



# The Priory Primary School

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## Newsletter 20



10th	<b>3.15-4.15 Lego Yrs 2-6</b> <b>3.15-4.15 Yr 6 Arithmetic for SATs</b> <b>3.15-4.15 Badminton Yrs 5-6</b>
11th	<b>3.15-4.15 Infant Construction Club Yrs R-2</b> <b>1.30-3.00 Junior Cross Country Event—Down Grange</b> <b>Safer Internet Day Assembly</b>
12th	<b>1.15-2.45 Flute</b> <b>3.15-4.15 Juniors Netball Yrs 3-6</b>
13th	<b>3.15-4.15 Infant Multi-skills Yrs R-1</b>
14th	<b>2.40 Star of Wonder Assembly</b> <b>3.15-4.00 Yr 6 English / SPAG for SATs - CANCELLED</b> <b>Spring Disco</b> <b>Break up for Half Term</b>
24th	<b>Yr 5 start Benin Topic</b>
25th	<b>Deadline for submitting 500 Words via School</b> <b>Yr 5 /6 Badminton Competition @ Costello School</b>
26th	<b>Year R Height / Weight &amp; Vision / Hearing for Summer Born Children</b> <b>8pm PTA Meeting</b>
27th	<b>9.30-10.00 Yr 2 Swimming</b>
28th	<b>2.00 Tadley Library Visit</b> <b>2.40 Star of Wonder</b>

### Attendance Figures for last attended week

Year R 99.6%    Year 1 98.6%    Year 2 96.1%  
Year 3 97.1%    Year 4 94.6%    Year 5 95.2%  
Year 6 90.4%

### The Priory Community Wishing Tree

Please come and see The Priory Community Tree in the Foyer, we now have **1** wish on it!



And so ends an uneventful week!

Of course, life at the Priory is never routine or relaxed, with the teachers always planning interesting ways to engage the children in their learning, or with some kind of event being planned. So the notion of an 'uneventful' week is almost unimaginable – yet with our school welcoming OFSTED this has been a particularly busy, yet fulfilling week. There are a hundred and one little stories that bring a smile to my face, from YR going on a nature walk in their wellington boots, only to be met by one of the inspection team with his already muddy leather shoes; to Y6 pupils demonstrating their electricity skills by creating their own steady hand game. What has certainly been clear to the inspection team, and what has been obvious to me since the day I arrived is that the children of the Priory have an engaging and fun education and that they love learning. And on a week where the inquisitive Y4 children went to Ufton court, Y1 demonstrated exceptional behaviour on their QMC science trip and a range of KS2 children gave their all in a cross-country event at Down Grange, our ever so eventful week was even more action packed than ever.

**Headteacher's Highlight of the Week:** Again, I could pick out a whole range of wonderful activities that I have seen being taught this week as myself or Mrs Adams have accompanied the inspectors around our busy school. Yet, my highlight this week is focused on the real sense of teamwork and community that has been ever present this week. Too often in education words like 'community' are used as empty positive adjectives, yet at the Priory there is truly a tangible sense of everyone pulling together to make the school what it is. This week our school community has really demonstrated what a special place we are. The children especially in describing life and learning at the Priory have spoken with passion, confidence and eloquence. They are clearly independent, active citizens of the future who this week have truly done the school, themselves and us all proud.

**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 10<sup>th</sup> March 7pm – 8pm (approx.)**

**The Priory School Community 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 Community 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 **29<sup>th</sup> February**. 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.

### **The Priory Oscars**

On the 10<sup>th</sup> February the world will be looking to Hollywood to announce its stars of 2020. To mark this celebration and 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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/59TwKqqLp3LTpRVfPlsKtx9/submit-a-story>

**Please look out for our Safeguarding Newsletter which will be out shortly.**

## Cross Country

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 did a superb job representing The Priory at a huge Cross Country tournament at Down Grange on Tuesday. Four children from each year group competed in a long distance run. All our runners were fantastic. Well done all, and special mention to Tristan who came 5th and Claudia who came 7th in their races, which is especially wonderful considering there were about 120 children in each race!



**Mad Hair Day** – Friday 14th February As a school, we will once again be supporting St Michael’s Hospice with Mad Hair Day. Together with their school uniform, we invite your children to let their hair down for the day and wear it in a crazy style or a funky wig. Two of our parents, Charlotte Clint and Simone White, will be at the ready collecting any donations at the school gate on the morning of Friday 14th February only - you might not recognise them, but you won’t miss them with their bright wigs & St Michael’s Hospice tabards and buckets! Thank you in advance for your support of our local hospice.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
(v) Homemade vegetable pasta Minced beef & Yorkshire pudding Fish fingers	(v) Homemade butter-nut squash & leek bake Sherfield sausages Quorn sausages	(v) Homemade vegetable pie Roast turkey, sage & onion stuffing	(v) Jacket potato, cheese & beans Homemade beef lasagne Homemade vegetable lasagne	(v) Homemade bean stir fry Homemade oriental chicken Oven baked breaded fish
Fresh mashed potatoes Diced potato Homemade bread roll	Fresh mashed potatoes Homemade bread roll	Roast potatoes New potatoes	Garlic bread (with lasagne)	Chips Rice
Fresh broccoli florets Golden sweetcorn	Baked beans Fresh broccoli florets	Fresh sliced carrots Fresh shredded cabbage Honey roast parsnips	Golden sweetcorn Peas Homemade coleslaw	Peas Green beans
Homemade chocolate & orange sponge Melon	Homemade muffins Yoghurt fruit crunch	Homemade apple crumble & custard Grapes	Jelly Fresh pineapple	Homemade syrup sponge & custard Cheese & biscuits

*(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 Adult Only Race Night - Friday 7th February, 7:30-11pm in the school hall  
We hope you have your hats at the ready...it's Race Night tonight in the school hall & we just can't wait to welcome you for some hilarious village fun! I wonder who our winners will be...we'll let you know next week!  
All profits will be split equally between funds for the new Ramsdell Village Hall and our current PTA School Project - the purchase of a class suite (x28) of iPads.*

*E-Tickets have all been e-mailed, so please contact [ptapriory@gmail.com](mailto:ptapriory@gmail.com) if you have not received yours.*

*We would, again, like to extend a huge thank you to our generous event & race sponsors - please see their logos & web addresses 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*

*Are you in it to win it?! The first weekend of the Six Nations finished with some surprising results and we currently have a tie for 1st place in the PTA Six Nations Predictor! S Candy, Pete Hobbs & Michael Hodge are currently leading the way, but there's still a long way to go...watch this space! Proceeds will go towards the class suite (x28) of iPads.*

### Bag2School

*Thank you so much for you all your kind donations of unwanted pre-loved items to the Bag2School collection this morning. Together we have raised £135.20 which will go towards the funding of the class suite (x28) of iPads.*

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