

Dear Parents,

A warm welcome to the start of 2022-23 at Priory Junior School. We have enjoyed welcoming our new children to school last week and are looking forward to a successful year ahead. Please congratulate your children on the fantastic start they have made.

We have also welcomed two new members of staff to our teaching team this term—Mr Brolia and Miss Nutter. They have enjoyed their first week with their new class.

We ended last week with the sad news of the death of Queen Elizabeth II. We now know that **Monday, 19th September** will be the day of the Queen's funeral and a Bank Holiday—the school will not be open on this day. Our thoughts are with the Royal Family at this sad time.

Cambridgeshire County Council has set up an online book of condolence which can be reached [here](#). This page also includes information about where physical books of condolence are, along with links to the Royal Family's official book of condolence. We will continue to support any children who may find this time difficult; please do not hesitate to approach us about this.

Take Care,

Mrs Keefe

Meet and Greet Sessions

These sessions will still be taking place on Thursday.

Please come and meet your child's new class teacher on Thursday this week—the sessions will provide you with an overview of the routines in the class (and year group) and provide you with a chance to see your child's new classroom too.

Family Worker / Pastoral Support

Within school, we provide ways of supporting both families and children.

A family worker from the St Neots locality team provides support to families and this year, we are pleased to share that she will be re-starting face-face sessions for support, starting on 4th October. To arrange to meet with Charlotte, please call the school office to make an appointment.

We also have a pastoral support team who are able to support children if required. If you feel your child would benefit from support in this way, please mention this to your child's class teacher in the first instance.

Diary Dates

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| Friends of Priory AGM | 12th September |
| Meet and Greet | 15th September |
| Bank Holiday—School Closed | 19th September |
| Year 6 Viking Day | 22nd September |
| TW3 Trip to St Neots Museum | 3rd October |
| Family Worker Drop-in | 4th October |
| EL3 Trip to St Neots Museum | 5th October |
| Harvest Assemblies | 6th October |
| EW3 Trip to St Neots Museum | 7th October |
| Flu Vaccinations | 10th October |
| Year 6 Bikeability | 10th—13th October |
| AG6 Class Assembly | 12th October |
| Parents Evenings | 18th—19th October |
| KBS6 Class Assembly | 19th October |
| Half-Term | 24th—28th October |
| Training Day—School Closed | 31st October |
| Half-term Starts | 1st November |

Playtimes

Please remember:

- Children should not bring any balls to school. We provide balls that can be used at playtimes—ensuring they are safe for play in a busy environment.
- Snacks should be healthy—**fruit and vegetables** please.
- **No nuts please**—we are a nut-safe school and have a number of children who have allergies. Please help us to keep them safe, by ensuring you do not send any nut products into school.

Summer Holiday Work

A lot of work took place over the summer holidays as we continue to ensure the school building is modernised. Three classrooms were refurbished, as was the school office areas.

The outdoor classroom was repainted, and we began to move our PE equipment into the new store on the play-ground.