



# The Priory Primary School

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## Newsletter 35



5th	Guitar Lessons 3.15pm—4.15pm GOL Football Drumming Club
6th	Yr 6 Swimming (collect from pool) Guitar Lessons 3.15pm—4.15pm STEM Club Drumming Club
7th	Drumming Club Drama Club
8th	Yr 6 Swimming (collect from pool) Flute Lessons
9th	RockSteady Last Star of Wonder Assembly
12th	Sports & Fitness Week Yr R Farm Day— dress up day Guitar Lessons 3.15pm—4.15pm GOL Football Drumming Club
13th	Move-up Morning Yr 6 Life Skills morning Yr 6 Swimming (collect from pool) Guitar Lessons 3.15pm—4.15pm STEM Club Drumming Club
14th	Move-up morning Drumming Club Drama Club
15th	<b>Sports Day— Please provide your child with a Packed Lunch</b> Flute Lessons
16th	RockSteady Reports to Parents

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
(v) Homemade Vegetable Pasta	(v) Homemade Pizza & Potato Wedges	(v) Homemade Cheese & Broccoli Slice & Roast Potatoes	(v) Homemade Cheesy Pasta & Bread Roll	(v) Homemade Vegetable Stir Fry
Homemade Bolognese Pasta	Tuna Salad & Garlic Bread	Roast Turkey, Sage & Onion Stuffing & Roast Potatoes	Chicken in a BBQ Sauce with Rice	Breaded Fish & Chips
Sweetcorn	Peas & Sweetcorn Medley	Carrots	Broccoli	Peas
Iced Sponge	Flapjack	Ice-Creams	Jelly	Homemade Shortbread Biscuits

It is hard to believe that we have just three weeks left at school. The days are flying by, yet looking back to the year as a whole, it has certainly been eventful! Our aim is now to enjoy the remaining weeks and to continue to inspire the children's learning right to the end of term. This is certainly a philosophy that the Y2 children have experienced this week as they welcomed a visitor from Ufton Court - who demonstrated how the Tudors would have lived, including making their own medicines and tonics from plants and herbs. A really fabulous day for our Y2 pupils.

Also this week a former parent and CIO of the Bank of England - Mr Elsey returned to the Priory to tell us about his role in a STEM career. The children learnt about the fabulous wealth of gold stored underground in the bank and how money has evolved to prevent forgeries. Mr Elsey captured everyone's interest and the school thanks him for his time.

### **Increasing COVID Cases**

The rise of the new variant in the region is certainly a continuing concern. Schools in the local area are reporting more bubbles needing to be closed because of either infections or direct contact with someone with COVID. With our last weeks so action packed (assemblies, sports day, house awards), it would be a shame to miss any of these events due to additional class closures. In school, we continue to do our best to minimise the exposure of our pupils to different classes, however most contact will be outside of school. Therefore please continue to adhere to the ongoing regulations and consider how best to minimise your child's chances of contracting and transmitting the virus. Your support will help us to achieve our aim of being able to provide on-site education to all of our pupils until the end of the academic year.

New governmental guidance is due to be announced on the 19th July, however up to that point and potentially until the end of the school year (depending on what is announced), we will continue to follow the current guidance which states bubbles are closed if a pupil / staff member contracts COVID and has close (indoor) contact with their peers.

### **Ticks**

Please refer to the text sent out this week regarding ticks. To minimise possible exposure to ticks at school, we are restricting play by the longer grass at the rear of the school field.

### **Student Leaders**

From Monday 12th the children will get to choose if they would like to nominate themselves for various student leadership roles (librarian, school council, art councillor, eco councillor), this is especially important for the Y5 pupils who can nominate themselves for the prestigious Y6 student leadership roles (House Captain and Sports Captain) - these children will need to interview for the posts and demonstrate their leadership skills.

We are consciously aware that the leaders from this year have not been as active as in previous years (due to bubble restrictions) and so those currently in a position of student leadership will continue their role into next year and there will be an overlap with the newly promoted leaders. Additionally, leaders from this year will have the opportunity to reapply for their role.

### **Move Up Mornings**

On the 13th and 14th of July the children will be meeting with their new class teachers in their new classrooms. On both mornings - the children should be dropped off at the usual time, but will go straight to their new classroom. Mrs Adams and myself will be on hand if anyone feels any worries and hopefully the children will come back very excited about next year.

### **Sports and Fitness Week**

Monday 12th July is the beginning of our Sports and Fitness Week. In addition to Sports Day (15th) we are hoping to carry out a range of sports and fitness activities throughout the week in our class bubbles.

