

Priory School News



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Headteacher's News



General news

Welcome back to everyone. I hope that you have all enjoyed the half term week. It has been lovely to be back this week.

National Online Safety College: *SENDIT news* – see *National online safety* for more information

What Parents Need to Know about Sendit

On general principle, any app which allows children to communicate with others anonymously online should be treated with a substantial measure of caution – and Sendit is no exception. For some individuals, the extra layer of security that anonymity provides is an open invitation to post negative and hurtful comments without fear of the consequences.

Indeed, some Scandinavian schools have already gone as far as warning parents about the dangers of children downloading and using Sendit, following a spate of bullying and harassment incidents. As this week's #WakeUpWednesday guide highlights, the cost of subscriptions and the tendency for young people to be drawn into using the app habitually are among Sendit's other potential risks.

Flu jabs

The flu jabs are due to go ahead on the 18th November and the school nurses have written to me to ask me to encourage parents to take up the offer of a flu jab for their children if they did not have it done at the previous session.

Flu is a respiratory infection that can cause serious complications, particularly in young children. Getting a flu vaccine is the best way to prevent the flu and its complications. The flu vaccine significantly reduces the risk of dying from flu. Research shows this is true for both children with an underlying medical condition and children who do not have underlying conditions. It is important to have a flu vaccine every year because the flu virus is very variable and changes over time. Each year there are different strains in

circulation, and a new vaccine has to be prepared to deal with them. Vaccination from previous years is not likely to protect people against current strains of flu.

Flu vaccines have an excellent safety record. They are the best protection we have against an unpredictable virus which can cause severe illness and deaths each year among at-risk groups. Vaccinating children also protects the rest of the community, as children can spread flu easily.

The majority of children receive the nasal spray, but an injectable flu vaccine can be given to eligible children if needed. The nasal spray flu vaccine contains viruses that are weakened so that they do not cause flu.

School site rewiring

Thank you to you all for your patience for the last 5 months or so whilst have had the rewire done.

It has finally been completed and all their equipment is off site.

Thank you to everyone for bearing with us whilst we had no internet, phone lines, servers, or access to anything. The team worked right up to Sunday evening to make sure we were ready for Monday morning. So a big thank you must go to the site team and IT!

Parent forum

We held our first parent forum on Wednesday. It was really good; we had a lot of discussion and we have come away with lots of ideas and potential solutions. Once I have the minutes back, I will share them with you.

We talked in detail about communication and the site in our first meeting.

Parking

Before half term I had a little moan about parking. I have already had emails this week from residents in Mead Way and from the Police.

Please park respectfully,

- Do not block drives or other cars

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- Do not park on pavements so that pedestrians cannot walk on the pavement – especially those with babies in pushchairs.
- Do not double park so that cars cannot get through.

I had a walk along Mead way earlier in the week, there is actually quite a lot of space on Royston way and the pavements are also quite wide. Please take a little bit of time to look for a sensible place to park.

And most importantly please be considerate of our residents.

Have a good weekend

Mrs Hannah Foster

Students took part in lot of different speed stacking events, having the best time. The students enjoyed it so much, they have asked Mr Watson to purchase some Speed Stacking equipment.



Important Dates

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

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

Sports News



SSSN year 6 Speed stacking

Our students had the best time, taking part in a brand new event Speed Stacking, working with the support of the brilliant sports leaders from Langley Grammar.

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ESFA Pokémon Primary Schools' Cup year 5&6 Boys

The boys team demonstrated an outstanding attitude as they reached the semi-finals, showcasing a range of skills and excellent determination. Winning all four of their group stage matches without conceding a goal. During the Semi-final, we created many scoring chances, but couldn't finish them off, with Langley playing very well. Congratulations to the winners and thank you to the organisers.



Priory 1-0 Langley Heritage

Priory 4-0 Claycotts

Priory 5-0 Willow

Priory 1-0 Dedwordth

Semi final

Priory 0 – 2 Langley Hall



ESFA Pokémon Primary Schools' Cup year 5&6 Girls

The girls had a brilliant time at the ESFA competition, enjoying participating in a football competition against other schools.

After a slow start in the first game, losing 1-0 conceding a goal from a goal kick, the girls were back to their best, winning 1-0 v. Claycotts and 2-1 v the eventual winners Dedwordth. The girls demonstrated a brilliant attitude, on a very muddy pitch and windy conditions. Fun had by all.

Three teams finished on 6 points, but we were unlucky not to go to the semi-finals. Congratulations to the overall winners and all the teams for taking part in such good spirit.

The girls enjoyed supporting the boys in the Semi Final and it was great to all be out playing competitive sport.



Free Time Friday!

Can we please remind all parents that if your child has chosen a sports activity for Free Time Friday they need to bring the correct P.E. uniform into school and change at the appropriate time.

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Weekly attendance percentages: 17th - 21st October 2022

Whole school - 92%

Year 1 - 94%

Year 2 - 94%

Year 3 - 88%

Year 4 - 90%

Year 5 - 93%

Year 6 - 95%

Congratulations to 6Anning with 98% the highest attendance this week!



Sign of the Week

This week's sign is for Book,
Staying Safe in the Dark

<https://youtu.be/u5PIe7m8Tyw>



Priory Christmas Fayre



Save the date!

Priory Christmas Fair – Saturday 3rd December
from 12pm – 2.00pm

Please follow link for Donation Letters

<https://priory-school.secure-primariesite.net/priory-letters-home/>

Priory Friends News



Priory Friends on Facebook

www.facebook.com/prioryfriends



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.