



# The Priory Primary School

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## Newsletter 02

20th	Guitar & Drumming Lessons 3.30-4.30 Gol Football—(YrR-6) 3.30—4.30 Gardening Club—(Yr2-6)	
21st	Guitar & Drumming Lessons 3.30—4.30 Dodgeball (Yr2-6) 3.30—4.30 Lego (YrR-2)	
22nd	Drumming Lessons	
23rd	Flute Lessons Public Speaking (Yrs 5&6) at lunchtimes Mrs McLaren—The Hurst School to speak to Year 6 3.30—4.30 Drama —(Yr3-6) 3.30—4.30 Multisports (YrR & 1)	
24th	RockSteady 2.30pm Star of Wonder Assembly 3.30—4.30 Singing (Yr3-6) 3.30—4.30 Art (YrR-2)	
27th	Guitar & Drumming Lessons 3.30-4.30 Gol Football—(YrR-6) 3.30—4.30 Gardening Club—(Yr2-6)	
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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
(v) Homemade Sweet Potato & Vegetable Pie with Diced Potatoes	(v) Homemade Pizza & Potato Wedges	(v) Homemade Vegetable Diamond & Roast Potatoes	(v) Quorn Sausage & Bread Roll	(v) Homemade Vegetable Risotto
Fish Fingers & Diced Potato	Homemade Salmon & Broccoli Pasta with a Roll	Roast Turkey, Sage & Onion Stuffing & Roast Potatoes	Sherfield Sausages & Bread Roll	Breaded Fish & Chips
Broccoli	Peas & Sweetcorn Medley	Carrots	Baked Beans	Peas
Homemade Iced Sponge	Jelly	Ice Cream	Flapjacks	Homemade Cookies

It's been another 'normal' week at the Priory and we still have that great feeling of enjoying all of the routines such as morning breaks with the buddies, having lunch together in the hall and holding an assembly. This feeling of togetherness and community has been long missed and is now much appreciated by all.

I would like to thank all of the parents who attended the coffee mornings this week and shared their views, thoughts and opinions about the Priory. It was great to have the opportunity to talk to you about what we are focusing on this year and many of the issues that have impacted on yourselves and your children over the past year. If you were unable to attend the coffee morning and have a question or a thought you wish to share, please email the office and I will endeavour to get back to you.

#### **Parents Phone Calls / Check In's**

From Monday 27th September - Friday 1st October, the teachers have been scheduled a time slot to give you a quick call. This call is just to discuss how your child has settled into their new class in terms of their happiness, friendships, routines, behaviour and willingness to engage in the work set so far. The calls will only be loosely focused on the children's academics at this early stage of the year. If there is the need for a more detailed conversation the class teacher will contact you separately and may arrange a separate phone conversation or a face to face meeting.

**The schedule for the phone calls are as follows:**

<b>Monday 27th</b>	<b>Tuesday 28th</b>	<b>Wednesday 29th</b>	<b>Thursday 30th</b>	<b>Friday 1st</b>
Y1 (9am – 12 noon)		Y3 (9am – 12 noon)		Y6 (9am – 12 noon)
Y2 (12noon – 3pm)	Y4 (12noon – 3pm)		YR (12noon – 3pm)	Y5 (12noon – 3pm)

We cannot provide you with a precise time, so you will need to be available to answer the phone between the time mentioned above. If the time range / date is not convenient then please let the school office know and your teacher will endeavour to call you at a different time.

The class teacher will call once, if not answered they will call again at the end of the session, if still not answered you will then need to contact the office to arrange a separate time.

Phone calls will not last more than 2 - 3 minutes, any information not covered after this time will need to be discussed with the teacher separately.

Hopefully you will appreciate the reassurance of the check in and will have the opportunity to get to know the class teacher a little bit more.

#### **School Clubs**

Thank you for those who have already signed up for an after school club - these will commence from Monday 20th September. We still have a few places left for selected clubs, therefore if you would like to sign your child up for a second club then please access 'School Money' and go the Payment section to view the available clubs.

**All clubs will run until 4.30pm, following which the children should be collected from the FRONT PLAY-GROUND.**

### **Traffic Around the School Site**

We are trying to minimise the build up of traffic around the school site during the pick up process by opening the gate earlier for parents waiting to collect their children from the rear playground. This is not always possible due to staffing commitments - however when there is a build up of traffic, please use the road system responsibly and patiently.

