



The Priory Primary School

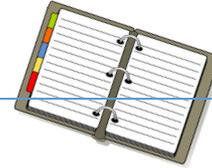
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Newsletter 7



1st Nov	Guitar & Drumming Lessons 3.30-4.30 Gol Football—(YrR-6) 3.30—4.30 Gardening Club—(Yr2-6)
2nd	Year R Whole Class & Individual Photographs Guitar & Drumming Lessons 3.30—4.30 Dodgeball (Yr2-6) 3.30—4.30 Lego (YrR-2)
3rd	Drumming Lessons
4th	CORAM Life Education Flute Lessons Public Speaking (Yrs 5&6) at lunchtimes 3.30—4.30 Drama —(Yr3-6) 3.30—4.30 Multisports (YrR & 1)
5th	CORAM Life Education RockSteady 2.30pm Star of Wonder Assembly 3.30—4.30 Singing (Yr3-6) 3.30—4.30 Art (YrR-2)
8th	Guitar & Drumming Lessons 3.30-4.30 Gol Football—(YrR-6) 3.30—4.30 Gardening Club—(Yr2-6)
9th	No Afternoon Minibus Guitar & Drumming Lessons 3.30—4.30 Dodgeball (Yr2-6) 3.30—4.30 Lego (YrR-2)
10th	Drumming Lessons
11th	Flute Lessons Public Speaking (Yrs 5&6) at lunchtimes 3.30—4.30 Drama —(Yr3-6) 3.30—4.30 Multisports (YrR & 1)
12th	RockSteady 2.30pm Star of Wonder Assembly 3.30—4.30 Singing (Yr3-6) 3.30—4.30 Art (YrR-2)

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 Sausage 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

In this final week of half term, it has been wonderful to see more of our Y6 pupils returning back to class after their absence. The rising number of COVID cases across the country has been concerning, however I am incredibly grateful that nobody in our immediate community has been hit too hard and that our pupil numbers are beginning to return to 'normal' levels.

Away from health matters, the fun and integrated learning across the school has continued from last week, with Y3 taking a trip to the Ewhurst Estate to utilise their incredible outdoor areas. The children visited the pumpkin patch and choose their own pumpkins, very relevant for this time of the year. It was fascinating to see how the pumpkins the children choose reflected their personalities. Have a look at the photos below to see some of the fun.



A big thank you to the Ewhurst Estate, who have been a key supporter of the school over the past year, for facilitating this opportunity.

Meanwhile, Y5 have also ventured out of the school to the Winchester Science Museum. The children had an incredible time and enjoyed their science and topic linked trip.



Today saw the children from Y1 - Y6 classes join up to take part in a range of Growth Mindset activities. All term the children have been considering their own resilience and positivity and have now had the opportunity to put some of these concepts into action during this exciting day.



Finally, the past 7 weeks have been arguably one of the most challenging half terms that I have led since joining the school. The impact of COVID and wider sickness bugs on staffing, pupils and families has been unprecedented. As always with the Priory, we have overcome these challenges through commitment, flexibility and dedication. I cannot thank my staff enough for their hard work - they have taken on the workload of others, taught in different years and gone over and above to ensure the children's learning has been unaffected. Of course when you reflect on things - it has all been worth it and we will continue our efforts after a well-earned half-term break. Thank you as always for your positivity and words of kindness - which have helped on some of the more challenging days. The community of the Priory remains as strong as ever.

School Governance

After 22 years of incredibly dedicated service, Mr Jon Pender has stepped back from the role of Chair of Governors. Jon has been a stalwart of the school and has helped to guide us through many changes, including our evolution to academy status, truly shaping the direction and ambition of The Priory. I am sure you all join me in thanking Jon for his dedication and inspirational governance.

Jon will be staying on as a school governor, however I am pleased to announce that the school governing team have elected the following members to their new roles:

Mrs Prubie Sahota - Chair of the governing team

Mrs Jessica Dwerryhouse - Vice Chair of the governing team

I am excited to be working with both Prubie and Jess in the continuing and exciting development of the Priory Primary school.

