



Priory News

November 2020



Dear Parents,

We were delighted to welcome the children back after the half-term break. There was certainly a lot happening last week to keep everyone occupied, with skipping becoming very popular!

It was hard to believe that we would have ended the week in another national lockdown, but we are pleased that the school has been able to stay open this time, so we are able to focus on continuing learning with all our children. We hope that it continues to remain this way – as we know that all year groups in our school were not able to attend during the summer term.

To help us keep it this way, please keep following the requirements set out by the government. This includes at the school gates. We know that, in the past, this would have been a place where you could catch up with others, but for now please remember that only one adult per family should come to the school, keep a 2m distance from others, and only come for the time of your class' drop-off and collection. By doing so, you are helping to keep school open and the staff and children here safe.

Thank-you for supporting us all with this.

This time is bringing lots of changes for families. If you are experiencing changes that we are able to help with in any way – please do let us know. We will always try to help – it may be that you qualify for free school meals, or that you have a concern for your child's well-being or learning. If so, please let us know and we will be only too happy to help.

Warm Regards,

Tracy Keefe

Staffing

Miss Pannell will be commencing maternity leave at the end of this week. I know you will all want to join me in wishing her the very best at this time.

We also welcome Mrs Smith to our Playworker team at The BASE.

Diary Dates

<i>Flu Vaccinations</i>	<i>9th November</i>
<i>Friends of Priory AGM</i>	<i>11th November</i>
<i>Individual Photographs</i>	<i>12th November</i>
<i>Children in Need Day</i>	<i>13th November</i>
<i>National Anti-Bullying Week</i>	<i>16th – 20th November</i>
<i>Christmas Lunch for Years 4 and 6</i>	<i>9th December</i>
<i>Christmas Lunch for Years 3 and 5</i>	<i>16th December</i>
<i>End of Term</i>	<i>18th December</i>
<i>Spring Term Starts</i>	<i>5th January</i>

Harvest Assembly

Thank-you for all your generous donations for the St Neots Foodbank, as part of our Harvest Assemblies. These were very welcomed by the Foodbank.

The harvest assembly video is currently on our website – if you missed it!

Children in Need Day

Children in Need Day is on Friday, 13th November. Children are invited to come to school dressed in spots on this day or in non-uniform – for a contribution of £1 to Children in Need.

You can do this via our Just Giving page:
<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/priory-junior-school>
However, a minimum donation of £2 is required here – we would suggest this would work for families with siblings, and also if you are able to, share the contribution with friends.

Parents' Evenings

We are now holding the final week of our parents' evening appointments.

Classes this week are as follows:

Week beginning 9th November: TR5, AG6, HR6, DF6

Please be aware that when your appointment time ends, the system will automatically close the appointment.

We hope you have found the appointment process to be positive, and welcome any feedback on this.

Remote Learning

Should your child need to self-isolate due to having contact with someone with Covid-19 symptoms, or due to having symptoms themselves, we will continue to provide remote learning for your child through See-Saw.

Please let the school office know as soon as possible if this is the case, so that the teachers have time to ensure lessons are ready for your child.

Absences

If your child is unwell for any reason, please inform the School Office as soon as possible, along with the reason for the absence – this can be done using Pupil Asset or by leaving a message on the telephone system: 01480 226730.

Should your child be experiencing any symptoms related to Covid-19, please do not send them, or their siblings into school unless you have had a negative test. Without this, your child should remain at home for 10 days.

Symptoms are:

a new, persistent cough

a high temperature

or a sudden loss of sense of smell or taste.

Should anyone in your household be experiencing symptoms, your child should not come into school and should self-isolate for 14 days.

If you have any queries about this, please call the school office.

Skipping Workshops

The children had great fun learning some of the skipping challenges last week.

We have provided them all with skipping ropes which they are able to use during their playtimes, and it has been fantastic to see their enthusiasm for it!

We will be sharing some more skipping challenges with the children over the coming weeks using Dan the Skipping Man's Youtube videos.

*There are also one's for home too:
#skipathome*

Christmas Lunches

Christmas lunches in the hall will take place on the following days:

Years 4 and 6: 9th December

Years 3 and 5: 16th December

This is so that your children can eat their Christmas lunch in the dining hall on that day.

Party box lunches will be provided for children having a lunch in the classroom on the following days:

Years 3 and 5: 9th December

Years 4 and 6: 16th December

Please look out for the special menus for these days.

Christmas Cards

In class, we will providing a time for children to make a Christmas card for their classmates.

These will then be displayed in the classroom, and the children will bring it home at the end of term. This will be in place of our usual Christmas postbox.

Finally, please all keep well and stay safe.