

# Priory School News



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## Headteacher's News



I hope you all enjoyed the long weekend.

I have sent a letter home to explain that I would like to introduce a parent forum. We will host a meeting a term to discuss various school related items.

The parents forum is to facilitate positive and effective two-way communication between parents, carers and the school, providing a channel for communication, feedback and suggestions for improvements.

To specifically;

- Promote partnership between staff, pupils, parents and carers.
- Develop and promote ideas which support the education and welfare of the pupils and parents.
- Identify and represent the view of the parents on matters affecting the education and welfare of the pupils.

I will invite a selection of parents to join each meeting to ensure a good representation of the views from parents and carers. Each meeting a different group will be invited.

To help me get started please click on this link to answer a couple of questions:

<https://forms.office.com/r/3WP2Q2KNiU>

A few parents have spoken or emailed in to alert us to a couple of issues with the end of the day. My team and I discussed these concerns in our weekly meeting.

I have met with middle leaders and emailed all staff to ensure that they understand the difficulties some parents have had with getting from one classroom to another. All doors must be open by 15:15 and they must not close until 15:25 at the earliest. The office staff do not report any noticeable difference in the numbers of children in the office at the end of the day, so this is a good sign that most families are managing to get from one class to another.

It is also possible to ask the oldest sibling (if they are in KS2) to meet you by a gate or a midway point so you don't have to walk all the way around.

The road and car parking are always an issue. Staggered start and end times did not make a difference, there were still issues with parking and the traffic on the road.

We encourage you to walk as much as possible and whenever you can, as this does alleviate the traffic quite considerably. If it is a particularly wet day, be prepared for the increase in traffic. When parking and driving around the car park, please be considerate and try not to block the flow of traffic. Try wherever possible to keep the flow of traffic moving.

We will see how the next couple of weeks go before we make any changes as we need to see if things will settle as everyone gets used to the routine.

The week of the 3<sup>rd</sup> October we are hosting our first learning together week of the year. More details will follow.

Teachers are currently receiving a lot of emails from parents of children with EHCPs asking to arrange meetings to check on how they are settling in. I know how stressful a new year and new teacher is for any child and parent, let alone when they have additional needs. Unfortunately, we have lots of children with EHCPs and holding that many meetings is not going to be possible. We have got a face to face parents meeting coming up soon, so you will have your chance to see how they are getting on. At the moment, the most important thing is to ensure that the teachers get to know their class. We are holding meetings with each year group to check in and make sure everyone is on track. We would also arrange a meeting if we had concerns about how your child was settling in, so please be reassured that your child is doing well and settling into their new class.

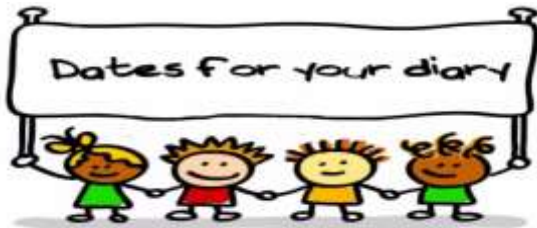
Have a lovely weekend  
Mrs Hannah Foster

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## Important Dates

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

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

The girls demonstrated a great range of skills, movement off the ball and create space to score lots of great team moves.



## **Year 3&4 Boys and Girls Football House Competition**

We are delighted to bring you details of our first House Competition. Year 3 & 4 boys and girls football taking place after school on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September.

All the details and sign up can be found here: [Year 3&4 Boys and girls Football house competition Thursday 27th September | Priory School \(secure-primariesite.net\)](#)

## **Boys and girls Berkshire Leagues**

The PE team have just received the details for the Berkshire league, and are busy arranging lots of after school games. More details will follow.



## Leaflets and Letters

Secondary School Open Evening Flyers

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

## Sports News



## **Priory Girls Demonstrate Quality Netball Scoring**

Priory had a wonderful first fixture of the year. Scoring an impressive 19 goals in a netball match against another Slough schools.



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## A Message from Year 3



Year 3 have begun their science unit on rocks and soils. As part of this unit, we would like the children to experience how to make a wormery.

If you have a wormery that you no longer need or are able to allow year 3 to borrow one (or three!), that would be much appreciated.

Please contact the year team on [year3@prioryschool.com](mailto:year3@prioryschool.com) or speak with Mrs Bowser.

Thank you

## Priory Bake Off



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We have started a bit of a baking buzz at Priory School!

The Year 6 children can choose baking for their Free Time Friday activity.

They attend for three consecutive weeks and at the end of each week, we select a star baker.

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday the star baker will be presented with a Bake Off Apron, Wooden Spoon and a place in the Bake Off final which will be held later this year!

Mrs Lewis does a demonstration of what they need to make, then it's down to the children to Ready Steady BAKE!

So far, we have made:

Shortbreads

Scone Based Pizza

Melting Moments

It has been great fun and the children have thoroughly enjoyed making some amazing and delicious goodies!

This competition has encouraged them all to try their best and we are extremely proud of them all!



Dessert Tasting Event

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## Harvest Collection for Slough Foodbank

The demands on Slough Foodbank are as strong as ever and the children at Priory School have decided that they would like to collect donations to give to them. Donations can be brought into your child's class from the 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> October, ready to be collected by Slough foodbank. Slough foodbank helps many local families, providing emergency food to those who need it. Your donations will help to support the foodbank during the winter months. Last year the Slough Foodbank distributed over 98.7 tonnes of food to 7,365 local people in crisis, of which 2,657 were children. Please join us by giving food so that local people in crisis don't go hungry. Children will be competing in their school houses to see who can bring in the most items.

Here is a list of items that they are in need of:

- Tinned Soup
- Tinned Tuna
- Tea & coffee (small sizes)
- Long-life fruit juice
- Long-life milk
- Tinned meat meals
- Tinned fruit
- Tinned carrots/mixed vegetables
- Tinned custard/rice pudding
- Basic toiletries (soap/shower gel, deodorant, toothpaste)

Thank you for all your support  
Miss Boland

