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Headteacher's Message



Welcome to this week's newsletter.

I can't quite believe that we are very nearly at the end of the term.

Weather

We have all worked very hard this week and keeping all the children as cool and safe as we can, that said with classrooms full of bodies it has been a challenge and we are all grateful it is the weekend. As you know we have considered more extreme mitigations for next week to manage the extreme weather. Every time I look at the forecast the temperature rises with it set to being 37 and 38 degrees on Monday and Tuesday. Considering all the health and safety laws and the keeping children safe in hot weather guidance I have decided that the best thing to do is to start school at 08:30am and close at 11:30am avoiding the hottest part of the day.

I would also recommend that children under the age of 4 remain at home as they are more at risk of heat stress than older children, please read the guidance: [looking after children and those in early years settings during heatwaves](#),

I will keep an eye on the forecast and if it looks at all like the weather will drop, we will have a full day as normal. I will communicate any change to the plan.

As it stands, Monday and Tuesday look set to be very hot so it may be that we have the 08:30 – 11:30 timings for both days, but I will keep an eye on the forecast and keep you informed if the temperature looks to drop.

Year 6 have their leavers assembly and street party planned for Tuesday; I will email all Year 6 parents to let you know how we plan to accommodate these events as we would still very much like them to go ahead, however we may need to modify them slightly.

Calendar

SLT have started to update the school calendar for the Autumn term and it now links, finally, with the school website. Please see the school calendar for more information on upcoming events. Any changes due to the weather on Monday and Tuesday will be communicated to you directly, we may not have the opportunity to change the calendar.

Gates

Gates open at 08:25am. I know that for some time they were being opened earlier than this, however, I had not directed this, and we had a few issues with unsupervised children being on the school site. Staff are not available to monitor the playgrounds until 08:30am. Therefore, we cannot open the gates any earlier than 08:25. I know some of you are concerned about queues forming, however if people do not arrive too early, these queues should not build up. Please do not send your children or bring them to school before 08:25am. This is ample time to get into class, I have checked with class teachers in Year 5 and 6 and there have been no issues with children being late because we open the gates at 08:25. There are other reasons, but the gate opening times are not one of them.

Upcoming events

Graduations –Year 6, 9am on the 19th July.

Fayre – Year 6 are organizing a school fayre for KS2 to enjoy during the afternoon, and we will open it up to KS1 and family's afterschool.

Guard of honor – Please make sure everyone is outside to send off our lovely Year 6 pupils by 11:55 at the latest, the year 6 team will then bring them out to the field and walk around the Priory Mile.

End of year briefing – If it is nice, we will gather on the field to do a final end of year briefing before you can go if not, we will do it in the hall. I can confirm that we will hold the final briefing at

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1:45pm to give everyone time to tidy and sort classes/ fridges/ cupboards. Please make sure the site is as tidy as it can be to allow the site team and cleaners clear access.

INSET days: School opens for INSETs on the 1st and 2nd September for staff only. School starts for Years 1 – 6 on the 5th September. We have sent separate details to parents of children in Early years and Orchard as we will be transitioning children back into school the week of the 5th September.

Have a wonderful weekend all,

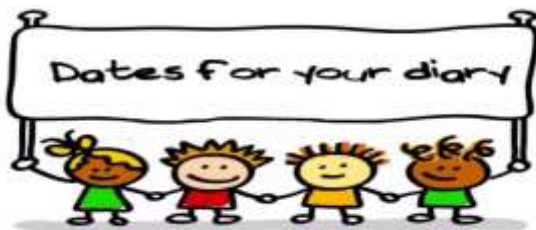
Mrs Hannah Foster



Leaflets and Letters

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

BYCP's Summer Holiday Club



Important Dates

- Mon 11th July - Year 5 Science Museum Trip
- Mon 11th July - Year 6 return from Little Canada
- Mon 11th July - SEN Coffee Morning
- Thurs 14th July – Reports sent out to parents

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

[Click here](#) to see term dates for 2022-2023



Sign of the Week

This week's sign if for Field

[Water](#)

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What a year it has been, here are some highlights of the year.



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Race for Life

Last week, our students, ran our Race for Life, so far we have raised over £2000

It is not too late to sponsor your child online
[:https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/priory-school-3](https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/priory-school-3)

Many thank you for everyone that has donated and supported the event.

Well done everyone.



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Reception Trip to Wellington

Country Park

Reception had a wonderful trip to Wellington Country Park last week. They got to meet and feed the animals in the farm, play in multiple adventure playgrounds, hunt for dinosaurs in the forest, ride a train (the tunnel was our favourite) and bounce on a giant pillow!



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Apocalyptic Day for Year 5

Year 5 took part in an extraordinary 'apocalyptic world' experience as part of a new initiative called 'immersive learning'. Guided by the learning mentors, a group of selected pupils planned and delivered activities for their peers throughout the day. These took place in a specially designed setting and included working as a team to provide survival kits and clean water for their tribes, and deciding how best to support the weaker tribes.



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We took a group of children from year 5 to help them gain a deeper understanding of their curriculum.

We wanted the children to develop a curriculum lesson, led and designed by them, which they thought other children would enjoy.

They planned and designed a day of immersive activities based on the scenario of 'Climate Change'.

The children decided that they would explore what would happen if things went wrong and they would have to survive a climate apocalypse.

They split the other year 5's into different tribes or factions and taught survival skills.

They designed a whole staged room from scratch over a period of months.

They designed water filtration systems, Oxygen tanks and made rudimentary soap from lard and ash.

The children then had to barter for resources and decide if they would share or keep the resources with the other teams.

Exploring how divided our world can be currently, when it comes to resources, and how climate change can impact on quality of life.



School Lunch Payments

With the end of year approaching fast can we please ask that you keep an eye on your ParentPay account. Please ensure there is no monies owed at the end of term. To the parents of year 6 children please ensure there are no excess funds.

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Music News



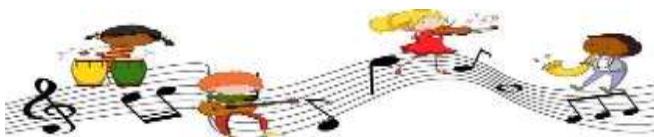
Music Lessons for Years 3, 4, 5, 6: Autumn 2022

We will once again be offering the following instrumental lessons to pupils in Years 3, 4, 5, 6 on a fee-paying basis in Autumn Term 2022. Please book on ParentPay to secure your child's place. There are places available for the following:

Individual (20 min or 30 min) and Group Lessons:
Keyboard, Violin, Guitar, Ukulele, Flute, Clarinet

Individual Lessons Only (20 min or 30 min): Drum
Kit, Piano

We are able to offer individual or group lessons for all of the above except piano and drum kit, which are individual lessons only. Please contact Mrs Shaw if you have any queries.



Priory Friends on Facebook

www.facebook.com/prioryfriends
or please follow our Priory School Friends Facebook page link via the 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

