

Priory Newsletter

September

Welcome

Welcome back to the new term, we hope you had a wonderful summer. The children have settled in very well and have been excited to tell us all of their news. Over the summer holidays the school was decorated and new carpets were fitted. Everyone agrees that Priory is looking great! Work starts on phase 1 of our new Key Stage 2 playground next week. The children will be fundraising for phase 2 this term - events and dates to be arranged.

Attendance

Our overall attendance for the last academic year was 96.8%. We would like to thank you for your continued support and hope very much that this year our attendance is even better. Our new target for attendance this academic year is 97%. The City Council has as one of its top priorities the raising of pupils' levels of attainment in all of our schools and it is clear that improving attendance and reducing levels of persistent absence are the most important factors in achieving this goal. This cannot be achieved without your co-operation and we must ask for further support in this crucial area.

Medical Appointments

Medical appointments should be made outside school hours where possible. If your child will be absent from school for a medical appointment please provide evidence in the form of a letter or appointment card, stating the date and time of the appointment.

Pick Up

We would like to remind parents of our safety procedures regarding home time. Children are taken to their exit doors by a teacher or a member of the support staff. They are only released to known adults. Please inform us if you arrange for someone else to collect your child. We will require a password for anyone not known to us. Children from Nursery to Year 2 must be picked up from school by an adult with parental responsibility or a named adult as arranged with school. In exceptional circumstances Nursery to Year 2 can be collected by 16 or 17 year old siblings if this has been arranged with the school. Children in Year 3 and 4 may be collected by older siblings of high school age but should not walk home alone. Children in Year 5 and 6 may walk home alone.

Class Photos

If you have not already done so, please return your photographic consent form by Monday 22nd September. Your child will not be included in the class photographs if we have not received your form. Academy photographers will be in school on **Thursday 25th September** to take whole class photographs, **except Nursery and Reception.** Nursery and Reception will have their class photographs taken when the photographers are in school again, to take individual and sibling photographs, on **Thursday 13th November.** Any younger siblings not attending school may be photographed together with their brothers/sisters at 8:15am, before the start of the school day. As our year 6 pupils will be at Stanley Head during the week commencing 10th November, Academy will return on **Monday 17th November** to take their photographs. Sibling photographs will be taken at 8:15am. Any children absent on the 13th November will have their photographs taken on this day.

After School Clubs

After school clubs will start the week commencing Monday 29th September and will run until the week commencing 8th December (no clubs during the last week of term except Mr Proctor's athletics). May we please remind you that clubs should be paid for termly, in advance, by Friday 26th September.

Fundraising

Children in Need

This year we will be supporting Children In Need. The event will take place on Friday 14th November. The details are as yet to be arranged. However, should we be informed of an inspection on Wednesday 12th November, we would postpone our event until Monday 17th November.

Food Bank

Thank you to those of you who donated food items for our Food Bank collection. We collected a total of 42.9kg of food throughout July. We will be supporting the charity again this term. Each Year group has been allocated a week (see below), when they can donate foods such as canned goods and dried foods. We appreciate your support and generosity but please do not donate any foods which need refrigerating. Your donations can be placed in the Food Bank donations container just outside Miss Keen's office.

Year Group.	Donations gratefully received during the week beginning.
Year Five.	22 nd September
Year Six.	29 th September
Year Four.	6 th October
Year Three.	13 th October
Year Two.	20 th October
Year One.	3 rd November
Reception and Nursery.	10 th November

Morrisons Let's Grow Vouchers

Please send in your Morrisons Let's Grow vouchers - we have a collection box outside of the school office.

Diary Dates

Class Photos	Thursday 25 th September
Bug Club Information Session 2:30pm-4pm	Thursday 25 th September
Stanley Head meeting for parents 6pm	Thursday 25 th September
Half Term	Monday 27 th October to Friday 31 st October
School Opens	Monday 3 rd November
Parents Evening 5pm-8pm	Tuesday 4 th November
Parents Evening 3:30pm-6pm	Wednesday 5 th November
Academy Photo	Thursday 13 th November
Academy Y6 Photos	Monday 17 th November
EYFS & KS1 Concert	Tuesday 16 th & Wednesday 17 th December
End of Term	Friday 19 th December
School Opens	Monday 5 th January