

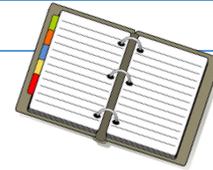


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24th	Yr 5 start Benin Topic 3.15-4.15 Lego Club 3.15-4.15 Yr 6 SATs Maths
25th	Deadline for submitting 500 Words via School Yr 5 /6 Badminton Competition @ Costello School 3.15-4.15 Infant Construction Club
26th	Year R Height / Weight & Vision / Hearing for Summer Born Children 8pm PTA Meeting
27th	9.30-10.00 Yr 2 Swimming 3.15-4.15 Infant Multi-skills
28th	2.00 Tadley Library Visit 2.40 Star of Wonder 3.15-4.00 Yr 6 SATs English & SPaG
2nd	3.15-4.15 Lego Club 3.15-4.15 Yr 6 SATs Maths
3rd	3.15-4.15 Infant Construction Club Yr 3 to Marwell Zoo
4th	8.00 PTA meeting
5th	3.15-4.15 Infant Multi-skills
6th	3.15-4.00 Yr 6 SATs English & SPaG World Book Day

Attendance Figures for last attended week

Year R 99.3% Year 1 96.4% Year 2 92.9%
 Year 3 98.3% Year 4 81.7% Year 5 99.1%
 Year 6 95.7%

The Priory Community Wishing Tree

Please come and see The Priory Community Tree in the Foyer, we now have **2** wishes on it!



After the excitement and challenges of last week and the inspection process, this week has been a little calmer. Yet there has still been the range of exciting learning and activities going on throughout the school. In terms of the OFSTED outcomes, as Headteacher I have now read the first formal draft of the report. This has been quality assessed and past onto me to be evidence checked. The report will now be presented in its final format, before being released for public viewing. The report itself is very concise and does not cover the full range of information that was evidenced during the process itself. I shall therefore provide you with an additional letter sent out at the same time as the report to document a wider range of findings regarding the school and its current direction. There will be a chance to explore these details further in the “vision for the future of the Priory” meeting being held at the school on Tuesday 10th March at 7pm – see below.

Headteacher’s Highlight of the Week: Even after the inspection it is great to see the children and staff engaging in a wide range of events and opportunities to learn. This included Y4 going to the school kitchen to prepare their Anglo-Saxon stews – these looked delicious and the children’s happy faces showed they enjoyed the taste and loved the experience. Also, this Friday the children loved coming in with their “Mad Hair”. The children looked wild, wacky and truly unique. A big thank you to Mrs Clint and Mrs White for arranging this fund raiser to help generate money and support for the St. Michael’s Hospice.



Photos and The Priory: To help capture the school’s values and to then have some eye-catching photos up around the school, Mr Dillow will be coming into school to take photos of the children carrying out various activities and events throughout the week of the 24th – 28th February. Please encourage your children to dress neatly and in their best uniforms to help capture the high expectations we have on the children’s dress. We will of course adhere to the photo permission slips you have all filled in before using your children in any publicity shot.

World Book Day: On Friday 6th March: The children will be celebrating a ‘Shakespeare’ themed World Book Day this year. In school we will be learning more about this wonderful writer, playwright and poet, as well as engaging in some activities to appreciate more about his writing. On the day itself the children are encouraged to come dressed as a character from any one of the Shakespearean plays. An alternative (if you are feeling really creative) is for your children to come dressed as an Elizabethan (as in Elizabeth 1), with their ruffs and wigs – this would make for a very distinctive look.

All fancy dress is optional and very much at your / your child’s discretion.

At the end of the day on Friday 6th March, you will be invited into school from 2.45pm (weather permitting) to gather around the playground where the whole school will form a procession around the playground to show off their Shakespearean fancy dress, with some prizes for the best dressed costumes.

The vision for the Future of the Priory - Important Invitation: All parents of the Priory school are invited to a special open-night where Mr. Stewart will be presenting a vision for the immediate future of the Priory. At this time the presentation will focus on the results of the various surveys carried out over the past months and how these have shaped the vision and values which the school will now focus on. Mr. Stewart will also be describing how our redefined focus will impact on the school’s curriculum and on the teaching and the learning experienced by the children across the school on a daily basis. It would be wonderful if everyone could attend the presentation to hear (and ask questions) about the exciting direction which the school will take as we progress forwards.