Also an important request from our local community - please ensure you stick to the speed limit on the roads around the school site. Several parents have been witnessed driving at excessive speeds which puts our local residents at risk. The local community thank you for your support.

### **House Captains and Sports Captains**

I am very proud to introduce to you the school's new House and Sports Captains. These essential student leader positions we become a really important part of our school team and will help to inspire the children both in their everyday sporting endeavours as well as in the quest to become the new house champions 2022. Good luck to all of our student leaders.

	FALCON	HAWK	KESTREL
HOUSE CAPTAIN	Imogen Candy	Florence Moore	El Gracey
VICE CAPTAIN	Grace Clare	Lois Curtis	Izzy Northcote
SPORTS CAPTAIN	Wesley Hockey	Claudia Rose Rand	Isabella Stewart
VICE CAPTAIN	Maya Miles-Bourke	Honey Amanda Rand	Luke Cooper-Kirby

### **Learning Support Assistant Position at the Priory**

We are currently advertising for the post of a full time (8.45am - 3.30pm) LSA. The confidence, capacity and / or qualification to drive the school mini-bus would be an advantage.

All potential candidates are advised to check the vacancy page of our school website.

### **Use of the Adventure Trail In The Front Playground**

Mrs West will be on the front playground to monitor the children using the adventure trail in the morning. For health and safety reasons, she will ensure there is a steady flow of pupils, without too many using the equipment at the same time. The adventure trail will be closed if the weather is either wet or icy

Parents are asked to support any younger siblings (toddlers), if they are using the trail and do so at their own risk.

The trail is not being watched by a member of staff in the afternoon.

### **Community Volunteers**

There are so many different ways to support the school. We are always interested to hear from members of our community who have an interesting job (last year a number of parents spoke to the children about their careers in the STEM industries); we are also delighted to welcome back community readers to read with pupils on a regular basis. Another way to help would be to join us for one of our Grounds Days - where you can help support us to maintain the school's site with weeding / planting / fixing etc. Additionally, the PTA (who have been a huge source of support for the school) are always keen to welcome volunteers.

We also require support with some specific roles in school. One such role is the school librarian. The school librarian will lead the student librarians to organise, sort and promote the books in the school library. Mrs Aldred was the previous school librarian and she provided amazing support for the school as our school library was renovated and brought to life. If you can help continue the evolution of the library through this voluntary role we would love to hear from you.

All volunteers will need to apply for a DBS clearance - please refer to Amanda McCoy for more information.

## **PTA News**

Welcome back to school everyone - 2 weeks in already! As a parent/carer just how exciting is it to be back in the new playground and school hall (if of course you've been to one of Mr Stewart's coffee mornings)?! We hope all the Year R, new families to the Priory and indeed returning children are settling back in to 'real' school life! We can't wait to get our face-to-face Priory community back to life :)

**PTA AGM** - Our annual PTA AGM is coming up during the w/c 11th October (date to be announced very soon) which we are planning to host in person in the school hall (if no new restrictions come into force). We will also provide a zoom link for anyone who cannot get there or does not feel comfortable attending in person. We would love to see as many of you as possible to show your support and share your ideas. The PTA plays such a vitally important role in supporting the school, and as such all our children, both financially and in terms of the lovely community spirited fun :). In recent times, we have funded the new school library, laptops, VR Headsets and improvements to the playgrounds as well as school trips and visitors to school. We are sure Mr Stewart and team have many more plans too!

Both Ben Candy (Chair) and Simone White (Secretary) are stepping down from their roles at the AGM (but staying on the committee), so we will be looking to fill these positions, as well as taking on anyone who would like to join as a committee member. We are delighted to be able to plan a Christmas Fair, Easter Hunt and Summer Fair for this school year and really hope that nothing will get in the way of this - mentioning nothing specific! We really hope you will want to get involved in whatever capacity you are able to.

**PTA Website** – Don't forget to keep an eye on our PTA Website where you can buy uniform, buy from our shop and learn a little more about what we do (as well as other things) [www.priorypta.co.uk](http://www.priorypta.co.uk)

### **Some PTA dates for your diaries:**

**W/c 11th Oct – PTA AGM, 8pm in the School Hall**

**Tuesday 19th October – Bag2School collection**

**Saturday 4th December – Christmas Bazaar**

**Saturday 2nd April – Easter Hunt**

**Saturday 2nd July – Summer Fair**