

# Priory Newsletter

March 2014

## HMI

We had our third HMI inspection last week and it has been agreed that we are 'making reasonable progress towards the removal of Special Measures'. The Inspectors felt that the progress made by leaders regarding behaviour and achievement were strengths. We need to focus on further improving the quality of teaching across the school and we are working closely with the Local Authority to develop a package of support for all teachers. The full report will be on the Ofsted and school website in a few weeks. We will send more details regarding improvements and a date for the next parent update meeting soon.

## Staff

Miss Lovatt (RL), Mrs Groves (4G) and Mrs Rothwell (3G) will be leaving Priory at Easter. We'd like to thank the teachers for their hard work and wish them the best of luck for the future.

Mrs Hallsworth will be reducing her hours after Easter and will be covering leadership time in several classes across the school for a few days each week.

We will welcome four new teachers after Easter, Miss Alison Bache (RL will be RB), Mr Martin Beattie (3H will be 3B), Mrs Anna Williams (3G will be 3W) and Miss Amy Burton will be teaching and supporting across the school. They will all be spending time in school this half term getting to know the children and working with senior leaders.

Mr Harding will be teaching 4G (now 4H) until July.

Mrs Poole will take over from Mrs Groves as Assistant Headteacher after Easter. She has taken on the role of Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO) and she will move to Year 4 in September.

## Swimming

Years 3 and 4 will continue swimming lessons until the end of term. Please ensure your child brings their swimming kit to school on Fridays.

Year 2 will begin swimming lessons in the Summer Term. Letters will be sent out after the Easter holidays.



Hanford Dental and Implant Centre, are currently taking on new NHS patients to see their foundation dentist. Adults and children are welcome to register. They offer oral health prevention to help you and your child care for and maintain healthy teeth and gums. Contact them on 0844387900 to register your place.

### **Lost Property**

**We have a high volume of unclaimed lost property in school. We will be putting it all out in the KS1 hall on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April during the uniform shop. Please feel free to come along and look for any items which your child may have lost. At the end of term we will donate any unclaimed items to charity**

### **Fundraising**

Thank-you for all of the Food Bank donations sent in so far this term – we have filled one bin already!

### **School Disco**

FOPS Will be holding a school disco on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April for KS1 5:30-6:30pm and KS2 6:45-8pm.

### **Summer Fayre**

The Summer Fayre will be held on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July – more details to follow.

### **Raffle Tickets**

Mrs Fairclough has asked us to distribute Mothers' Day Raffle Tickets again this year to raise funds for Alice Charity. Alice Charity supports vulnerable families in Stoke on Trent and Newcastle. 15% of the money raised from the sale of the tickets will be donated to Priory.

### **Diary Dates:**

Year 2 Food Bank donations	w/c 24 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 1 Food Bank donations	w/c 31 <sup>st</sup> March
Reception and Nursery	w/c 7 <sup>th</sup> April
School Disco	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> April
Easter Church Service for Pupils	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> April
End of Term	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> April
School Opens	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> April
School Closed (staff training)	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May
May Day (school closed)	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May
European Elections (school closed to pupils)	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May
Summer Fayre	Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> July