

# Priory School News



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## Headteacher's Message



Dear Parents,

We have just completed a very busy full-week back at school. It was lovely to meet the new Reception Children who looked very smart in their uniforms. We are sure they are looking forward to doing full days next week.

It was fantastic to see so many parents attending the Welcome meetings and we trust that you found these meetings useful.

Have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely,

## 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 are out of date.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.

## Early Years Lunches

If you have not done so already, can you please order your child's lunches on ParentPay. Menus are available on the website. If you require assistance, please e-mail [office@prioryschool.com](mailto:office@prioryschool.com)



### Important Dates

Mon. 17 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	Nursery Induction Week
Mon. 17 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Reception Full Time
Thur. 20 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	Reception Photographs

[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:



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## Important Reminders

### GDPR

Please can all GDPR consent forms be returned by Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September. These forms are essential to inform us of your choice regarding the use of your child's personal data in class displays, on the website, in local media etc. If forms are not returned we will presume you do not give your consent and will be unable to include your child's details in any internal displays, school publications, social media and local news stories. Please note if you give consent then change your mind at a later date, you can withdraw your consent at any time by emailing [office@prioryschool.com](mailto:office@prioryschool.com)

### Girl's School Uniform

Can we please remind you that girls can wear black trousers to school but **NOT black leggings**.

Thank you



### 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. This includes Peanut Butter/ Nuttella etc. in packed lunches. Thank you for your cooperation.



### 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.



## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

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## Site Reminders



### School Site Access/Taking Photos on School Site

Please can we remind all parents/carers that, for safeguarding reasons, the gates are locked in the morning promptly at 09.05am. Please ensure you leave the playground straight after dropping your child/children.

We have had situations recently where parents have stayed after school drop off in the morning, or arrived early in the afternoons and watched PE lessons through the fence in the car park. Please can we ask that you refrain from doing this as it is inappropriate and very distracting for the children.

May we also remind you that you are not permitted to take photos on the school grounds.

Many thanks for your cooperation.



### 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.

## Sports News



### 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?

**This week's challenge....**

**KS1 – Side steps** (from one side of the room to the other)

**Coaching Points** – head forward, feet not to touch, keep shoulders and hips in line.

**KS2** – how many times can you move a ball around your waist in 30 seconds. Try and beat your personal best score

### The Daily Mile

All students across the school will continue to take part in the daily mile. As a school we feel this is really important for our students to be as active as possible. The Daily Mile also improves **physical, social, emotional and mental health and wellbeing** when carried out over a long period of time.

### Active Movement

Children in years 2&3 will be doing the active movement programme. The programme involves students standing more in lessons, thinking of different ways to do this without disrupting learning time. The benefits of standing more each day include: increased energy level, improved concentration and focus, reduces the risk of diabetes and cardio V.A., increased productivity and so many more health values.

### P.E. After school clubs

We have had a great response so far to our afterschool clubs, In KS2 we have a range of sports teams, Football (girls and boys) tag rugby, netball and basketball. If you want your child to attend, please pick up a letter and return the reply slip.

Please be reminded to pick your children up at 4:30pm prompt!

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## Priory's Book Amnesty

Here at Priory, we know how hard it can be to keep tabs on the books that your children bring home. Library books, books from the class reading corners and banded home readers to name a few.

As you can imagine, in a school as large as ours, lots of time and money is spent on making sure that we have the best resources to teach your children to read and to help them develop a love of reading. Therefore, it is such a shame when some of our books go missing.

For this reason, we are holding a **BOOK AMNESTY!** This is an anonymous opportunity for you to bring back any school books that you have at home. There will be a large box outside of the library for your children to deposit any books in. We are accepting library books, class books and home readers.

Some signs to look for:

**Library books** – *inside the cover there will be a barcode. There may also be a stamp saying Priory Library.*

**Class reading corner books** – *harder to spot but some do have a white sticker explaining the year group and saying reading corner on them.*

**Home readers** – *these will have a coloured sticker on the spine of them.*

**Other** – *You may also have books that have a plastic covering and a sticker on the spine that says SLS. These are very important as the school loans these from a company and will be charged for any books that are missing.*

We look forward to lots of our books being returned ASAP.



## News from the Kitchen



### 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](mailto:libby.lewis@prioryschool.com)

## 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 14<sup>th</sup> September.** Come and join us for an uplifting end to your week!





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## Priory Friends News



Our first event will be a second hand uniform sale on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> 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.



## 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).

