



Priory News

February 2021



Dear Parents,

I hope that our latest newsletter finds you all safe and well. This week has been Children's Mental Health Week - focused on the theme of 'Express Yourself'. This is about finding time to do creative activities that make you feel good – singing, drawing, cooking, photography are all good examples of this. We hope children at home have been able to find time to be creative – and look forward to seeing some photographs of this on Seesaw. To access further resources to support at this time, you might want to have a look at the [Children's Mental Health Week website](#).

We are all expecting some more news during the week commencing February 22nd regarding schools re-opening – once we have this, and have had time to digest any changes needed, we will be in touch to let you know.

We hope you are enjoying the virtual Sharing Assemblies each week – we are so, so proud of all the children's hard work.

Only one more week until half-term and then you can all have a well-earned rest. Thank-you to all our parents and children at home for all the hard work you are doing at home at this time. We are Proud to be Priory.

Stay safe.

Warm Regards,
Tracy Keefe

Access to Wi-fi / Laptops

Please let us know if we are having difficulty with getting online. We have secured some BT Wi-fi codes which may be able to help you at this time.

Is your child working on a mobile phone, or sharing a tablet or laptop at this time? We have been loaning laptops to families in this position – and still have some more that are available. Please contact us if this is the case.

Diary Dates

Half-Term	15 th – 19 th February
World Book Day	4 th March
End of Spring Term	26 th March
Summer Term starts	13 th April
The Great Priory Run	1 st – 3 rd May
Professional Day	28 th May
May Half-Term	31 st May – 4 th June
End of Summer Term	22 nd July

Contact us on :
office@priory.cambs.sch.uk

World Book Day – 4th March

This year, World Book Day will be taking place – but a little differently. We will be sending home details of the events we will be running during this week and hope many of you will get involved with these.

The Great Priory Run

We are delighted with the numbers of children and adults who have signed up for this event – 369 in total!

We hope that by taking part, it will give us all a little boost at this time (both mentally and physically).

Hope you are all getting on with training now!

Remote Learning

As a school, we have developed our use of Seesaw this term – utilizing it to provide pre-recorded lessons from teachers. We continue to develop this – adding teachers' faces to the videos being just one adaptation we have made. The daily morning video is also an addition to this – outlining the learning that is planned for the day.

We have also enjoyed seeing the children's engagement with our use of Padlet – allowing them to collaborate with each other.

From time to time, we have had some questions about live lessons. The remote learning provision in place was planned after reaching a full understanding of the research by the Education Endowment Foundation and others at this time which outlines that live lessons are not better than pre-recorded.

We have taken an approach which provides the greatest flexibility for all our families at this time. We recognise that everyone is in a different situation, and juggling many pressures at this time. Therefore, pre-recorded lessons affords the flexibility for all.

Virtual Library

We have linked Seesaw to the Virtual Library being provided by the National Literacy Trust at this time. Each week there is a new children's author talking about their books, and providing inspiration for reading and writing.

Their books can also be accessed through the Virtual Library, via Seesaw.

Positive Cases

Should your child have a positive test result, please do let us know as soon as possible, by emailing the school office, including at weekends.

This allows us to take any action that we are required to do with regards to Track and Trace, at the earliest opportunity.

It also means that if your child is unwell, we will be aware of this and not expect them to complete any remote learning during that time.

Free School Meals

We have put in place support for all families who are eligible for free school meals at this time.

If your circumstances change, and you become eligible, please do check and apply, so that we can help you too.

*You can quickly apply at
<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/schools-learning/help-with-school-learning-costs/free-school-meals>*

County Support Hubs

The county hubs set up are continuing to operate. If you need help or support, please do make contact with them.

For people living in the Huntingdonshire District Council area: www.wearehuntingdonshire.org/ or 01480 388388

***Have a restful half-term.
Keep safe and well.***