



Priory News January 2022

Dear Parents,

Although very belated, I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of us all, to wish you a Happy New Year and, although a distant memory, we hope you had a lovely Christmas, managed to relax and had a lovely time with friends and family. It is hard to believe that we are nearly at the middle of the year but I have to say your children are nothing but a credit to you.

We have all had a very tricky two years but the children have shown such resilience and despite everything, continue to work so hard in school and their learning is definitely progressing well. We are certainly very proud of them all, who are simply brilliant in every way! This would not be possible without your support - as always, thank you for your continued support in all we do for the children.

Take care, stay safe and be kind.

Tracy Keefe



Diary Dates

- Children's Mental Health Week 7th - 11th February
- Year 3 Flag Fen Trips 7th / 8th February
- Half Term 14th - 18th February
- Parents Evening 22nd / 23rd February
- Year 6 Residential 7th - 9th March
- Comic Relief Day 18th March
- Year 4 Bikeability 28th March
- End of Term 1st April
- Professional Day - School Closed 19th April
- Summer Term Starts 20th April
- Year 6 SATS 9th - 12th May

2021-22 Term Dates

February Half-Term	14th - 18th February
End of Spring Term	1st April
Summer Term	20th April - 21st July
May Day	2nd May
Professional Day - School Closed	27th May
Summer Term Half-Term	30th May - 3rd June

Covid-Related Information

Covid is certainly something that we are continuing to have to live with and I honestly cannot thank you enough for taking on board the advice that we give and taking it seriously. We are totally committed to do all we can to support you.

The rules have changed frequently since the start of this term, and we have tried to keep everyone up-to-date with these. Please always ask if you are ever unsure about the rules that continue to change.

This is another difficult stage of the pandemic but, as always, the more we all do our bit, the better we keep each other safe.

We certainly continue to do all we can in school to not only keep the school running efficiently and effectively but also to ensure that everyone is as safe as possible. As you know, your children learn best when they are in school. This is right for the children without a doubt and our contingency plans (where we might ringfence a class) are designed to reduce transmission and keep the school running.

We appreciate that this may happen quite quickly for everyone but thank-you all for your flexibility at this time. School life is a journey and we all want this journey to be a love of learning to ensure success in later life for all our children; breaking up this journey makes the destination much harder to reach! Let's keep going, we are all in this together after all!

The CO2 monitors in class are demonstrating to us how well-ventilated we are able to keep the classrooms too, at this time.

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

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

Staffing

We were sad to say goodbye to Mrs Ralls at the end of last week, as she left to pursue a different role. A big thank-you to her for all her hard work and dedication to Priory over the last 8 years.

We are currently advertising for teaching assistant roles, and a midday supervisor role. If you know of someone who may be interested in these, please do let them know. They are advertised on our school website: www.priory.cambs.sch.uk

School Life

Chickens

You may have heard that we have some new arrivals in school! In recent weeks, Mr Shaw has built a home for 10 chickens and a rooster, who moved in quite recently! The children have been very excited about this development!

They are currently choosing names for the chickens, and we look forward to sharing these with you in the near future.

We will also be inviting children to be part of our new 'Farm Squad', who will be involved in caring for the chickens each day. We are aiming for every child to be part of the 'Farm Squad' at some point during the year, and will send you more information about this very soon. Please watch out for the letter - as it will contain a link to give permission and to be able to tell us about any allergies connected to chickens that we might not already know about.

The Great Priory Run

It's back!

After last year's great success, Friends of Priory are organising this year's Great Priory Run - it will be virtual again - so you can take part at any time over the weekend of 14th and 15th May.

There is a fun run of 3km for adults and children.

Adults who wish to go a little further can also sign up for a 10km challenge.

It is £6 to enter the 3km run and £11 to enter the 10km challenge. We also have exciting new medals to be earnt!

You can sign up for this here: [Eventrac : The Great Priory Run 2022](#)

Trim Trail

We are very excited about this news! The new trim trail, chosen by the children, is due to be installed in March - not long to go now!

Here is a sneak preview of what we are expecting:



Well done to our football teams who have played so well, representing the values of teamwork and perseverance.

Social Networking?

Please can I remind you all that due to the dangers that Social Networking can present, the legal age for a child to have a Facebook Page, Snapchat and Instagram amongst others is 13. The legal age for children to have a What's App account is 16.

Please do check children's electrical devices as the use of these sites for 'chat' continues to cause concern. Please speak to us if you need help with this.

Well done to our Panathlon team - who competed brilliantly at the recent Panathlon festival, and were awarded first place! They now progress to the next round of the competition.

Journeys to School

Traffic and parking around Longsands Road at the start and the end of the school day continues to be very busy.

The further away from school that you can park, the better. This way, you will keep the area around school safer for all families coming to school.

Mr Shaw is continuing to place cones near to the school entrance as a reminder to everyone that there should be no parking on the zig-zags, or opposite the entrance to the school.

Don't forget to try one of the following:

- Keep the area around the school site as free from traffic as possible at the start and end of the day
- Walk or cycle to school
- Park a little further along Longsands Road and walk the final part of the journey
- If you have a little more time, could you park at Priory Park car park - and make use of the traffic-free path up to Longsands Road by Priory Park?
- Leave the zig-zags completely clear of traffic - if you have to come to school

Let's all work together to keep our children safe on their journey to and from school.

Contact Us

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