

Priory School News



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Headteacher's Message



Dear Parents,

Welcome to the first newsletter of this academic year! I hope that you all had a lovely summer break. The children all look very smart and have settled well into their new classes. It was so nice to see them all in assembly today.

We look forward to a busy and successful year!

Yours sincerely,



Immunisations

The NHS School Immunisation Service will be visiting the school in December to offer Flu Vaccinations for pupils in Reception classes to Year 5 these will be for children born between 01/09/2008 and 31/08/2014. There is an information pack available on our website, please see link in next column. We shall be sending out consent forms nearer the time and it is important that you complete and return as soon as possible. You **must complete** whether you are giving or not giving consent.



Updating Contact Details

Please can we urge parents/carers to check on the Parent Portal that all your contact details are up-to-date. We are having more occasions where we are unable to contact parents/carers because phone numbers etc. are out of date. Please also check all other information is correct. Thank you



Important Dates

Mon. 10 th Sept.	Reception Induction Week
Mon. 10 th . Sept	Yr5 Parent Welcome 2:45pm
Wed. 12 th . Sept	Kingswood Info Meeting 6:00pm
Thur. 13 th . Sept.	Bucks 11&
Fri. 14 th . Sept.	Y4 Parent Welcome 2:45pm
Sat. 15 th . Sept.	Slough 11&

[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:

- NHS Flu Information
- Slough Children's Centre Information
- Childcare Service Update (3)
- Top Tips for Teeth

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Important Reminders

Let's just get some important reminders out of the way first!

Lost Property

Can we please remind you to name everything your child brings to school, please do not just put your child's initials:

- Uniform
- P.E. Kit
- Footwear
- Coats, Hats, Gloves
- Lunch Boxes
- Water Bottles
- Glasses/ Cases (if possible)
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We have an incredible amount of unclaimed lost property. If you name items we have a good chance of getting them back to their owner. Please do not just put initials.

Hair Accessories

Please remember that hair bands, bows, ribbons and scrunchies should be either Green or Black, bows should be **small** and appropriate with our uniform.

Jewellery and Watches

Children should not be wearing jewellery to school. The only items allowed are stud earrings for pierced ears and items of religious significance. This is particularly important for PE. Unless you provide tape to cover your child's earrings they will be asked to remove them.

Watches can only be worn by children in KS2.



Nut Free School

Please can we remind parents/carers that we are a nut free school and any products containing nuts, or nut products are not permitted, as we have both children and staff with severe nut allergies. Thank you for your cooperation.



Cakes/sweets

While the school appreciates that parents and children like to bring in sweets/cakes and other food to celebrate their child's birthday etc, we have to be mindful to our whole school community. At Priory, we have children across the school who have a severe nut or other allergy which is so serious that they require an 'Epipen' should they be exposed to nuts of any description. The implications for the children's health are very serious and for that reason, we need to remind you that **you should not bring in any cakes or sweets to give out to the children.** Unfortunately, we do need to reinforce this because it can be difficult for children and staff to know exactly what is in a product. If you or your child does bring anything in then the teacher or TA will return it to you.



Slough Children's Centre

Please take a look at the link in our leaflets section for information regarding the new Family Links Course that is starting soon at the Orchard Children's Centre. Karen Larkins one of the learning mentors will be representing Priory School. This is an excellent opportunity to meet other people and have discussions about family life.

Kim McLaughlin
Assistant Head Teacher

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School Lunch Payments

For KS2 children, money must be added to the lunch account in advance. Failure to do so may result in your child being sent home for lunch or the parent bringing a lunch to the school.

If monies are not added in advance, we reserve the right to withdraw this service.

The cost for a week has now increased to £11.00.



As a reminder, if your child is in KS1, we ask that you order your meals using ParentPay. This can be done right up to the Christmas holidays.

If you are having any issues using ParentPay to either order meals (KS1 children only) or top up your lunch balance, please visit the Parental Portal help section on our website – <http://www.prioryschool.co.uk/parental-portals-parentpay-help/>

If you require your ParentPay account activating, please come into the school office or email office@prioryschool.com and we will send out an activation letter and instructions to you.

