

# Priory Newsletter

September 2015

## Welcome Back

Welcome back to the new term, we hope you all had a wonderful summer. The children have settled in very well and have been excited to tell us all of their news. Mrs Woolliscroft and the Nursery staff are very proud of how well their new children are settling in to school life. They are a credit to the school already and are looking forward to an exciting year at Priory.

## Assessment Information Evening

On Wednesday October 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. we will be hosting an evening to further explain the recent changes to assessment for Year 1 to Year 6. Senior Leaders will present on how we assess in English, Mathematics and across the curriculum. There will also be opportunity for you to ask any questions.

## Parents Evening and Book Fair

Parents Evening will take place on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 5-8 p.m. and Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 4-6 p.m. The Book Fair will be open on both evenings.

## Elections

We recently held our first ever school election for the Year 6 Priory Ambassadors. The children enjoyed the day and felt very grown up when they voted in the hall. A big thank you to all candidates for the effort they put into their campaigns. I am looking forward to working with the new Ambassadors and know they will be a real asset to our school. Well done: Michael, Emily, Kelsie, Taylor, Poppy, Charlotte, Cameron, Jake, Charanjiv, Gursharan, Freya, Hannah and Zoe.

## Staff roles:

Mrs Derbyshire began her new role this term as a full time Learning Mentor. She provides support for pupils who may need help to access learning or with behaviour during lunchtime. She also oversees and supports the Friendships Buddies and Peer Mediators. Most mornings and afternoons she will be around the school gates with our Home School Link Worker Mrs Tindall. If you have any messages or issues you wish to discuss please feel free to approach either of them.



## My Maths

We are continuing to use My Maths for our maths homework in KS2 and to supplement learning in KS1. You should by now have received your child's personal username and password. As well as providing homework there are lots of games and activities for the children to access on the site and it is well worth visiting.



## Class Dojo

If you have not signed up already, we would encourage you to do so quickly. You should have received a letter with your personal log in details. Class Dojo is an immediate way for staff to communicate with parents and vice-versa. We are recording all merits and warnings through the dojos and lots of staff have been uploading class stories, highlighting some of the work they have been doing. We are also able to send and receive messages but **if they are urgent, such as a change to the person collecting a child, you must notify the school office and not message via Dojos.** Please note that the teachers will respond to messages when they can and are not expected to respond during evenings or at weekends.

## Bug Club

Pupils develop reading skills best when they read daily, Bug Club is an engaging on-line tool for children to read at their own level and answer questions to develop crucial comprehension skills. The school code is: pcoe and all children have a unique username and password, to enable them to access their account. Visit <https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/login?v=pupil&c=0> to log on.

## The School Day

Please be reminded that the school day starts at 8:50 a.m. and the doors are open from 8:45 a.m. Please ensure that your child arrives on time each day for registration.

## Parent Volunteers

We are appealing for parent volunteers to come into school to listen to the children reading. If you can help, please contact the school office.

## School Gateway App

If you haven't already done so, you can download the "School Gateway" app to your Apple or Android mobile phone and use it to send/receive free text messages/emails and to pay for after school clubs and trips. Please ensure that we have your current email address and mobile telephone number.

## Year 6 Secondary School Application Deadline

The deadline for Year 6 secondary school applications is Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October. Please apply via [https://www.admissions.stoke.gov.uk/ccsenterprise\\_admissionsonline\\_live/](https://www.admissions.stoke.gov.uk/ccsenterprise_admissionsonline_live/)

## Fundraising

### Non-Uniform Fundraiser for Syrian Refugee Children

We are having a non-uniform day to raise money for the refugee children of Syria. This is going to take place on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2015. We suggest a donation of £1 per family, on the day.

### Harvest



Our Harvest Celebration will take place on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October, at 9:10 a.m. As always, parents are invited to join us. We will be supporting Stoke on Trent Food Bank again this year and kindly ask that you bring your donations of food on the day.

## FOPS

FOPS would like to thank everyone who attended the Welcome Barbeque. It was lovely to see so many people there and was a very enjoyable evening.

### Fops Coffee Morning

On the 9<sup>th</sup> October FOPS will be holding a coffee morning in school at 9:00-10:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome to come along and find out how to become involved with FOPS, particularly if you find it hard to get to the evening meetings but you would like to offer your support.

### Fops Meeting

The next FOPS meeting will take place in school on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 7p.m.

### FOPS Christmas Chocolate Bingo

FOPS will be hosting an evening of Christmas Chocolate Bingo on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 5:30-8:00 p.m. Please come along and enjoy what promises to be a fun evening. FOPS will be appealing for donations of chocolate nearer the time.

### FOPS Discos

FOPS Discos will take place on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December - more information to follow.

## Diary Dates

Year 5 Space Centre Trip

Assessment Information Evening

FOPS Coffee Morning 9-10 a.m.

Non-uniform Syria Fundraiser

Parents Evening and Book Fair 5-8pm

Parents Evening and Book Fair 4-6pm

Year 6 Stanley Head Week

Year 1 Christening

Harvest

Academy Consultation Evening at Trentham High School 6:30-8p.m.

Year 1 Teddy Bear Birthday Party (Dress up in pyjamas)

Half Term

Year 2 Around The World Dress Up Day

Year 6 Superheroes Dress Up Day

Academy Photographs

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October

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Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October

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w/c Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October

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w/c Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

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Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November