The date of this event is Tuesday 10th March 7pm – 8pm (approx.)

The Priory School Community Wishing Tree: Each week, a photo of the school’s new Community Wishing tree will be posted here in the newsletter to visually show you if there are any wishes. Also, you can always pop into the foyer to see for yourself. The tags hanging from the tree represent the wishes themselves and if you can help fulfil a wish you can just take the tag from the tree. Please only take the tag if it is your full intention to fulfil the wish by yourself. If the wish needs lots of community support then please leave the tag hanging on the branches for others to see.

Equally, if you would like to request support from the community – then take a tag, write the request and hang up the tag. Some examples of the kinds of wishes that could be made:

- Our school teachers (may for example) need a few items for a baking lesson, or need help with a particular event – they will hang up their ‘wish’ onto the tree in the hope that someone from the Priory community will help out in some way to fulfil their need.
- If someone in the wider Priory community needs help or support with a specific project or event, then anyone can take a wish label and write what they need support with.

The purpose of the Priory Wishing Tree is to bring our community together in positivity and support.

Ground's Day: One person hanging up a wish on our new community tree will certainly be Mr. Henry – the school's site manager, who is organising a 'ground's day' on **29th February @ 9am**. On this day Mr. Henry will be focusing on developing a specific area of the rear playground and turning what is currently a muddy patch – into an herb and shrubbery garden. Many hands will make light work of this project, as will his aim to have a general tidy up and sort out of the grounds. Thank you to those members of the community who have already volunteered and there is still plenty of time to let the school know you can help out for as little or as much time as you can spare on this leap year / bonus day.

A plan for the day – including a list of jobs will be sent out over half term.

The Priory Oscars: In the next chapter of the House competition, the Priory is challenging all of its pupils to enter a short film in the Priory Oscars competition. This will involve the children creating a short movie based on the theme below and entering the movie (on a USB drive with the name of those involved in the film written on a label) before the closing date **Monday 23rd March**. All entries to be submitted to the office please.

The theme of the film is: '**The Community**' and films could take any angle to this that the children like, for example an instructional film to help the school community drive and park around the school more carefully; alternatively this could be a comedy film based around the discovery of a superhero in the local community. The sky is very much the limit.

Our school's leadership team and student council will judge the competition based on the following categories:

- Best Actor / Actress
- Best Director / Filmography
- Best Original script
- Best technical inclusion (music, sound effects, special effects etc)
- Best Community Message
- Best Film

One important rule when making the film is that it should not be any longer than 5 minutes in length.

Each award winner will be given 60 HPs, with the best film awarded 100 HPs. If more than one child works on the film then the House Points will be shared equally (even cross House or cross Year Group collaboration is possible).

Book Donation: We would like to ask for your help in making our new library as comprehensive as possible. If you would like to donate a book then please bring it to school and collect a donation label from the school office. Stick the donation label on the inside front cover so that we will know who was kind enough to provide us with the book. There is no limit on how many books you can donate, however if you are going to donate a book, please can they fulfil the following criteria:

- Fiction or Non-Fiction (however we are especially low on quality non-fiction books)
- Suitable for school children in terms of content and context.
- A quality book in terms of presentation and upkeep.

A huge thank you in advance to anyone who donates a book to help develop reading at the school.

BBC – 500 Words Writing Competition: We are currently promoting the BBC's annual writing competition – 500 words. This is an excellent opportunity for all of our budding authors to write a short story, that if selected, can win one of a number of outstanding prizes, including attending the Final of the competition at Buckingham Palace, professional illustrations designed for the winning stories and Chris Evan's height in books (+500) books for the school.



Follow the link here to find out more about the competition. Any stories that are composed will be gladly submitted to the competition on your behalf – so please bring them into the school office before the end of the school day on Tuesday 25th February (giving us enough time to successfully submit the children's work. It would be great to see a Priory student at Buckingham Palace in the finals of the competition – so get creative everyone!