If you have a ParentPay login and are having issues either topping up your account or ordering meals from home (KS1 children only), please contact the school office on office@prioryschool.com where we can assist you.

ParentPay Payments

Please note that we will no longer be accepting cash payments for Dinner Money or Trips etc. Payments must be made by Debit/Credit Card or a barcoded letter, thank you.

Site Reminders



NO SMOKING

No Smoking Site

We would like to remind everyone that smoking (including e-cigarettes) is not permitted anywhere at Priory School – this includes the playgrounds and car parks.

Playgrounds



Can we please remind you that children should not be on the KS2 Playground before 8:30am. On the KS1 Playground, all children must be accompanied by a responsible adult until they go into class.

Adventure Playground

Can we remind parents/carers that the Adventure Playground is only for supervised use during school hours? Please ensure that your children do not use the equipment during drop-off time in the mornings or pick-up time after school.

Nursery and Reception Outdoor Areas

Please can parents not allow their children to play on or with the equipment before and after school. Our insurance does not cover us for use out of school hours. Also our staff spend time cleaning and preparing the areas for the children, often these preparations are disrupted when children use the areas out of school hours.



Bikes & Scooters on Site



Please ensure children are provided with locks when leaving cycles and scooters in the cycle shelters.

Can we please take this opportunity to remind parents that **cycles and scooters should not be ridden anywhere on school grounds for health & safety reasons.**

Thank you for your co-operation.

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Music News



Come and Sing!

You are warmly invited to join the "Priory Community Choir". Priory parents, staff members, governors, ex-pupils and **KS2-aged** children of participating adults are all most welcome to come and take part. There are no auditions and no previous experience is necessary, just lots of enthusiasm! Rehearsals will be held weekly at school, from **3.45 pm to 4.30 pm on Friday afternoons, beginning on Friday 14th September**. Come and join us for an uplifting end to your week!



Sports News



Listed are the KS2 after school clubs:
Monday - Tag Rugby Year 3&4, 5&6,
Tuesday – Football Year 3&4, Boys Football Year 5&6, Girls Football Year 3-6
Wednesday – Netball Year 3&4, 5&6, Basketball Year 3-6
Thursday – Change For Life Year 3&4

A reminder for children to all have correct PE kit - **White top/house top, black shorts/tracksuit bottoms, trainers and water bottle**

Weekly Challenge

Did you know that you need to be doing 30 minutes of exercise EVERY DAY outside of school? Why not try one of our weekly home challenges over the holidays:

KS1- Can you do 25 spotty dogs every day after school for 7 days in a row?

KS2 – Can you do 50 spotty dogs every day after school for 7 days in a row?



News from the Kitchen

MacMillan Coffee Morning



On Thursday 27th September we are holding a MacMillan Coffee Morning please come along to help raise some money for a very good cause. It will start straight after drop off in the main hall. *More details to follow.*



Weekly Coffee Mornings

We hold a school coffee morning open to all, every Thursday, where you can have a free coffee and sample some of our homemade cakes and biscuits. Please do come along.

Reception Pupils Birthdays



If you have a child in reception you can come and join them for lunch on their birthday, just email Libby Lewis with the date, class and what you would like for lunch. My email is libby.lewis@prioryschool.com

Secondary Schools Open Evenings

These are the schools that we are aware of, otherwise please see their websites for details:

Altwood C of E School	13 th Sept. 6:30pm
Cox Green School	18 th .Sept. 5:00pm
Desborough College	2 nd .Oct. 6:00pm
Furze Platt School	4 th . Oct. 6:00pm
Newlands Girls School	2 nd .Oct. 5:00pm
Beechwood School	18 th .Sept 6:00pm



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Priory Friends News



Hi! to everyone we hope you all had a great summer. Our first event will be a second hand uniform sale on Thursday 27th September. This will be held at the same time as the Macmillan Coffee Morning. A great chance to help raise some money for a worthy cause, buy some spare uniform and have a good old catch up! You can also have a chat with active members of Priory Friends and find out what we are all about. Before we know it, the Christmas Fayre (sorry! We had to mention it!), will be upon us, so if you would like to help in any way, come and see us. or just get in touch!

Priory Friends on Facebook

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.

