

# Priory School News



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## Headteacher's Message



Dear Parents,

Welcome to the final newsletter of this academic year.

Hopefully, you will all have read Priory Matters and seen all of the amazing things that the children have achieved this academic year. Well done to everyone. You should all be very proud of your children.

Today we say goodbye to another group of delightful Year 6 children and I wish them all well in their new schools. Sadly, we also say goodbye to Mrs Mastrilli and Mrs James. The children and adults will miss them. We wish them well in their new school.

I hope you all have a restful break.

Yours sincerely,

## Fundraising



These are the totals so far, but we still have money coming in. Thank you all for your generous support.

Race for Life circa £3600

Year 2 Café £191.06

School Fete £1057.83



## Important Dates

Wed. 5 <sup>th</sup> . Sept.	Start of Term – Mainstream
Thurs. 6 <sup>th</sup> . Sept.	Start of Term - Resource

[Click here](#) to link to the school calendar

[Click here](#) to see term dates for 2018-2019

## Leaflets and Letters



Please [click here](#) to go to our leaflets page on the website. Leaflets this week:

- Active Movement
- Britwell Summer Holiday Club
- Short Break Poster
- Chalfont Saints
- Preparing for Adulthood
- Thames Valley Police Open Day



## Resource News



Dear Resource Parents/Carers

The children have really enjoyed their last week in school. They have met some of the new children joining us in September and have enjoyed an afternoon of fun activities. I am sure all of them are now looking forward to a lovely long summer break after working so hard this year.

Please keep a look out on our school website. I will be posting some of the Makaton sign videos recently recorded, which if you wish, you can look at and have fun learning with your children over the summer break. Every little bit of signing helps break down barriers in communication, so please do encourage your child whenever you can.

Just a quick reminder that all resource based children return to school in September on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September at 08:30am.

Have a fabulous summer

Kind Regards

SEN Department



## Music News



### Sensational Strings!

We were so lucky on Tuesday afternoon to be visited by the fabulous Toscana Strings, a professional string quintet who performed to us in our very own school hall. Double bass player Sophie led us through the music, teaching us about the instruments as we heard them and introducing us to some wonderful pieces. The concert included two musical stories – “The Tortoise and the Hare” to begin and “Ferdinand the Bull” to end, set to music from Bizet’s Carmen. We also had the chance to sing “The Animal Fair”, which we had all learned in preparation for the concert, adding a “monkey” ostinato and body percussion too! A huge thank you is due to Priory Friends, who very kindly agreed to fund these concerts. What a wonderful end to the school year!



### Instrumental lessons

Booking is now available for KS2 instrumental lessons beginning in September. Lessons will be available on **violin, guitar, flute, clarinet, piano** and **keyboard** as before. We are also excited to welcome a new **drum kit** teacher, who has been recently appointed and comes with excellent recommendations. Research has proven that learning to play a musical instrument can enhance social and learning skills across the curriculum, as well as general concentration and behaviour, but of course, it is also a very fulfilling thing to be able to do for its own sake and lots of fun! Please visit ParentPay to book your child’s lessons as soon as possible. There is also an information letter about instrumental lessons on our website.



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## Year 4 trip to Bucks Museum



This week Year 4 had the chance to visit Bucks Museum in relation to their topic Matilda. The children were extremely excited, they arrived at school earlier than usual to start the journey to the museum. The children were able to explore the museum looking at a variety of artefacts that were related to Roald Dahl. The children's task was to think about what stood out and was unique in their own eyes to help them design their own Matilda book bag. The children were most intrigued by the wooden robot. This was a fun activity and the children created some imaginative designs. After lunch, the children were able to explore Roald Dahl's gallery, they enjoyed dressing up and a machine that made them shrink! Some of the children thought they were going to disappear! It was a good day and this opportunity allowed the children to learn more about the author Roald Dahl and his life.



## Priory Friends News



Another great year completed at Priory School! Priory Friends launched off the year planning the Christmas Fayre and a great one it was too! The Christmas Fayre is our biggest fundraiser and it exceeded all our expectations smashing previous year's profits! We have been able to provide some significant funding, such as the new outdoor tables and the recent performance of a String Quintet that the whole school enjoyed.

This coming year we will be looking to get stuck into planning the Christmas Fayre again, as well as some new ideas! As always, if anyone has any great ideas for us then please let us know, or even better come and get involved! The first meeting of the year will be advertised so keep an eye out for that!

A very big thank you to all the staff and the Priory Friends team for making everything happen. It can't happen without you!

Have a Fabulous holiday!

## Priory Friends on Facebook

[www.facebook.com/prioryfriends](http://www.facebook.com/prioryfriends)

Or please follow our Priory School Friends Facebook page link via the School website. Click on the Facebook logo, found on the Priory Friends page in the Priory School website.

We would desperately like to encourage new members. We are looking to the future. If we don't start getting parents involved to create the ongoing success that we have had over the years in raising money for the school, then sadly it's not looking good. Fresh people bring fresh ideas, which would be great!

If you would like to get involved with fundraising and how to use the funds raised for school please get in touch via [prioryfriends@prioryschool.com](mailto:prioryfriends@prioryschool.com).