The children can wear their PE kits and trainers throughout the week, but should wear fresh kit after every day!

If any parent would like to volunteer to lead an exercise routine or activity in the week for a class - please speak to your class teacher or let school reception know - we would love to have a range of activities in the school - anything from yoga, to boxercise, if you have the confidence to lead a group activity we would love to hear from you.

### **Sports Day - 15th July**

Sadly sports day itself is being run behind close doors this year to prevent overcrowding, however we are planning a range of new events this year and will ensure we take lots of photos and potentially live viewings of races.

The Sports Day will be a packed lunch only day to ensure we are more mobile for our different sports - please can you provide your child with a packed lunch on the 15th July.

### **Class Assemblies / Parent Picnic**

We invite parents to come and watch our end of year class assemblies - each assembly will feature a song or two, some readings and some memories from this exciting year. All of our assemblies will be outdoors - crossing fingers for good weather. The dates and timings of the assemblies are below.

Either before or after the class assembly we are holding a parent picnic - this will be where parents can join their children from the class holding the assembly and share a picnic together. You will need to provide your own picnic, blanket and perhaps an activity to take part in afterwards - just for you and your child, for example a game of boule.

#### **19th July**

9.00am YR Class assembly followed by snacks with parents.

11.30am - 12noon = Y1 class assembly

12noon - 1pm = Y1 and Y5 parent picnic

1pm - 1.30pm = Y5 class assembly

#### **20th July**

11.30am - 12noon = Y2 class assembly

12noon - 1pm = Y2 and Y4 parent picnic

1pm - 1.30pm = Y4 class assembly

#### **21st July**

11.30am - 12noon = Y3 class assembly

12noon - 1pm = Y3 and Y6 parent picnic

1pm - 1.30pm = Y6 class assembly

## PTA News

What a very lovely treat it was to see you all on Monday morning, as you, once again, generously handed over your kind donations of bottles, toys and hamper items to help stock our various online Summer Raffles. Thank you so, so much! (We do think there's potential for a Priory Community Relay Team given the speed and efficiency in which the bottles were handed over through car windows...with not a single 'baton' dropped!).

**Summer Raffles** (will be drawn on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July)

The summer raffles are now LIVE!!!! Hop on here to buy your tickets for the Summer Grand Raffle, the hugely popular Bottle Tombola and a new Kids Mini Raffle [www.priorypta.co.uk/tickets](http://www.priorypta.co.uk/tickets)

We have some amazing prizes in each of the raffles...

In the Grand Raffle, a chance to win a Samsung 50" ULTRA HD TV, £150 cash, £100 cash, Champagne Afternoon For Two, Rejuvi Skin Care Gift Bag (worth £140), a photography session with The Big Cheese and Ladies and Gents Hampers.

In the Bottle Tombola, a chance to win...well...a bundle of at least 5 Bottles of Booze (there are lots of bundles up for grabs!)

In the Kids Mini Raffle, a chance to win a Pony Ride, a Piano or Percussion Lesson and 6 different Toy Hampers (just click on the drop-down tab to select which prize you would like to be entered into).

A HUGE thank you to our lovely Priory Community for, once again, donating such wonderful and very generous prizes – do check out the website for details.

### **'COVID COULDN'T STOP THE PRIORY' Book**

The book is winging its way to the printers and is available now to pre-order here (will be with you at school before the end of the Summer Term) [www.priorypta.co.uk/product-page/covid-couldn-t-stop-the-priory-book](http://www.priorypta.co.uk/product-page/covid-couldn-t-stop-the-priory-book)

Well...judging by the submissions for this latest Priory book, it is clear that Covid really couldn't stop the Priory children from having fun, learning new skills and enjoying family time!

Inside this wonderful keepsake book you will find a selection of drawings, photos, poetry, stories and some very special memories. You can take a sneaky peak at a few of the pages on our web link above (names and faces blanked out for the purpose of the website only).

Thank you to everyone who submitted an entry and a massive thank you to Sarah Dillow, who has created another fabulous Priory book for us all to enjoy.

Just a note to mention that we are charged a small fee for any online transactions, so if you are able to buy as much as possible in one transaction, we raise more money for the school. Having said that, we are of course always delighted when anyone hops back on to buy extra tickets or to do a little more shopping, so do continue to do that. Talking of shopping, we do still have a limited number of Priory Recipe Books and Priory Branded Thermal Mugs for sale in the sale too. Happy shopping everyone and we wish you a very fabulous weekend!