



The Priory Primary School

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Newsletter 4



Mon 30th	3.15-4.15 Infant Art Club 3.15-4.15 Lego Club 3.15-4.15 Dodgeball / Benchball
Tues 1st	3.15-4.15 Infant Construction Club 3.15-4.15 Rounders Club 8pm PTA AGM in the School Hall NO AFTER SCHOOL MINIBUS
Wed 2nd	3.15-4.15 Netball Club
Thurs 3rd	3.15-4.15 Infant Multi-skills Club 3.15-4.15 Infant Art Club
Fri 4th	Flu vaccine letters out to parents
Mon 7th	3.15-4.15 Infant Art Club 3.15-4.15 Lego Club 3.15-4.15 Dodgeball / Benchball
Tues 8th	3.15-4.15 Infant Construction Club 3.15-4.15 Rounders Club
Wed 9th	3.15-4.15 Netball Club
Thurs 10th	9.00 Yr 2 Harvest Festival Assembly 2.30 Farmers Market & Dyslexia Awareness stall 3.15-4.15 Infant Multi-skills Club 3.15-4.15 Infant Art Club
Fri 11th	9.30 Yr 6 Height / weight checks Deadline for returning Flu vaccine letters Children to wear green accessories for Dyslexia Awareness (no green hair please)

Attendance Figures for last week

Year R 100% Year 1 96% Year 2 99%
Year 3 97.5% Year 4 99% Year 5 99%
Year 6 98%

Uniform Bear

This week the uniform bear goes to Yr 5



Community links.....

Please let us know of any local community events that we can share.

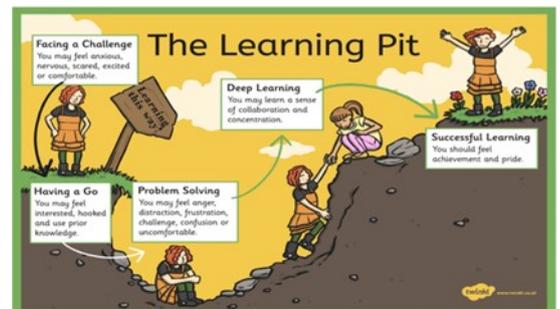
St Gabriel's Newbury (Independent Girls Day School) — Open Morning Saturday 5th October 9.30—12.30

Message from Mr Stewart

It was another exciting week at the Priory, which (for the first time in my currently short time as headteacher) brought some pretty awful weather. Despite the rain it was wonderful to welcome the children in the school wearing their raincoats and rather fetching wellington boots. In school, the children have continued their learning and many have started their after school clubs – which I know they enjoy. Mrs. Adams was particularly excited to get her new netball training underway.

In our assembly this Friday there was much excitement as the staff were ‘sorted’ into a house group for the first time. Have a look on the newsletter for the published houses of all of our staff (Mr. Stewart and Mrs Adams are not in any house for the sake of fairness!). There was then an exciting competition where some staff members from the three different houses had to build the tallest tower. Have a look at the photos of the event on our school Instagram account. It was just a shame that the competition was not fair, with Mr. Cripps having to build his tower from cards, whilst Mrs. Webber was lucky enough to build her tower from magnetic blocks. Of course, this staged contest was another Growth Mindset teaching point about being determined and trying hard. The children also learnt that sometimes the people who try the hardest do not always achieve the noticeable results of those who try much less. This prompted us to think about how we reward and celebrate fairly – to which the conclusion was rewarding EFFORT, something I know the Priory staff take seriously, so congratulations Mr. Cripps your determination and hard work has earned **Kestrel 2** invaluable house points.

Linked to Growth Mindset is our focus on the PIT – see the picture opposite. This is changing feelings and emotions that new learning and effort encounters. Can you recognise times in your own life when you have been in the PIT – did you ever get out? How did you manage to move past those feelings of dread or failure? The answer, I am sure is through hard work, determination and a ‘can-do attitude’ – all values we are inspiring in the pupils at the Priory.



