

Priory Newsletter

November 2014

A message from Miss Keen

As many of you are aware, we had our fifth and final HMI Inspection last week. It was successful and the report will be available in around two weeks.

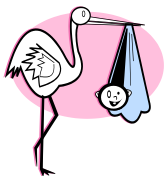
Thank you to those of you who spoke to the Inspection Team. We are now awaiting our full Ofsted Inspection which should remove us from Special Measures. This is likely to be sometime during the Spring Term. We will continue to work hard on our priorities so that we improve as much as possible before this Inspection. Thank you for your ongoing support.



Ambassadors

We have introduced Year 6 Priory Ambassadors at the request of the School Council. They are an exceptional group of pupils who are dedicated to being positive role-models and to helping Priory improve. Please look out for them around school and at events, they wear a slightly different uniform and a huge smile.

They have developed their own role descriptions. The Ambassadors are supporting other children in Key Stage 2 during playtimes. They have just begun a new project to create a more peaceful lunchtime environment. This week they have delivered a presentation to prospective parents and led tours of the school. They are very excited to offer all parents a tour of the school so that they can share with you our improvements. These tours will take place on 3rd December at 9:30am and 1:30pm. Please support our Ambassadors and book a place by contacting school on 01782 233 585 or email priory@prioryceprimary.org.



Staffing

We have exciting news as both Mrs Davies (Miss Dukes) and Mrs Poole are expecting babies. Mrs Poole will be taking maternity leave starting in January and Mrs Davies around Easter. Mrs Poole will be replaced temporarily by Mr Pattison (4P will still be 4P). We will appoint a teacher for 2D during the spring term.

Other staffing changes:

Mrs Washington will be our SENCO from January.

Mrs Williams leaves us at the end of this term.

Mr Rogers is moving to Year 3 in January (3W will become 3R). He will also be joining the leadership team and leading Year 3 and 4.

Mrs Clarke will be joining us in January and teaching Year 5 (5R will become 5C).

Year 6 Open Afternoon

Year 6 will be holding a parent/pupil workshop on Thursday 18th December - **details to follow**.

FOPS DISCO

FOPS Christmas Disco will be held on Tuesday 2nd December at 5:30-6:30pm for Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 and 6:45-8pm for Key Stage 2



Christmas Lunch

Christmas lunch will be served on Thursday 18th December. Please return your menu choices to school by Monday 1st December.

Data Collection

We have recently sent home data collection sheets containing information about your child. Please check that all of the information is correct and amend where necessary. It is important that you **sign** the sheet **even if there are no amendments** and return by **Friday 28th November**.

Lunch Boxes

Please ensure that lunch boxes are **clearly named** and encourage your child to collect them at the end of each day.

E-Safety

The E-Safety Council, led by Mr. Aked, ran a very successful campaign at Parents' Evening, promoting the important issues of E-Safety. Thank you to the members of the council who worked very hard creating and communicating the message. May we take this opportunity to remind parents of the importance of E-Safety and having an open discussion with children about their internet usage. One of the key messages from the Parents' Evening was that of password security. Shortly, each child from Year 2 upwards will be given a username and password for a Priory email account, accessible from the school website. The passwords have been devised by the children to help make them memorable. These email accounts will make it very easy for children to email each other, while giving Priory staff the chance to monitor, should the need arise, any communications of an unsuitable nature. Please discuss the importance of E-Safety with your children to ensure we can stay as safe as possible both online and offline.

Fundraising



Playground Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who sent in donations for our Playground Fundraiser. We raised the incredible amount of £561.01!



Children in Need

We raised a fantastic £300 For Children in Need! Thank you to everyone who supported this worthwhile cause.



Book Fair

We raised a marvellous £273.08 from our recent Book Fair. The funds will be used to buy new books for our reading areas in the classrooms.

Diary Dates

Year 1 Visit from Stoke City Roadshow
Y1 Grandparents Wii Challenge Day 1:15pm
Nursery Trip to Foxfield Railway
FOPS Disco Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 **5:30-6:30pm**
FOPS Disco Key Stage 2 **6:45-8pm**
Ambassadors Tours 9:30am and 1:30pm
Reception Trip to Birches Valley
Year 2 Christmas Activity Morning at Trentham Methodist Church
Nursery Christmas Sing-Along 1:30pm
Reception & KS1 Concert 1:30pm
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Church Service (Pupils Only)
Christmas Lunch
Year 6 Open Afternoon
Christmas Party
End of Term
School Opens

Tuesday 25th November
Friday 28th November
Monday 1st December
Tuesday 2nd December
Tuesday 2nd December
Wednesday 3rd December
Tuesday 9th December
Wednesday 10th December
Wednesday 10th December
Tuesday 16th December
Wednesday 17th December
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Friday 19th December
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Monday 5th January