Priory News



22nd September 2023

Dear Parents,

This week around school, it has been great to see (and hear) the enthusiasm from the children for their learning. We've had children exploring electricity circuits, making clay boats, the start of papier mache masks, and some joyful singing too. We have also had the first children reaching their Bronze Achievement Awards too. Attached to this newsletter are the Half-Termly Overviews for this half-term. We hope you find them useful.

It was great to see so many parents at our Meet and Greet sessions yesterday. We hope you found them informative. We look forward to the year ahead, working in partnership with you.

Our FOPJS held their AGM last week too, and it was full of energy and enthusiasm—thank-you to everyone who came along to this. We are already looking forward to the exciting events planned for the year ahead.

I'm delighted to share the news of the arrival of Miss Pannell's baby boy, and hope she will be able to pop in soon to see us all.

Best Wishes,

Mrs Keefe

Boom Reader

A letter has been sent home this week 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 it to record when you have heard your child read. We will also use it in school and so, together we can create a record of your child's reading progress.

If you have any difficulties, please do let us know and we will be able to help.

Other Log-ins

Your child will have access to several sites for learning, and their log-in information has been saved for them inside their Home-School learning book.

You will find a code for accessing SeeSaw, our homework learning platform. Teachers provide homework on a Wednesday, and will provide feedback on SeeSaw by Monday the following week. Please let us know if you need any support with accessing this.

Diary Dates

Year 5 Science Centre Visiting	28th September
Harvest Assemblies	5th October
Year 6 Viking Day	6th October
Whistle-Stop Tour Workshops	9th October
FOPJS Coin Drive Week	9th—13th October
World Mental Health Day	10th October
LF5 Class Assembly	11th October
TM3 St Neots Tour and Museum Visit	16th October
MHST Resilience Workshops; Year 5 and 6	17th October
LP6 Class Assembly	18th October
AN3 St Neots Tour and Museum Visit	18th October
EW3 St Neots Tour and Museum Visit	19th October
MHST Parents' Coffee Morning	19th October
Half-Term Holiday	23rd—27th October
Autumn 2 Half-Term Starts	30th October
Parents Evenings	1st / 2nd November

Family Worker Drop-ins

We are fortunate to have a District Family Worker who offers support to families. She is Charlotte Dean, and we will send you newsletters from her on a regular basis.

Charlotte also offers drop-in appointments to families at our school. If you would like an appointment, please contact the school office who will be able to help.

Secondary School Transition

Applications for secondary school should be made by 31st October on Cambridgeshire's Admissions website.

Cambridgeshire's SENDIASS Team offer a Parents' School Preference Adviser for Cambridgeshire. The service offers families advice and support when applying for schools. They are able to advise how the transfer and admissions process works, as well as supporting the understanding of policies and criteria for different schools.

School Crossing Patrol

We are delighted that the Local Authority have been able to appoint a new School Crossing Patrol at the Longsands Road crossing point. We are pleased to welcome Mrs Witte to our school community and look forward to her helping our families across the road for many years to come.



Your Education Inclusion Family Advisor

Charlotte Dean

Appointments in school

Individual Appointments for Priory Junior School

Appointments available on the following dates, from 9am.

28th September 2023

2nd November 2023

7th December 2023

To make an appointment, please ask at the school office.

Appointments are being held back in school, but families may need to be aware of any restrictions if the Coronavirus situation changes.

Appointments may need to be held via Microsoft Teams.

Education Inclusion Family Advisor's offer you an opportunity to ask for information, advice and support on any issue affecting your family life in a relaxed environment. These areas include:

- Challenging behaviour
- Routines
- Supporting emotions and wellbeing
- School transitions
- · Parenting strategies
- Building resilience and confidence
- Any other family challenges you might be facing