Headteacher’s Highlight of the Week:

Year 2 have been learning about the Earth’s continents and oceans. They have used their mapping skills to read atlases and globes; they have also navigated the world with their BeeBots. They certainly have had fun whilst learning this week

Parking

I am consciously aware of the parking concerns around the site of the school. I am also aware of the efforts that have been made to try to rectify the situation. With poor weather, I can understand how the situation is made all the more challenging. Before I go into possible actions to improve the situation, I need to promote three key actions:

firstly – patience, I know this is not always easy, especially if in a hurry to get to work / arrangements. However, please be conscious of everyone as a community of the school.

Secondly, the drop off is a really effective process as long as pupils are dropped off by the waiting staff and not at a midpoint to save time – which makes the process less safe and less efficient. The drop off is a highly recommended process for those who are in a hurry to get away from school without the challenges of parking.

Thirdly, maximise the parking potential by parking more closely to a car in front. At times people are leaving huge spaces and this pushes our parking further back down the road.

Parking continued..

Mr Henry and the leadership team have had a site walk to consider parking and have a 3-phased approach to easing the situation.

Phase 1 – Mr Henry is going to cut back some of the foliage on the right side (as you are facing towards the school) and add additional traction to muddier sections of the parking area on this side of the school. This will create a few additional spaces. This will be actioned in the next couple of weeks. The impact will be small, but is a step in the right direction.

Phase 2 – We will look into organising the parking on the left-hand side of the school (as you are facing towards the school), so cars can park side by side as opposed to length by length. Initially we have to ensure a safe boundary for pupils walking along the pathway. This would be a trial phase to see if this further helps the situation. However, caution will be needed for returning to the road. We will be putting this process into operation later this term (weather permitting).

Phase 3 – This phase is still in planning and requires conversations with different groups, however if actioned could create further parking spaces around the site. This phase (if) actioned will occur in the Spring Term.

Whilst there are no quick fixes – I return you to my guidance above and a suggestion to consider other less traditional methods of coming to school (if possible) – e.g. carpooling, walking, arriving slightly earlier or parking further afield and arranging a walking bus amongst parents. Ultimately – we are all one school community and so please support each other and the school to help reduce the tensions of parking.

PTA / Facebook

The PTA will be holding their AGM on Tuesday at 8am and I am so excited to be part of the next phase of the journey. I will briefly share my vision of how the school and the PTA can work together to help develop and improve the school, before a new Chair and Secretary will be voted in after the sterling work of Andy Nagalewski and Cara Rogers last year.

This is certainly an exciting time to be part of the school community. However, please do not use the PTA Facebook page as a forum for any concerns and issues that you may have about the school. The Facebook page is designed as a message process for advertising and promoting the events and fundraising organised by the PTA. If you have any issues, concerns and complaints please do contact us at office@priory.hants.sch.uk so staff we can be more aware and if possible / necessary take action. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Reading / Online Subscriptions

Following on from last week's newsletter, the Priory is continuing to promote reading. However, due to low usage in a number of year groups we have decided to cancel the online subscription to Bug Club. We are however looking into the links we can form with Tadley Library and the public library service generally. We are also looking into the promotion of library service apps such as Borrow Box (download via the Apple / Play Stores) – this app allows you to temporarily borrow E-Books and Audiobooks from the widest range for free, to sign up all you need is a public library card and a suitable device.

