



The Priory Primary School

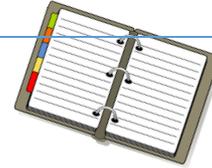
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Newsletter 01



13th Sept	Year R full days 9am Year 1 & 2 Coffee Morning with Mr Stewart Guitar & Drumming Lessons GOL Football
14th	9am Year 3 & 4 Coffee Morning with Mr Stewart Guitar & Drumming Lessons
15th	Drumming Lessons
16th	9am Year 5 & 6 Coffee Morning with Mr Stewart Flute Lessons
17th	RockSteady Year R Coffee Morning with Mr Stewart Star of Wonder Assembly
20th	CLUBS START Guitar & Drumming Lessons GOL Football
21st	Guitar & Drumming Lessons
22nd	Drumming Lessons
23rd	Flute Lessons
24th	RockSteady Star of Wonder Assembly

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
(v) Homemade Vegetable Pasta	(v) Homemade Pizza & Potato Wedges	(v) Homemade Cheese & Broccoli Slice & Roast Potatoes	(v) Quorn Sausages with a Homemade Bread Roll or Mashed Potato	(v) Homemade Mushroom Parcels & Chips
Homemade Beef Bolognese Pasta	Homemade Sweet & Sour Chicken Casserole & Rice	Roast Chicken, Sage & Onion Stuffing & Roast Potatoes	Sherfield Sausages with a Homemade Bread Roll or Mashed Potato	Breaded Fish & Chips
				Homemade Chicken Pie & Chips
Sweetcorn, Peas	Sweetcorn, Broccoli	Carrots, Cabbage (optional)	Broccoli, Baked Beans	Peas, Carrot Battons
Homemade Iced Sponge Or Melon	Jelly Or Grapes	Homemade Blackcurrant Crumble & Custard or Ice-Cream	Homemade Muffins or Banana Custard	Homemade Syrup Sponge & Custard Or Ice-Cream

It has been a wonderful start to the new school year. After the continued turbulence of the past two years it is incredible to see our school community back together at the Priory. Welcoming the children back to the school after the summer, as well as meeting our new pupils (including the new YR) have been priorities and it has been a great start for all of the pupils. It has also been lovely to see you, the parents, on the playground once more, and as a staff it has been really positive to talk to you in person again. Long may it continue.

Timing of the School Day

I have been very pleased with the arrangements we have in place since our return to school. One aspect that we will be changing from next week will be the start times for YR and KS1. Currently the children in KS1 are coming to school from 8.35am - 8.45am, following the transition time from KS2. The transition time was put in place to relieve parking issues - however with a good balance of parents using the drop off, the transition seems less important. Starting slightly earlier will also mean less waiting time for our KS1 children.

So from next week the drop off times are:

8.20am - 8.30am = KS2

8.30am - 8.40am = YR and KS1

KS1 children with older siblings can still come to the playground from 8.20am.

If the weather is ever bad (as it was today), I will always ring the bell earlier to avoid the children getting overly wet, but children who arrive between the times above are not considered late.

Coffee Mornings with Mr Stewart

Next week, I welcome you to a coffee morning for an informal chat about the Priory, planned changes for the future and to discuss any possible suggestions. It will also be a great opportunity for new parents to the school to meet other parents from their class.

The arrangement for the coffee mornings are as follows:

Y1 and Y2 – 9am Monday 13th September.

Y3 and Y4 – 9am, Tuesday 14th September.

Y5 and Y6 – 9am, Thursday 16th September.

YR – 9am, Friday 17th September.

Clubs

We are pleased to be offering a range of externally provided and school led after-school clubs for this first term. Clubs will commence in the week beginning Monday 20th September. Sign up for the clubs will be on Wednesday 15th September and will be on a first come, first served basis. We ask that parents choose **one** teacher led club per child (in the first instance), to allow the widest range of pupils to enjoy the clubs available. Our aim over the next term will be to add a wider range of external clubs to give children and parents the widest possible choice. School run clubs cost £2 per week, paid in advance and will run for the Autumn Term.

Sign up and payment for school run clubs will be via the SchoolMoney app. Please contact all external clubs directly next week.

Monday	Gol Football—(YrR-6) external provider: mason@golelitecoaching.co.uk Gardening Club—(Yr2-6) external provider: s.westpriorygardening@gmail.com
Tuesday	Dodgeball (Yr2-6) Lego (YrR-2)
Wednesday	
Thursday	Public Speaking (Yrs 5&6) at lunchtimes Drama —(Yr3-6) external Provider: priorydramaclub@gmail.com Multisports (Yr1 & 1)
Friday	Singing (Yr3-6) Art (YrR-2)

Core Texts

Thank you for purchasing your children the Core Texts. For new parents - the core text is the essential book that is the foundation of 3 weeks of learning in English lessons. We change our Core Text every half term. The children will read, analyse and base their writing on sections of the core text. At the end of the half term, you can donate the book, which will allow us to build up a surplus to support families in the future - meaning we won't always require families to purchase the text. If any family has an issue with purchasing a core text - please contact us.

Star of Wonder Assemblies

I am pleased to say that our Star of Wonder Assemblies will return as of next week (Friday 17th) - if your child is chosen for a weekly star of wonder award you will be informed by the school office and invited to attend the assembly, held in the hall on the Friday afternoon. For the last two years we have been keeping these assemblies going via ZOOM, which has actually allowed more working parents to see their child receive their award. We will therefore continue to invite parents of children winning an award via Zoom. So parents will therefore get a choice in regards to the Star of Wonder assembly - watch in person, or live via ZOOM.

Tutoring

Those pupils who were registered for tutoring support before the summer will have an additional two weeks of tutoring which will recommence from next week. Please look out for an email to this effect in your children's book bag sent to you today.

Home Learning / Dip & Do

We are currently carrying out a home learning review, which will lead to a new policy, which will be implemented from this term. An important part of our ongoing home learning approach will be the Dip and Do sheet.

Each year group will be set a Dip and Do sheet - which is linked around the children's topics and class learning. The activities are designed to be challenging, stimulating, engaging and mapped against different subjects. The activities are totally **optional** and will hopefully be fun for both the children and yourself to complete. Simply 'dip' into the activities, choose one / some to 'do'. You can take photos or videos of the children completing some of the more interactive elements or present the children's learning in any format you feel appropriate. All Dip and Do activities completed will earn your children a load of housepoints - so get creative!

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, for insurance purposes parents are asked to keep their children off the trail at this time.