Winter Uniform

As the cold begins to arrive, it is now time to embrace our winter uniforms. Please can I ask that all children return after the half term wearing the following:

Girls Winter	Boys Winter
Grey skirt/pinafore/culottes / trousers	Grey trousers
Royal blue cardigan/pullover with Badge	Royal blue cardigan/pullover with Badge
Royal blue/silver striped tie	Royal blue/silver striped tie
White blouse	White shirt
White / Grey socks	Grey Socks
Black/grey tights	
Black leather shoes (no boots or above ankle shoes)	Black leather shoes (no boots or above ankle black shoes)
Navy Blazer (optional)	Navy Blazer (optional)

Home Learning

Following our recent governors meeting, we have reviewed and adapted our Home Learning policy. Our aim moving forward is to inspire our children's learning, both at school and at home. The stress levels often caused (to both children and their families) of having to engage in wide ranging homework does not fit this vision. We are therefore reducing the range of homework, focusing on the daily and weekly mechanics of reading, spelling and timetables. The children won't be set additional English and Maths tasks. However, we will continue to produce our half termly Dip and Do sheets, featuring optional tasks linked to our topic - providing depth and additional context to the children's learning. IDL - our online platform will also continue for all pupils.

One aspect we are keen to further develop is ensuring parents are fully aware of what is being covered in lessons and (where necessary) how they can support and / or extend their child's learning. We aim to achieve this as we update our website - including detailed curriculum plans and links to websites exemplifying and supporting the learning of key Concepts. We also aim to produce our own webinars to support the learning of concepts such as teaching phonics, addition / subtraction strategies, modelling the writing process. Look out the development of these webinars over the course of the next couple of years.

The new Home Learning policy will be sent out separately alongside the new Dip and Do sheets in the next half term.

School Dinners / Children Not Eating A Full Meal

Our delicious and nutritious school dinners remain ever popular amongst the children. However, the teachers have had reports from some families that their children are coming home hungry after school.

Mrs Adams has been supporting in the school hall this week to find out what could be the issue. Portion size is calculated on the age of the children and Mrs Clitheroe and her team continue to provide more than enough food to meet the children's needs. However, Mrs Adams did report a lot of wastage - with children leaving large amounts of food. As a staff we always encourage the children to give food a go and to eat as much as possible, but we do not force the children to eat their full lunch. Therefore (whilst continuing to promote our wonderful school lunches) - it is important that as a family you select what food your child should choose each day and encourage your child to eat the broadest range of food - vegetables included!! Reducing waste and ensuring the children remain well fed and fuelled to the end of the day is important and we hope to work with you to achieve this aim.

Art Display in Tadley Library

The Tadley librarians were delighted this week with their new art display by some of our Year 1 pupils. Back in July, on move-up morning, the children read 'The Dot' and discussed its themes of perseverance, confidence and self-belief. They then explored their interpretation of dots in art and created a final piece which is now on show in the children's area of the library. The display will be in place for the next month so go and support our younger pupils and our local library.



PTA Donation to the Basingstoke Foodbank

Thanks to the generosity of the parents last academic year - raising money to support the needs of our own families, we were able to help support our own community and have some additional money available to donate to the wider Basingstoke Foodbank - who continue to need donations to support the wider community. A huge thank you to all those families who donated to this worthwhile cause.



