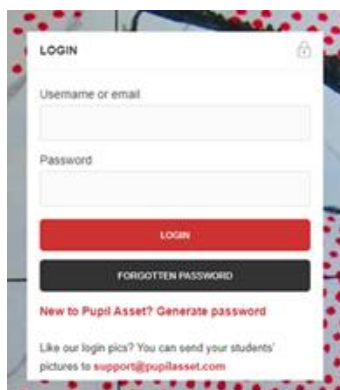
Pupil Asset

Thank you to those parents who took the time to fill in our feedback form for Pupil Asset. One of the overriding observations was that the App causes a number of issues including the need for ongoing re-installment.

We have spoken at length to the Development Team and they have advised us that the most effective way of accessing Pupil Asset is via the internet at the moment.

Therefore, we would recommend that you remove the App from your smart device and only login via the internet using this [link](#).

Your login details are your email address and the password that you have been using with the App. If you have not yet logged in, you will be given the option to generate a password (see the diagram below). If you need any help using Pupil Asset, please contact the school office.



Children in Need Day – 15th November

In return for a 50p contribution to Children in Need, we are inviting children to:
‘Wear their Spots’.

Before School Arrangements

A reminder that the school doors open at 8.40am for children to come straight into school on arrival, and take part in important learning activities that reinforce their learning.

Before this time, it is the responsibility of parents to ensure that their children are safe, and not left unsupervised on the playground.

Aspirational Me

We have been delighted with the enthusiasm from the children towards our new ‘Aspirational Me’ award, with the children having chosen their pledges and busy working towards their badges.

The first bronze badges are beginning to be awarded, which is great to see.

Please have a look through the award booklet with your child, and encourage them in their choice of pledges.

Assemblies

*Class assemblies are held throughout the year and will take place on **Wednesdays at 9.15am**. Parents are welcome to come to these assemblies.*

This term, there will be class assemblies for: -

- JE4 - 16th October
- DR6 - 20th November
- SH5 – 28th November (THURSDAY @ 9.15am)

A reminder to all Year 6 parents to ensure you have submitted your Secondary School Application.

You must do this by 31st October.

Open Morning

*Our Open Morning will take place on 5th November, from 9.15am – 10.30am. This is **open to all Year 2 parents** who are considering applying for a place in September.*

Thank-you to all our parents who attended the Meet and Greet session at the beginning of September – again, we hope the opportunity to see your child’s classrooms and meet your child’s teacher early in the year was helpful.

Coats

Please make sure your child has a coat with them each day, so that they are not cold at playtimes.

Odd Socks Day – 11th November

*As part of National Anti-Bullying Week, we are inviting all children to wear odd socks on **Monday, 11th November**, in recognition of celebrating differences.*

Roundabout

Please remember that the roundabout is for dropping off only in the mornings – this means that if you wish to leave your car, you will need to find an alternative place to park.

*Whenever the barrier is down, this means that the roundabout is closed. **This will be for safety reasons.** During these times, please do not park on the yellow zig zags at the entrance. This compromises the safety of our children, and is also illegal.*

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.

School Dinners

School dinners now cost £2.30 per day and £11.50 per week.

Parents are welcome to come and enjoy a school meal with their child – adult meals cost £3.00. These must be booked via the office on the day, before 10am.

Payments can be made using Pupil Asset and must be made in advance for school dinner money.

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

The Young 'Uns

The Young 'Uns, an award-winning folk group, visited school last week, and DF4 were fortunate to work with them to create a song about St Neots and the Priory. This work is part of a wider project to create 'Songs of Cambridgeshire', with the Young 'Uns working with children in schools across the county.

The works created will form part of a Heritage project and we were delighted to hear that the school has earned a Heritage Award as part of this work.

The children's song is fabulous and we look forward to sharing it with you through our website in the near future.

