



# Priory News

## June 2020



*Dear Parents,*

*I hope this newsletter finds you all safe and well.*

*March 20<sup>th</sup> seems like a long time ago for us all now, and it is encouraging to see that we are starting to see some easing of the lockdown, and hope that this continues to be successful.*

*We started this half-term with a mix of approaches for different year groups. Some of our Year 6 are now back in school and learning in the bubbles that are created for them. It has been good to see more children back in school.*

*We now know that the government has abandoned plans to bring back more year groups before the end of the Summer term, and so we will now be looking towards September – and planning for this, including supporting children with transition to new year groups.*

*I know this means that our Years 3, 4 and 5 children are still home learning at this time – and we are finding ways to ensure that you still feel very much part of Priory Junior School. There is a team of staff who are supporting remote learning on See-Saw, and we hope you are finding the feedback and support provided to your children helpful.*

*On Friday this week, we will be holding a different day on See-Saw – and in school. It will be our Priory Junior School Well-being Day – and we hope you will get involved in the activities on this day. We know that the current situation provides us all with different challenges – and we hope you will use this day to focus on the things that support your children's emotional well-being.*

*We also hope you will continue to use some of the ideas provided to support you through this time too. We know how brilliantly you have been doing, supporting your children at this time – both with their wellbeing and their learning. Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> June will be a celebration of that too.*

*Don't forget, we are still here to support you - if you have any concerns about helping your child learn or you need any other support from the school, please let us know by emailing the school office – they will forward your email to the member of staff who can help you.*

*Please take care, and keep safe.*

*Warm regards,*

*Tracy Keefe*

### **Term Dates**

<b>Half-Term</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>Well-Being Day</b>	19 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>End of Summer Term</b>	22nd July
<b>Autumn Term starts</b>	7th September

### **Class Photographs**

*The class photographs are complete and we are now in the process of printing these. We are experiencing a technical hitch with our photocopier, and as soon as this is resolved, we will be posting these out to your children. We think they look brilliant – thank-you for sending us your pictures to help create them. We hope you like them.*

## ***Places to Get Support***

*Please find attached to this newsletter a really useful letter from **Pinpoint** – with lots of places to contact should you need support at this time. I hope that you may find this of help.*

*The St Neots District Locality Team is also offering support to families and details of this support can be found below:*



### **Parent/Carer support line**

(from 7<sup>th</sup> May)

We offer an opportunity to speak to a friendly professional from the Early Help District Children's Team about any child or young person aged 0 to 19.

- You can ask a question, request support about your child's or young person's behaviours, get help with new routines and boundaries, or maybe just talk about how you are managing parenting in the current situation.
- We will give you advice, support, and help with signposting or just listen to your parenting experiences.

You can telephone or email for support any time, please leave a message with your contact details, someone will call you back (on a Tuesday or Thursday)

Phone 01354 750420

Email [Districtearlyhelpteam.cambridgecity@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:Districtearlyhelpteam.cambridgecity@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

[www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/child-and-family-centres](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/child-and-family-centres)



## ***Free School Meals***

*At this challenging and uncertain time, we know that families may find themselves in circumstances that have changed, including financial situations.*

*This may mean that you become eligible to be supported through Free School Meals. You can apply online at [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)*

*Please see the letter that was sent out recently about the criteria for this.*

*As a school, we are supporting all families with supermarket food vouchers, if they are eligible for free school meals. If we can support you in this way, please do apply online.*

*We will then make sure you receive vouchers to support you too.*

### ***Fundraising Stars.....***

*It is heart-warming to hear of children who are busy fund-raising for charity at this time. Thank-you for sharing with us.*

*A big well done to:*

*George (SH5) and Isaac (JB3) for running 8k for the NSPCC and raising £285 for them!*

*Reuban (DR6) helping to transport much needed items to the Sue Ryder Hospice at Moggerhanger.*



*Please keep sharing these great stories!*

### ***Home Learning Update***

*We continue to enjoy seeing the children's learning on See-Saw.*

*Each day your child has a different English and Maths activity to do. These appear each day. Other subjects are placed on See-Saw on a Monday – and you can then choose how your time is organised to complete these. Don't think they all need completing on a Monday!*

*To help us all with managing the activities, we are now archiving activities for each week. This means that your child will only be able to see the current week's activities. All activities they complete will still be accessible in their folder.*

*All activities are also placed on the website each week – please use the method that works for you.*

*We have a new learning theme this half-term for all our year groups too of the Victorians. We hope this makes home learning across year groups is more manageable for families.*

### ***Children's Reports***

*We will be sending you Summer Term Reports for your child towards the end of this term. These will be a much-shortened version this year. However, they will contain our assessments of the children's learning in all subjects – please note, these will be assessments from the time we last saw the children at the end of the Spring term.*

*If you would like to discuss your child's report once you have received it, you will be able to have a telephone appointment with your child's class teacher.*

***Please keep safe and stay well.***

***We look forward to seeing you all again, as soon as times allow.***