



# Priory News October 2021

Dear Parents,

We have now reached the end of the first half-term back. Again, it has brought surprises to us in terms of the return of face coverings for staff in school, and adjustments being made to classes at times. Thank-you all for working with us - we have really appreciated all your support with keeping our school and its community safe.

It was lovely to welcome parents back with our Meet and Greet session on the playground this term. We are sorry that we are still unable to host events within the building for parents because of Covid restrictions at the moment. This does mean our forthcoming parents evenings will be online - please make sure you have booked your appointment for 2nd or 4th November. We look forward to meeting with you all.

We have enjoyed seeing the children eating together (as year groups) in the hall this half-term, and we have continued to keep them playing as single year groups at the moment, due to the levels of transmission rising in the country. This will continue to be the case as we restart after half-term, and we will increase mixing at the appropriate time.

I hope that you all now enjoy a restful half-term together and we look forward to seeing you on our return on **Tuesday, 2nd November**.

Take care, stay safe and be kind.

Tracy Keefe

## Diary Dates



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| • Half-Term                    | 25th - 29th October  |
| • Training Day - School Closed | 1st November         |
| • Parents Evenings             | 2nd and 4th November |
| • Year 6 Bikeability           | 8th - 11th November  |
| • Individual Photographs       | 11th November        |
| • Panathlon Festival           | 16th November        |
| • HR6 Class Assembly           | 17th November        |
| • Flu Vaccinations Session 2   | 26th November        |
| • JE5 Class Assembly           | 1st December         |

- End of Term

17th December

## Staffing

As we approach the end of this half-term, we wish Mrs Harper the very best as she commences her maternity leave, wishing her a happy and healthy baby.

We will also be welcoming Mrs Rossin to our Teaching Assistant team after half-term. She will be joining our Year 3/4 team.

## Covid-Related Information

Should your child have symptoms of Covid, you will need to ensure your child remains at home and get a PCR test for them. Symptoms are

- a high temperature
- a persistent new cough
- a loss of sense of taste or smell

We are also aware that the Delta variant may have other symptoms too, and we will advise you if we feel it wise to get tested to rule Covid out.

Please let us know as soon as you get the results from this by telephoning the school office on 01480 226730 or emailing: [office@priory.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@priory.cambs.sch.uk)

I hope the flowchart sent home earlier this term has been useful to you all. It does have some key changes in it, which are worth noting:

- If your child has not had any symptoms, they are able to come to school if they are waiting for a PCR test result ie. they are being tested as a close contact.
- If your child has symptoms, they cannot come to school until they have a negative PCR test result, or have completed 10 days self-isolation.
- If the rest of the family has Covid, but your child is negative on a PCR, they are able to come to school during this time. Please contact the school office in this instance, and we will support you with strategies for getting to and from school safely in this instance.

## Safe Parking

The police have been monitoring parking around the school site in recent weeks. They have asked us to remind you all that:

- You should not park on the zig-zags by the school entrance - or opposite the school entrance.

Mr Shaw has been placing cones out to assist everyone with avoiding these areas.

Please help us all to keep the children safe in their journey to school by keeping these areas clear.

## School Life

Well done to you Year 6 Tag Rugby Team who represented us so well at the recent tournament.



**Harvest Assembly** - our Harvest Assembly is usually one of the highlights of our year, and this year was no exception. Thank-you to you all for sending such generous donations - the Food Bank were bowled over by Priory's generosity.

The assembly fell on National Poetry Day and we celebrated this through writing and performing poems about Harvest. We have included some in this newsletter, which we hope you will enjoy.

### Harvest by JE5

Harvest time is here again, cut the corn and sift the grain  
Pick the apples from the trees in the chilly autumn breeze.  
Harvest time is a time to celebrate the things we are given  
All these lovely foods  
Very good for food banks  
Even squirrels celebrate

Apples are ripe for eating  
Vegetables on the table

Everyone is together

Stars are in the sky

Thank you god for all the brightness you give

In the morning a harvest is here

To help all people in need

All foods come in and out of a building or two

To save a life or few

Thank you to everyone for our food

### **Our Harvest by AI5**

The autumn season has begun,

We've waved goodbye to the summer sun,

The trees now shed their beautiful leaves,

Which fly around in the autumn breeze.

The day arrives when under the moonlight,

Alongside the chills of the autumn night,

The farmer's luscious fields lighten,

And our excited, rosy faces brighten.

Every year when this day comes,

And we gather around the table,

We fill up all the empty tums,

Of people who are not able.

For all the animals and all the creatures,

Allow us to explain the features,

The harvest involves donating crops,  
With the hope that world hunger stops.

We learn to be grateful for our food,  
To not be wasteful or exclude,  
So let's appreciate all that's edible,  
And embrace the celebration of this harvest festival!

### **Harvest by AG6**

**Hallows Eve is round the corner and bonfire night is on its way.  
The month we're in is October and the light is fading from the day.  
In the past, our many hands were needed to gather corn and wheat,  
Now the combine works through the night, rumbling through the street  
We give tins and jars to food banks, we help people who are in need  
A gift that will bring a smile to all the many mouths to feed.  
Leaves, turn, change and die, revealing a new spectrum of colour,  
Colder nights, harder times, when we all rely on one another.**

### **Thank-you by EW3**

At Harvest, we say thank you.....  
For the red, juicy apples we all like to eat  
For the green pears that are nice and sweet  
For the red, delicious strawberries  
Eat them if you please!

At Harvest, we say thank you.....  
For the bales packed with wheat  
For cereals and biscuits – my favourite treat  
For the tasty potatoes underground

Mash, chips and roasties all around.

At Harvest, we say thank you.....

For oranges that are extremely sour

For the grains turned in to flour

For orange, pointy carrot bundles

For shelves filled with vegetables

At Harvest, we say thank you.....

For luscious, juicy red grapes

For bananas big enough to feed apes

For onions, swede and broccoli tops

For farmers growing us delicious crops.



*1 - Thank-you!*

**Poppies** will be on sale during the first week back after half-term. Please bring a donation.

**The BASE mobile** had its grand opening during this half-term, providing the children with a fantastic space to enjoy their before and after school club. It was brilliant to see the sparkles of excitement in their eyes as they saw their new space for the first time, and how they have continued to enjoy it for the rest of the half-term.

If you would like your child to attend The BASE, please register through the school office.

We have breakfast club from 7.30am each day, and after-school sessions until 6pm each day.

### **Platinum Jubilee Tree Planting**

As part of the celebrations for the Queen's forthcoming Platinum Jubilee, we are getting involved with the Queen's Green Canopy - and will be planting a small copse in a corner of our field. The saplings are expected to be delivered next half-term, and the children will be involved in planting the trees. We also intend to keep records of their growth - and build a record of this over time.

If you enjoy gardening, and planting trees, please do let us know if you are able to spare some time to help.

### **Contact Us**

If you do have any questions, please contact us by emailing: [office@priory.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@priory.cambs.sch.uk)

Have an enjoyable half-term! See you on Tuesday, 2nd November.