Basingstoke Foodbank would like to thank

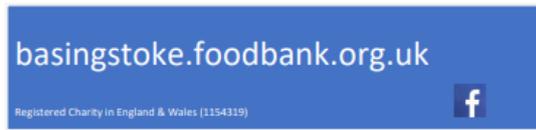
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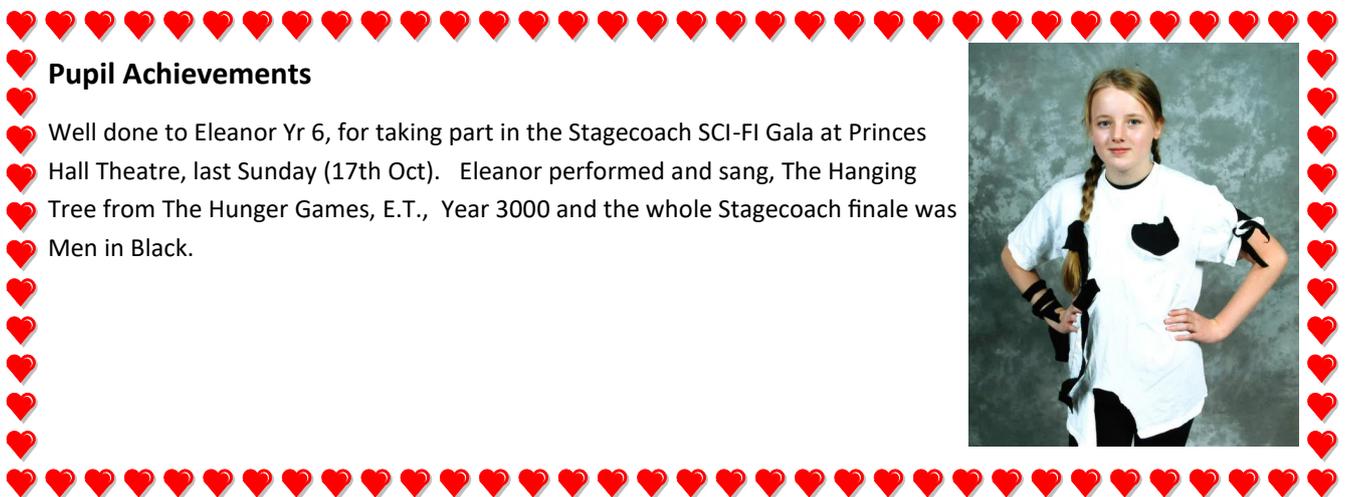
Your donation will go a long way to support local people in crisis.

From Jan - Sept 2021, so far with your help we have fed over 6,200 people of whom 2,500 were children. We are currently distributing food for the community in crisis through our 6 Foodbank Centres located in and around Basingstoke & Tadley



Happy Half Term

Enjoy a relaxing holiday and school will open again on Monday 1st November



Pupil Achievements

Well done to Eleanor Yr 6, for taking part in the Stagecoach SCI-FI Gala at Princes Hall Theatre, last Sunday (17th Oct). Eleanor performed and sang, The Hanging Tree from The Hunger Games, E.T., Year 3000 and the whole Stagecoach finale was Men in Black.



PTA News

PUMPKINS MAKE PRIZES! - FREE PTA Facebook Pumpkin Competition – By popular demand, the virtual Pumpkin Competition is back for its second year! Get your thinking caps on for our competition where anything pumpkin goes – carving, painting, general accessorising....

Prizes will be awarded for the winner of each category (Infants/Juniors/Age 11-100+), which will be judged by you all by online Facebook vote ('like').

To enter – get creating at home and then e-mail a photo of your creation to ptapriory@gmail.com no later than midnight on Wednesday 27th October. Please do not include your child in the photo, or their name(s) as entries will appear anonymously. Do though let us know, on your entry email, the name and category of the entrant...just in case we need to get a prize to you. The competition will launch on our private Facebook page – and be open for voting with a 'like' - on the morning of Saturday 30th October and close on the evening of Sunday 31st October when our winners will be announced. Prizes will be handed out at school on the Monday 1st November. Entry for the children is free. Entry for adults, if you feel you are able, is by donation, but the most important thing for us is the taking part for sure! www.priorypta.co.uk/help-the-pta

We had so many gorgeous, scary, funny, cute and amazing entries last year, that we just can't wait to see this years'! Make sure you've joined our Facebook page (or speak nicely to a friend!).

200 Club – The bottle tops (numbers!) are ready to be rattled and the first 2 draws will take place in school today!

Wishing everyone who is in it the best of luck! Hugest thanks to everyone who has purchased a number or two – with 64 numbers sold, you have helped us to raise £443 profit :)

"How The Priory Does Christmas!" Book – Following the success of both "The Priory Family Recipe Book" and "Covid Couldn't Stop The Priory!" Book, our resident author is underway with another Christmas Cracker of a professional creation for you. This time, a collection of all things Christmas that we enjoy with our families during the festive period. Look out for a letter from school of how you can be a part of this gem of a keepsake.

Bag2School – Thanks for the heaps of pre-loved items that were left at the school gate this week. We're not sure how much was made just yet, but we know that we weighed 360kg! We will let you know asap. Our next collection is on Thursday 9th December.

Amazon Smile – with Christmas just around the corner, a timely reminder that if you use Amazon to shop on-line, please help us by using Amazon Smile. Select The Priory PTA as your charity and they will give the Priory PTA a percentage of everything you spend. It takes seconds to set up, won't cost you a penny more, works on the Amazon mobile app too and is such an easy and free way to fund-raise.