



NEWSLETTER FOR PRIORY PRIMARY SCHOOL



Dear Parents and Carers

We are delighted to have the children back in school with us and have had a great start to the term. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support in enabling us to make the new systems work so successfully this week. Drop off and pick up times have ran smoothly and your children have adapted brilliantly to the new routines and systems during the school day. This is enabling us to keep the children as safe as possible when they are in the school environment.

Our priority is to ensure that the children are happy, safe and settled so that we can catch up in the areas of learning as needed. We are working hard to establish where there are gaps in children's learning after the period of school closure. As always we have many exciting learning opportunities planned for them over the half term and will be offering a broad range of curriculum subjects.

We will send home **Reading books** for the children over the next couple of weeks and these should be returned to school each day in their book bags with their **Reading Journals**. **Spellings** are going to be sent home from today for Year 3 - Year 6 and these will be posted online on a weekly basis. We have redesigned the sheets this year and given suggested activities that the children can do to support them with learning their spellings. Your child's **Curriculum Newsletter** will also be available online next week so that you can see the planned learning for your child over this half term. We are conscious that the children are going to find being back at school tiring initially, but would like to ask that you support them at home with their Reading and Spelling as frequently as possible (at least three times a week in KS1 and 4 times a week in KS2).

Home School Challenges will be sent next week - if you think your child will find this too much to complete as they settle back into school over the half term please focus on their reading and spellings homework as the priority. Thank you for your continuing support with learning at home - we appreciate that you have had a challenging few months.

As we are sure you will appreciate, we are having to rethink many of our well established systems to ensure that they are safe and inline with guidance. Over the next couple of weeks we will add to the diary dates which look very sparse at the moment!

Punctuality and attendance at school is crucial as we settle back into learning. We are very conscious that this remains a worrying time for everyone and when your child is unwell you will be looking out for COVID symptoms. We all know that children will become unwell with illnesses other than the COVID virus, however, differentiating between symptoms can be challenging! Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you wish to discuss your child's symptoms and you are unsure of whether they should attend school. We can establish together whether the safest course of action is to remain at home or come into school. If your child is unwell in school or begins to show any of the COVID symptoms we will contact you to collect them immediately. We may take your child's temperature if we feel this might be higher than usual.

Please don't hesitate to telephone the school office or email your child's class teacher with any questions or concerns. Very best wishes,

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First Aid and medicines in school For now we will not be administering medicines in school.



If we have to administer First Aid to your child we will inform you via text message or via a telephone call.

Twitter Below are some of the Tweets that have already featured this year. Do check our account @priory_primary



Priory Primary @priory_primary · 3h
Oak Class have thrown themselves into Year Five! We very much enjoyed our computing session this afternoon, revisiting algorithms. We soon realised just how precise our instructions for how to tie shoelaces would need to be in order for Robot Kennington to understand! @YHCLT1



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Priory Primary @priory_primary · 6h
Alder Class have had a fantastic day! We have thoroughly enjoyed getting stuck into our new book 'Cliffhanger'. @YHCLT1 @FansofWilson



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Priory Primary @priory_primary

The builders in The Orchard have been busy using their fine motor skills to fix the screw boards. @YHCLT1



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Priory Primary @priory_primary
Beech Class loved being material detectives outside in the quad today.



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New staff members

We would like to welcome our new members of staff to the team at Priory. We have Miss Painter in Year 2, Miss Vickers in FS, Miss Johnson in Year 4 and Mrs Lomax in Year 5. The children have already made them feel very welcome.



Priory Primary @priory_primary · 4h
Maple Class have been applying their maths learning outside today. Can you estimate how many times we crossed the playground by counting one hundred steps?!



Date	Event
Tue 8th Sept	Children return to school
Wed 14th Oct	Parents Evening - this will be held over the telephone or online more details will follow
Thu 15th Oct	Parents Evening - this will be held over the telephone or online more details will follow
Fri 23rd Oct	Close for the half term
Mon 2nd Nov	Children return to school
Wed 4th Nov	Flu Immunisations
Wed 11th Nov	School Photograph - Individual Portraits
Fri 17th Dec	Last day of the Autumn Term
Tue 5th Jan	Children return to school