



Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a restful Easter break and that your children have enjoyed returning to school again for the summer term.

While we are all hopeful that signs of normality are starting to return, we know that we need to continue to keep the routines in place, that are helping to keep us all safe at this time. Thank-you to you all for your support with this.

This summer term may still look different in how any events are organised, but we are working to make sure that the children will still be ready and prepared for their transitions to new schools and year groups.

Remember, if you have any concerns or you need any other support from the school, please let us know by emailing the school office – they will forward your email to either your child's class teacher or a member of the Senior Leadership Team, who will be in touch.

Warm regards,

Tracy Keefe



Diary Dates

<i>National Skipping Day</i>	<i>24th April</i>
<i>Parents Evenings</i>	<i>27th April – 14th May</i>
<i>The Great Priory Run</i>	<i>1st – 3rd May</i>
<i>National Mental Health Week</i>	<i>10th – 14th May</i>
<i>Class Photographs</i>	<i>18th May</i>
<i>Walk to School Week</i>	<i>17th – 21st May</i>
<i>Professional Day</i>	<i>28th May</i>
<i>May Half-Term</i>	<i>31st May – 4th June</i>
<i>End of Summer Term</i>	<i>22nd July</i>

Routines

Reminder of Important Covid-Routines

Thank you to the vast majority of parents/carers who are adhering to our safety rules for the drop-off and collection from school. It is important that we still stick to these rules to ensure we stay Covid-19 free.

All of the COVID-secure arrangements in place prior to Easter will remain in place for children attending school. We continue to have a number of rigorous Risk Assessments, procedures and enhanced cleaning in place, as before, to mitigate the risks of Covid-19.

Staff will keep 2m apart from each other and the children and within communal areas inside the building, staff are wearing face coverings.

Do not come to the school if you have any symptoms of COVID-19, including for collection purposes.

To ensure this runs as smoothly as possible, please remember:

- Please bring your children to school for their allocated drop-off time.
- Parents must adhere to safe social distancing whilst waiting at the school gates.
- No adults are currently allowed in the playground and school building without prior consent.
- Children will remain in their class bubbles throughout the day, during playtime and lunchtime - with zoned areas for their bubbles to play in.
- Anyone with symptoms of COVID-19 must not come to the school.

We appreciate your understanding in keeping the school as safe as possible.

Lateral Flow Tests

All staff in school are currently taking Lateral Flow Tests twice a week to help us to identify where we might have any asymptomatic cases.

These tests are now freely available to all parents of children at the school - through ordering here: <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

They are only for adults, and not for primary-aged children and are for asymptomatic testing only.

Should you or your child have symptoms of a high temperature, new persistent cough or loss of sense of smell or taste, you should book a PCR test at a test centre.

You and your household should also self-isolate until the results of the PCR test. At that stage, you will either need to self-isolate further (if the test is positive) or be able to stop self-isolating (if the result is negative).

School Life

Staffing News

We will be saying a farewell to Mrs Cooper, our caretaker, who will be leaving on 21st May. After 7 years as our school caretaker, she is leaving to follow a different career path of a care assistant. We wish her the very best.

We are currently advertising for a new school caretaker - please visit our school website if you are interested in this position.

Skipping

We began the term with Dan the Skipping Man revisiting us - this was something the children had told us they were keen to happen, and they certainly made the most of the workshops to develop their skipping skills further. We were delighted when the leaders told us that the children's skipping skills were outstanding!

National Skipping Day is 24th April - to mark this, we have been practising further, and setting our first Priory Junior School skipping record. We are all excitedly waiting to hear the record set of the most skips in one minute completed together.

Red Nose Day - thank-you for all your generous donations in support of Comic Relief. Together, we raised £320!

Garden

We are delighted to be sharing with you the progress that is being made with an area of our school grounds. While the windows were being replaced we needed to cut back an overgrown area of the school - which was hidden behind a hedge.

We discovered an amazing forgotten part of our school grounds here. Over the Autumn term, we had the ground levelled, and prepared and then we had to wait for a window of dry weather to be able to lay some turf...

This has now taken place -the turf is down, and we are planning to relocate our allotment planters here too. We are aiming to transform this area into a nature garden - with a quiet area for sitting too. The children were very excited to see the transformation when they returned from the Easter holiday, and we are all looking forward to developing it further now.

Our next steps are to move the planters and place pebbles around them. If you would like to lend a hand with this, please let the school office know.



1 - Our progress so far....

The Great Priory Run

It's not long now to The Great Priory Run - where nearly 400 adults and children are going to complete a 3km / 10km run over the weekend of 1st - 3rd May. We would be thrilled to see some photographs of your achievements that weekend. Please send them to office@priory.cambs.sch.uk - showing everyone that we are 'Being The Best We Can Be'.

Walk to School Week is coming soon - 10th - 14th May. It would be great to get as many children walking to school that week as possible. Look out for details about this week in a letter home soon.

Parents' Evenings

We are holding our parents evenings over the coming weeks - in a similar style to the Autumn term. Please make sure you have booked a time with your class teacher - on the Parents Evening Booking System.

If you have any difficulty with booking, please speak to the school office and we'll be happy to help arrange the appointment with you.

Look out for the Half-Termly Overview which will be sent home next 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*