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/59TwKqgP3LTpRVfPIsKtx9/submit-a-story>

Safer Internet Day: To celebrate Safer Internet Day, Mr Stewart and I talked about online identities and keeping safe to all of the children across the school in KS1 and KS2 assemblies. It was great to discuss the issue of online identity with the children and to see what they understood and knew. We highlighted the fact that, whilst creating an online identity in its many forms is a great opportunity to be creative, to learn and to have fun online, we also emphasised the need to keep our 'offline' and real identities safe and secure. As always the children impressed us with their existing knowledge, (they are reassuringly very internet savvy - I certainly learnt a lot from them!) and mature attitudes around discussions involving internet safety. It was a great opportunity to raise awareness all round.

Mrs Adams

Parents Evening: The sign up process for our next and future Parents Evenings will now be done online! You will receive either a text or email with a link for you to click on that will take you directly to your child's / children's class/es and the available days / times. If your mobile number or email address has changed recently then please let Mrs McCoy know ASAP so that you will receive the message. We will be sending out the link during the week of 2nd March.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
(v) Homemade cheesy pasta Breaded fish fingers Baked fish & roasted vegetables	(v) Homemade pizza Homemade chicken curry Homemade vegetable curry	(v) Homemade cheese & broccoli slice Roast chicken, sage & onion stuffing	(v) Homemade tomato spaghetti Homemade spaghetti bolognese Cheese & egg Tuna	(v)Homemade vege-bean cake Homemade fish pie Oven baked breaded fish
Fresh mashed potatoes Homemade bread rolls	Fluffy rice Potato wedges	Roast potatoes New potatoes	Homemade bread roll Garlic & Rosemary roasted new potatoes	Chips New potatoes
Peas Golden sweetcorn	Golden sweetcorn Fine green beans	Fresh sliced carrots Fresh shredded cabbage Mashed swede	Golden sweetcorn Fine green beans Homemade coleslaw	Fresh broccoli florets Peas
Homemade apple cake & custard Grapes	Homemade muffins Fresh pineapple	Homemade apple crumble & custard Melon	Jelly Banana custard	Homemade chocolate cake & chocolate sauce Fresh fruit

(v) Vegetarian Option

Additional : Salad Bar always available Daily Items: Fresh Fruit & Low Fat Yoghurt

Food Allergies

If your child has any food allergies or you require advice regarding the school lunch menus, please ask to speak to the school kitchen.

Reminders

New lunch money amounts for the term are on the website.



Pupil Achievements

Please let the office know if your child has achieved anything they are particularly proud of.

PTA

The Priory & Ramsdell Race Night

What a huge amount of fun we had at 'The Races' in the school hall last Friday evening! Who knew we had such competitive parents, teachers & friends! Well done to everyone who took part...competition was fierce (seeing even some disqualifications!), but our final Championship Winners were 1st place Paul Sykes, 2nd place Michael Hodge & 3rd place Richard White. Do look out for photographs which will be appearing soon on the PTA Facebook page, courtesy of Sean Dillow!

Thank you to everyone who supported the event in some way. Either through sponsorship, donating raffle prizes, cooking the delicious feast, helping on the night, participating on the night, enjoying the night, taking photographs or compering - you are all truly amazing! It really was wonderful to see the school and local community come together - we raised around £1,200 (!!), which will be split equally between Ramsdell New Village Hall funds & the Priory School PTA.

Our generous event & race sponsors can be seen at the end of this newsletter - thank you so much to: Karina Palmer, Travel Counsellor, The Shop at Sherfield On Loddon, The Northcote Family, Farmhouse Fitness, Control Expert Accelerate Technologies, Hunt Forest Group, The Finch Family, Netscout & The Aldred Family.

Rugby Six Nations Predictions

After another great weekend of Rugby, despite Storm Ciara's best efforts, we now have a leader of the six nations predictor - Pete Hobbs leads on 9 points, with Mike Hodge & S Candy close behind on 8 points. With Storm Dennis (The Menace) in the mix this weekend, anything could happen!

PTA Meeting

Our next PTA meeting will take place on Wednesday 26th February, 8pm at The White Hart Inn, Charter Alley. Come along and hear how much money we have collectively raised & have your say on which key school project we will be supporting next. Everyone is most welcome - we hope to see you there.

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