

Dear Parents,

Thank-you to all our parents who came to our Meet and Greet session with the year group teachers yesterday after school. It was wonderful to see so many of you, and be able to host the meeting in school this year too! We hope you found the sessions informative, and enjoyed the chance to see your child's classroom too.

Our term started with the exploration of the book '365 Penguins' across all classes. The children enjoyed the story and our subsequent work on numbers which came from this. We created portraits and these have created a gallery of '330 Children' - which is Priory Junior School.

A reminder that school is closed on Monday, 19th September as the nation joins together to mark the Queen's funeral.

Take Care,

Mrs Keefe

### Boom Reader

A letter has been sent home today to introduce you to Boom Reader—our online reading record. If you haven't seen, please look out for it!

Please download the app and use to record when you have heard your child read.

If you have any difficulties, we are holding a drop-in session after school on Thursday next week to help. This will be from 3.30pm—4pm. Please come along if you need any help.

### Thoughts from the Children

We have enjoyed talking with the children about their first couple of weeks at Priory Junior School this year. Here are some of the things they told us:

'I like being back with my friends.'

'I like all the learning we are doing. I really like maths and PE.'

'I like getting to know new people.'

'The Buddy Bus Stop is really working well. It's a great idea.'

'I like the new topics of learning.'

'The learning is fun!'

We are delighted that they are enjoying being in school so much!

### Diary Dates

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

### Absences

Should your child be unwell, please report their absence to the school office—you can do this by emailing or telephoning the school office: 01480 226730

### Exceptional Leave of Absence

Children are expected to attend school unless they are unwell. Of course, there may be circumstances that prevent this from happening from time to time—these would be very short and would need to be for an exceptional circumstance. To request leave for this reason, we ask you to complete a 'Request for Leave for an Exceptional Circumstance' form.

Please note, we are not able to authorise leave of absence for the purpose of a holiday. Any absence taken for this purpose could be subject to a penalty fine.

### Residential Trips and Day Trips

One element of our school is the value that we place on first-hand learning but are equally conscious of the pressures that we are all facing with the cost of living rises.

As such, we will be sending home a survey early next week to ask you about your thoughts on this—please look out for it, and please respond!