

# *Priory News June 2021*



Dear Parents,

Welcome to our June newsletter. The final part of the summer term is here - and it's hard to believe we are nearly at the end of this academic year.

As you are aware, the Prime Minister announced on Monday that the easing of the coronavirus restrictions in England would not be lifted on 21 June but instead would be delayed until 19 July at the earliest. This decision has unfortunately impacted on some of the plans in place for the end of term.

In addition, the Prime Minister's announcement and the guidance that schools have since received from the Local Authority, will impact on the transition arrangements planned for those children leaving and joining Priory at the end of the academic year. Parents of children in Year 6 will be contacted directly by your child's secondary school with updates regarding transition arrangements. Here at Priory, changes have been made to the arrangements for our new Year 3 children joining us, and also, our usual 'New Classes' mornings. We look forward to welcoming our new children to Priory Junior School in the coming months!

To date, we have received no indication of what changes will be made to Department for Education (DfE) guidance for schools from September. The Senior Leadership Team are therefore planning ahead for all possibilities with regard to timetabling, including drop off/pick up arrangements and timings, in order that we can promptly share this information with parents as soon as guidance has been received. Watch this space!

We have also been planning the class and staffing arrangements for September with the aim of sharing this information with children and parents next Wednesday. Your child will meet their new class teacher next week, and you will also receive a letter informing you of this. All internal transition arrangements will be carried out safely in line with all current DfE guidance.

Finally, we all need to continue to do our part in following the government guidance and keeping to the protective measures as we work together to minimise the risk of classes having to be sent home to self-isolate at Priory Junior School. Thank you for your support with this.

Take care, stay safe and be kind.

Tracy Keefe

## Diary Dates



- Sports Day - 24th June
- Take a Book Day - 28th June
- New Classes Morning - 30th June
- Year 6 Secondary Transition Day - 30th June
- Year 4 Roald Dahl Museum Livestream Workshops - 2nd July
- Year 3 Transition Morning - 2nd / 9th July
- New Year 3 Parents Information Evening - 8th July
- JE3 Paxton Pits Trip - 9th July
- Year 6 Trip to Grafham Water Centre - 12th July
- EW3 Paxton Pits Trip - 13th July
- Reports Emailed Home - 14th July
- HW3 Paxton Pits Trip - 16th July
- Year 6 Leavers' Afternoon Event - 20th July
- Year 6 Leavers' Assembly - 22nd July

## Parking

Last week, we received a visit from the Police who were monitoring speed and parking of parents as they dropped off their children at school.

We continue to need your support in ensuring that everyone adheres to all of the current measures: 2m distancing; one way systems; wearing a face covering; only being on the school site in the given time slot... all of these will help to reduce the risk of transmission and having to close bubbles.

Please help by doing the following:

- Wear a face covering when entering the school site.
- Continue to contact the school office through telephone or email at this time.
- Follow the one-way systems set up at the the playground gates.
- **Please do not send your child to school if they, or a member of your household, has COVID symptoms.**

- **Please do not use a Lateral Flow Test for your child (they are for over-11s only), but book a PCR test at the nearest test centre.**
- Inform us as soon as possible if you have a positive test result by email [office@priory.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@priory.cambs.sch.uk) or telephoning 01480 226730.
- Keep at least 1m+ distance from other families.
- Keep your children with you at the end of the school day, they should not be playing on the roundabout or in the car park.

The recommendations from the DfE with regard to provision in primary schools is largely unchanged from Stage 2 of the roadmap.

They are intending to revisit over the course of this term, but have asked that we remind all parents of the following:

- During drop-off and collection time, the speed restrictions on Longsands Road are reduced to 20mph - to keep the road around school safer.
- The road by school should be kept clear, and not used for dropping off. If you do need to come to the site by car, you should look to find somewhere legal, and safer, to park a little bit further away, and walk the rest of the way.
- We would encourage you to park at Priory Park - and 'Park and Stride', making use of the footpath by the park to walk up to school.
- Please do not come past the cones - the area in front of school is **not a safe place** to park. Please help to keep all our children safe by not attempting to park there.

## Staffing

Mrs Robertson and Miss Pannell have both returned from their maternity leaves this month - we are delighted to welcome them back. We have also welcomed Miss Purser to our teaching assistant team this term.

At the end of this term, we will be saying goodbye to Miss Burley and Mrs Raw. We wish them the very best for the future.

We are also pleased to be welcoming two new class teachers to Priory for September. Mr Hodgkiss is joining us from a school in Cambridge, and Miss Lygo will also be joining the team. Both are looking forward to joining the Priory team.

## School Life

### RSE Consultation

Our consultation with parents about our RSE curriculum has now ended. Thank-you to everyone who attended our information evening, and the contributions to our approach in school. They have been very useful.

Parents contributing to the consultation told us they were happy with the school policy.

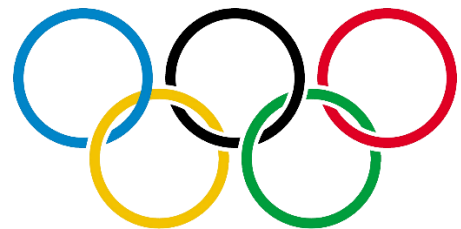
Some of the contributions made were:

*'We wondered if it would be possible for parents to have an idea of books and resources used, so we can also have them at home to support learning and questions. It might also be helpful to have an idea of what is covered when, so we are a little prepared for the inevitable questions which arise from the sessions in school.'*

*'... it would be useful for parents to understand what terminology teachers / schools will be using in order to continue any discussion at home.'*

We aim to address the points made in our letters home to parents to support with this.

Join us all in the Walk to Tokyo! Log any miles walked to help get us to Tokyo (virtually) before the end of term. We are currently over Russia!



***Well done to our Year 6 children who have completed their Bikeability training this term, despite some interesting weather!***

We have been having a good sort-out of our school library - and have identified books that are no longer needed in school. We are currently taking these out of circulation and will be holding a **'Take A Book' day** on 28th June. On this day, children will be able to select a book to bring home to keep.

The School Council have begun to meet again - and the children have been discussing their ideas about the aspects of school life that they would like to see return next. We are using their thoughts within our planning.

*It has been great to see the children's enthusiasm for the Multi-Sports Clubs that we have held this half-term.*

**Please remember to send you child with the following items to keep them sun-safe:**

- **Filled water bottle**
- **Sun-hat**
- **Sun cream**

## Contact Us

Look out for the Half-Termly Overview which will be sent home this week. This should contain all the information about your child's learning for this term.

Finally, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to make contact with the School office:

[office@priory.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@priory.cambs.sch.uk)