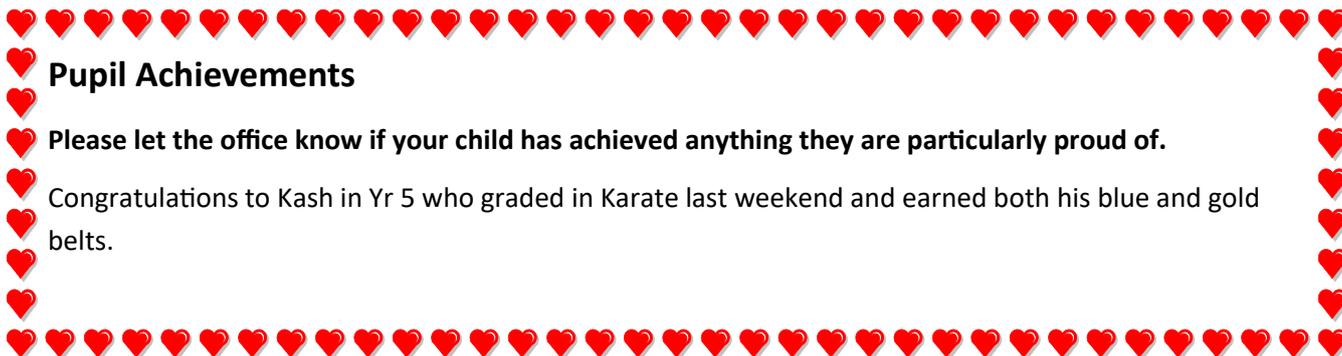
Additionally, we are also reviewing options for a different range of online applications to be used at school / home, including TT Rockstars, Spelling Shed and Maths Shed. Some of these apps have free trials if you would like to give them a go yourselves.

Year 5 Latin & Classics

Year 5 are lucky to have the opportunity to learn Latin from the Classics teacher at St Gabriel's. The lessons will be on Fridays 9:30-10:15

Latin by Daisy & Isla

We had our first Latin lesson last week from Mr Ives. We enjoyed the Latin because it was something we had never learnt before. We played a very interesting game and were given new shiny purple exercise books. We learnt about a Greek story and compared two versions of it. The story was about a princess called Atalanta who agreed to marry a boy if he beat her in a race, if he did not win then he would die. We also translated a few sentences from Latin to English. We really like Mr Ives and he made our lesson fun.



Pupil Achievements

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

Congratulations to Kash in Yr 5 who graded in Karate last weekend and earned both his blue and gold belts.

Reminders

Please pay Juniors outstanding lunch monies. Costings and bank details on the homepage of the website.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
(v) Homemade cheesy pasta Breaded fish fillet Homemade fish pie	(v) Jacket potato cheese & beans Homemade vegetable curry Homemade chicken curry	(v) Homemade vegetable pie Roast turkey, sage & onion stuffing	(v) Homemade mushroom risotto Sherfield sausages Quorn sausages	(v) Homemade cheese & potato pie Breaded fish fillet Baked fish with tomatoes & herbs
Fresh mashed potato Homemade bread roll	Fluffy rice (with curry)	New potatoes Roast potatoes	Fresh mashed potato Homemade bread roll	Chips Homemade bread roll
Peas Golden sweetcorn	Peas Golden sweetcorn Homemade coleslaw	Fresh sliced carrots Fresh shredded cabbage Fine green beans	Fresh broccoli florets Golden sweetcorn	Peas Baked beans
Homemade lemon drizzle cake Grapes	Ice cream Fresh pineapple	Homemade apple crumble & custard Cheese & biscuits	Syrup sponge & custard Chocolate mousse	Homemade chocolate cake & chocolate sauce Melon

(v) Vegetarian Option

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

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.

Staff	House
Mrs Collisson	Kestrel
Mrs McCoy	Kestrel
Mrs Hindmarsh	Falcon
Mrs Hawtin	Hawk
Mrs Ewins	Falcon
Mrs Hunt	Kestrel
Mrs Mullock	Kestrel
Ms Austin	Hawk
Mrs Brown	Kestrel
Mrs Heathcote	Kestrel
Mrs Britt	Falcon
Mrs Bowman	Hawk
Mr Cripps	Kestrel
Ms Head	Hawk
Mrs Aldridge	Falcon
Mrs Coe	Kestrel
Mrs Bartlett	Falcon
Mrs Sowden	Falcon
Mrs Webber	Hawk
Mrs Marzetti	Hawk
Mrs Adams (Daisy)	Hawk
Ms Foster	Falcon
Mr Crownshaw	Hawk
Mrs West	Falcon
Mrs Lakhani	Kestrel
Mrs Selwood	Hawk
Mr Henry	Kestrel
Mrs Clitheroe	Falcon
Mrs Stacey	Kestrel
Mrs Green	Hawk
Mrs Edwards	Falcon
Mrs Hannington	Hawk