



Priory News

February 2020



Dear Parents,

Welcome back, after our half-term break. We hope that you had a relaxing week with your children.

We had many enjoyable occasions during the last half-term – we took 80 children to the O2 Arena to take part in the Young Voices concert – this was a particular highlight. All involved had a fantastic time, and I am sure the memory will live with them for a very long time. We were visited by Peterborough FC's mascot, Peter Burrow, and he enthralled the children in assembly. We also saw the launch of our new lunchtime arrangements and the launch of the Year 5 enterprise project of our weekly Tuck Shop – this is proving to be very popular.

There are lots of events to look forward to this half-term too– more details of these can be found in this newsletter.

Diary Dates

<i>Book Fair</i>	<i>26th February – 4th March</i>
<i>Y6 Hockey Tournament</i>	<i>28th February</i>
<i>Y4 Gymnastics Tournament</i>	<i>3rd March</i>
<i>Year 5 Egyptian Day</i>	<i>4th March</i>
<i>World Book Day</i>	<i>5th March</i>
<i>The Brass Funkeys Concert</i>	<i>6th March</i>
<i>Year 4 Residential Information Evening</i>	<i>12th March</i>
<i>Year 3 Museum Trip</i>	<i>12th / 13th March</i>
<i>Year 4 Bikeability</i>	<i>13th March</i>
<i>Sports Relief</i>	<i>13th March</i>
<i>Girls' Football Match</i>	<i>17th March</i>
<i>DF4 Class Assembly</i>	<i>18th March</i>
<i>e-Safety Assembly</i>	<i>25th March</i>
<i>Parents Do Day</i>	<i>26th March</i>
<i>FOPJS Chocolate Bingo</i>	<i>26th March</i>
<i>Gold Aspirational Me Award Assembly</i>	<i>27th March</i>
<i>FOPJS Sponsored Run</i>	<i>30th March – 3rd April</i>
<i>Parents Coffee Morning</i>	<i>31st March</i>
<i>TR4 Class Assembly</i>	<i>1st April</i>

Class Assemblies

Class Assemblies usually take place on Wednesdays, at 9.15am.

Parents are very welcome to join us for these occasions. This half-term, the following assemblies will be taking place:

DF4 – 18th March

TR4 – 1st April

World Book Day – 5th March

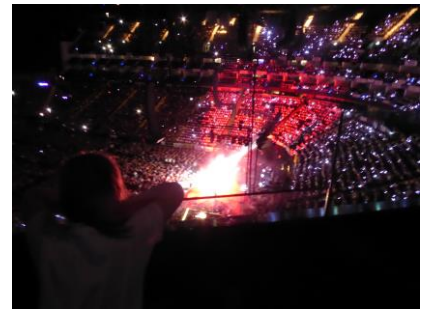
Children are invited to dress as their favourite book character on World Book Day.

Sports Relief – 13th March

To support Sports Relief, children are invited to donate 50p in return for wearing a sporty outfit.

Parents Survey 2020

Thank-you for all the completed surveys so far. If you still haven't completed a survey, please pick one up at the school office. We will share the results on our March newsletter.



Well done to all our children who took part in Young Voices 2020 – you were amazing!

Does your child have Asthma?

Should your child be diagnosed with asthma, and need an inhaler, please let the school office know.

We will provide you with our Asthma Care Plan and Medicine Permissions forms for completion, which will be used to help provide the best care for your child in school.

It is the responsibility of parents to ensure that inhalers are provided in the box they are issued in (with spacers), and that these are clearly labelled with your child's name. These must also be kept in-date – please make sure you provide replacements for your child in good time.

Parents Do Day – 26th March

Come and join us on 26th March for our Parents Do Day.

Year group times are as follows:

Year 6: 9.15am – 10.15am

Year 3: 11.15am – 12.15pm

Year 5: 1.20pm – 2.20pm

Year 4: 2.20pm – 3.20pm

This is a chance to come and take part in a learning activity with your child/ren in class, and is greatly appreciated.

Friday Tuck Shop

Tuck shop takes place every Friday – and children are able to purchase up to 2 snacks for the cost of 50 pence each.

The Year 5 children are enjoying the opportunity and learning of organising their tuck shop business. They are responsible for ordering stock, completing stock-takes, and keeping a record of their finances. They are also completing market research with the rest of the school, as to the popularity of products ordered.

Lost Property

Have you named all your children's belongings?

If you have, we can easily return missing items to their owners. Please help us to help you by putting names on belongings.

The Brass Funkeys Concert

We are delighted to have The Brass Funkeys coming to school on 6th March, to provide a concert for the children.

The Brass Funkeys are a London-based brass band – who draw on the traditions of New Orleans. We are looking forward to them inspiring our children with the sound of brass instruments.

Year 4 Bikeability

On March 13th Year 4 students who have signed up for bikeability will get the opportunity to bring their bikes and take part. We will be sending emails to all parents of children who are participating. Please let the school know if there are any issues or problems regarding bikeability. Thank you.

Attendance

You will be aware the children whose attendance falls below 90% are classed as persistent absentees. As you know, if children are withdrawn from school for the purpose of a family holiday, parents may be issued with a fixed penalty notice.

The information below shows how attendance can affect your child's future progress:

195 school days in a year
Above 97% (Less than 6 days absence a year - 2 days per term) <i>Excellent attendance - these children will almost certainly get the better grades leading to better prospects for the future - college, university or work.</i>
95% (10 days absence a year) <i>These children are likely to achieve good grades and have opportunities for college, university or work, but could still improve their attendance!</i>
90% (19 days absence a year) <i>Children in this group are missing a month of school per year; it will be difficult for them to achieve their best.</i>
85% (29 days absence a year) <i>Children in this group are missing 6 weeks of school per year; it will be very difficult for them to keep up with their work and they are unlikely to do their best.</i>
80 % (38 days absence a year) <i>Children in this group are missing a year of school over 5 years. It will be almost impossible to keep up with their work</i>

While we recognise that some absences are unavoidable, we would ask you all to ensure your children are at school whenever they can be. Please also remember to notify the school office on the first day of any absence, by telephoning the office or via pupil asset absence reporting.