

Priory News May 2021



Dear Parents,

It has been a busy half-term at school, and I am sure you are all looking forward to a break over the May half-term week. I think it's fair to say that we are all hoping the second half of the summer term might be a little warmer!

We have enjoyed meeting with parents over the last few weeks at parents evenings and we would be interested to know how you have found the online experience, and whether you would prefer this style of evening in the future. If you are able to provide feedback on this, please click [here](#).

Class photographs have now been taken - we have kept these traditional in style - with children in rows and facing forwards. We will send the details of viewing and ordering details home in the near future.

We are beginning to add a few more dates to the diary during the next half-term. Keep a look out for details of these on the diary dates section.

Enjoy the half-term break, keep safe and well.

Warm Regards,

Tracy Keefe

Covid Information

As the lockdown restrictions begin to ease, we absolutely 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.

- Inform us as soon as possible if you have a positive test result by email 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.
- Do not come to the school with an e-scooter, or allow your child to ride one to and from school - these are not legal.

Should your child receive a positive test result during the half-term break, please let us know straight away.

Diary Dates



- Year 6 Bikeability 24th - 27th May
- Relationships and Sex Education Webinar 26th May, 6pm
- Professional Day - School Closed 28th May
- Half-Term 31st May - 4th June
- School re-opens 7th June
- 'Walk to Tokyo' launch 7th June
- Online Safety Information Evening 8th June, 6.30pm
- CS5 Swimming starts 8th June
- Sports Day 24th June
- Year 6 Trip to Grafham Water Centre 12th July
- Reports Emailed Home 14th July

Staffing

On Friday, we said farewell to Mrs Cooper, our caretaker. After 10 years at the school, Mrs Cooper has moved on to pursue another role - working in care. We thank her for all her work and wish her the very best in her new role.

After half-term, we will welcome Miss Purser to our staffing team, joining our teaching assistant team.

Joining us as our new school caretaker will be Mr Shaw. Mr Shaw currently works as a caretaker at a school in Peterborough, and we look forward to welcoming him to Priory Junior School in the very near future.

School Life

Attendance

With the disruption faced by all children this year due to the tricky times we have all been living through, it has never been more important to ensure children attend school each day.

We continue to monitor children's attendance on a regular basis, and will discuss with you if we have any concerns. This may be in the form of a telephone call, or a letter home. Please help us by informing us if your child is too unwell to attend school - by emailing or telephoning the school office.



The Great Priory Run

Wow! The weekend of 1st - 3rd May will be one that lives in our memories for quite a long time! Well done to everyone who took part in The Great Priory Run - there were nearly 400 children and adults running over the weekend, and it was a delight to see and hear about everyone's achievements. Together, we have raised valuable funds for Friends of Priory.



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Nut Safe School

A reminder to everyone that we are a nut safe school. As such, children should not bring any food into school that contains nuts.

Snacks at break-times should be fruit or vegetables only.

Thank-you for your support with this.

Relationships and Sex Education

Don't forget to get involved in our consultation about our relationships and sex education (RSE) policy. We are holding a webinar this week to come along to, and information is also on our school website. Please add your thoughts to this by completing our survey - the link is on the letter that came home last week.

Online Safety Information Evening

We are extremely fortunate to have secured Craig Thompson, e-safety adviser, to lead an online session for parents about online safety. When we held this in school a few years ago, it was exceptionally well-received and we do hope that by holding it online, many of you will be able to attend. Please sign up using the link on the letter sent home last week.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

We are pleased to begin the process of holding after-school clubs again. As we are still having to keep the children in minimal contact across classes and year groups, these will begin with a sports club open to year groups on different evenings. We are looking forward to the start of these clubs during next half-term. Children will be kept in small bubble groups during each club session - either within their class group (if demand is high) or a small bubble (similar to The BASE).

Sports Day

You will notice that we have a date in the diary for Sports Day! We can't wait to be able to hold it! However, it will still look different to previous years. Children will be in groups from their class at this stage, and there will be different timings for each year group to get involved in the activities. At this stage, we are unable to have parents attend, but will take some photographs to share with you all.

Fencing

When you return after half-term, the school may look a little different. We are expecting some additional fencing to be installed adjacent to the school building - where the building faces Longsands Road.

This is to provide additional security to the building. This will mean that there will be an additional gate at the front entrance path to the school.

Should you come to reception in the future, the gate will be released for you to enter, once you have buzzed the intercom.

Fascias

The school will also have it's fascias painted over the half-term break too! This should help to improve the outside of our school further.

Have a lovely half-term.

Enjoy the weather - fingers crossed for some sunshine.