



Priory News

May 2020



Dear Parents,

I hope you all had some time to commemorate the VE Day celebrations on Friday, and enjoyed the sunshine we were blessed with for this.

We know that life continues to be very different for all of us – presenting us with challenges every day. Please remember how brilliantly you are doing, supporting your children at this time – both with their wellbeing and their learning.

We also know that we are still experiencing these changes to our lives – so please don't worry if you and your child feel unsure or worried about things – this is natural. But, please be reassured that we are here to support you. Remember, 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 either your child's class teacher or a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

The government is beginning to set out plans for how we might get back to school – we will be working on how this can happen safely for our school over the coming days. We will be in touch about this in the coming days and weeks.

In the meantime, our remote learning will continue on See-Saw – we have really enjoyed the connection this has secured for our children and their class teachers. Thank you for embracing it. We know it's not easy to learn to use a new piece of software and appreciate your commitment to this. The videos on the school website are a great help if you need any further help with this.

A little reminder that See-Saw is for children's learning – please keep it this way, and remember that messages to teachers should be directed through the school office, as requested.

Please take care, and keep safe.

Warm regards,

Tracy Keefe

Term Dates

Olympians Assembly	13 th May at 9am
Half-Term	25 th – 29 th May
End of Summer Term	22nd July
Autumn Term starts	7th September

Class Photographs

Thank-you to everyone who has sent us their photographs in – we are now beginning to create class photographs for you all. We hope that they will provide you with a photographic memory of your child's school year.



Sunflowers of Hope

*We hope your sunflowers are beginning to grow now.
Don't forget to keep them watered over the dry spells to help them grow tall!*

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 7th 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

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 a 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

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:

Cameron from DF4 is doing a fund raising marathon run/walk over 2 weeks for the NHS. He has already raised nearly £400 and would love to raise more.

[https://www.gofundme.com/f/84wxz-](https://www.gofundme.com/f/84wxz-25?utm_medium=copy_link&utm_source=customer&utm_campaign=p_na+share-sheet&rcid=c91a949f1bc64b90be1cce03f06f8a3d)

[25?utm_medium=copy_link&utm_source=customer&utm_campaign=p_na+share-sheet&rcid=c91a949f1bc64b90be1cce03f06f8a3d](https://www.gofundme.com/f/84wxz-25?utm_medium=copy_link&utm_source=customer&utm_campaign=p_na+share-sheet&rcid=c91a949f1bc64b90be1cce03f06f8a3d)

Well done to Freddie from DF4 for completing his marathon run too – raising over £600 for Friends of Priory!

Home Learning

It has been fantastic to see your children's learning taking place on See-Saw. Don't forget that each day your child will have 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.

Maths videos are now integrated into See-Saw, which should help with finding these now. The school is using White Rose Maths – a widely-recognised Maths scheme to support maths learning. These are also linked to the BBC Bitesize resources too, and after half-term, they will link each day.

We will be launching a new theme after half-term for all our year groups too – so that home learning across year groups is more manageable for families.

A Simple Act of Kindness

We were delighted to hear about Riley from CS6's act of kindness – sharing planted sunflower seeds for others to take to plant in their garden. Well done, Riley!



Please keep safe and stay well.

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