



Priory News November 2021

Dear Parents,

I hope this newsletter finds you all safe and well at this time. As a school, we have been very appreciative of all your continued support with the measures we have in place to keep our community safe at this time.

You will be aware that Cambridgeshire is now an Enhanced Response Area and for us, that means that all adults are wearing face coverings in the school building, our assemblies are being held online and our parents' events are remaining online. All visitors to the school building are requested to wear a face covering too. These measures will remain in place for the majority of this half-term and we expect to be advised on any adjustments by 6th December. We will keep you informed regarding this.

In the meantime, this is the period of time when schools begin to consider Christmas and so, we are now looking at what we are able to do in light of these requirements. This does mean that our Christmas performances will be affected, as we will not be able to predict if we can be in the hall. However, we will be looking at Christmas lunch, Christingle and fingers crossed, an outdoor mince pies and coffee for parents one morning. We will share more information about this in the near future.

Take Care, Stay Safe and Be Kind,

Tracy Keefe



Diary Dates

- Odd Socks Day 15th November
- Panathlon Festival 16th November
- HR6 Class Assembly 17th November
- Platinum Jubilee Tree Planting 18th November
- Children in Need Day 19th November
- Individual Photographs 24th November
- JE5 Class Assembly 1st December
- Christmas Jumper Day 10th December
- Year 3 and Year 5 Christmas Lunch 14th December
- Year 4 and Year 6 Christmas Lunch 15th December

- Christingle Assembly 17th December
- End of Term 17th December
- Professional Day (School Closed) 4th January
- Term Starts 5th January

Staffing

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Rossin to our teaching assistant team this half-term. Mrs Rossin has joined our Year 3 and 4 team.

Congratulations also to Mr Connolly who got married during the October half-term. Mr Connolly will now be known as Mr Denton, and his class will become MD4.

Covid-Related Information

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

We are also aware that the Delta variant may have other symptoms too, and we will advise you if we feel it wise to get tested to rule Covid out.

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

- The flowchart sent home earlier this term has been updated, and an updated version will be sent alongside this newsletter. I hope you find it useful.

Parking

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.

Please help us all to keep the children safe on their journey to school by keeping these areas clear. We are continuing to work with the police who are continuing to monitor the parking around the school site.

If you can:

- consider parking a short distance away from school and walking the rest of the way.
- cycle with your child - we now have some great cycle and scooter storage on site.
- walk to school if you can.

School Life

Year 6 Bikeability

Year 6 children were involved in cycle training last week - achieving their Level 2 Bikeability Skills Award. Well done to all the children who took part - we were very proud of you all, hearing from the instructors about the good attitudes they saw. Well done!

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Class Assemblies

We will be holding two class assemblies this half term. These will be held online and parents will be able to register to join us for the assembly. We will also do our best to record them and share them via SeeSaw if you wish to watch them at a different time.

The assembly will have a special showing for each class' parents on Wednesdays at 9am.

HR6 will be on 17th November

JE5 will be on 1st December

Please look out for information about registering for these.

Start Times

Please help your child with their learning by ensuring they get to school on time for registration.

Year 5 and 6 - gates open at 8.35am, registration is at 8.40am

Year 3 and 4 - gates open at 8.45am, registration is at 8.50am

Learning begins straight away - so please make sure your child doesn't miss out on valuable lesson time.

Children in Need

We are inviting all children to 'Wear their Spots to Raise Lots' on Friday, 19th November to raise money for Children in Need. Please donate to our Just Giving page as part of this - we would suggest a donation of £1 to wear spotty clothes on the day. Just Giving will only allow a minimum donation of £2 - and we would recommend you share that you join together to make your donations. They can be made by clicking on the link below:

[Priory Junior School is fundraising for BBC Children in Need \(justgiving.com\)](https://www.justgiving.com/priory-junior-school)

The Queen's Green Canopy

As part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations, we are taking part in the invitation to plant a small copse in our school grounds. We have now taken delivery of 30 small saplings and will be planting these with the children in the near future. We will then keep a record of the progress of growth over the coming years, keeping our fingers crossed that they grow well.

The copse will be planted in a corner of the field - and we hope that it will bring much enjoyment and shade to many children in the years to come.

Individual Photographs

Following a technical glitch, we will be retaking the children's individual photographs on 24th November.

Good Luck to our Year 6 Football Team for your first match this year!

Contact Us

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