

Priory Newsletter

January 2016

An Important Note from Miss Keen

If you need to speak to me or arrange a meeting, please contact the office rather than use Dojo. I receive a notification for every addition to a class story along with messages to me. As you can imagine within a few days there are over 100 notifications. This means I sometimes miss important messages from parents. You are more than welcome to send me non-urgent messages this way and I will respond as soon as I know they are there.

Stoke Reads 100

We are taking part in 'Stoke Reads 100', a citywide hunt to find the best reads around. The children have been voting for their favourite book. The Ambassadors will collate the votes to find a winner for each category and then we will submit them to Stoke-on-Trent City Council. Look out for Priory's top 3 reads for each category in the coming weeks and Stoke's top 100 in mid-February. Who knows, you may discover a new favourite!

Parents' Evening will take place on **Tuesday 9th February** at 5-8pm and **Wednesday 10th February** at 4-6pm.

The Book Fair will be open on **Tuesday 9th February** and **Wednesday 10th February** during **parents evening**.

Lost Property

Can we please remind you to put your child's name in all items of their uniform as we have lots of un-named uniform items in lost our property boxes. We will have the lost property out on display during parents evening next week for you to look for missing items.

Year 6 Harry Potter World Visit

Year 6 will visit Harry Potter World, in London, on **Tuesday 23rd February**. The children will need to be at school at **7:20am** on the day. The coach will leave London at 4:30pm and estimate arriving back at Priory at **approximately 8pm, traffic permitting**. Should we be delayed on the way home we will contact you via Class Dojo

Year 2 Grandparents Afternoon

Year 2 Grandparents are invited into school on **Friday 26th February** at 2 p.m. for coffee and biscuits. As a continuation of their topic and following their visit to Gladstone Museum, the children will be asking what life was like for them growing up in The Potteries.

Maths Fest

On **Tuesday 1st March** we will be holding our first ever 'Priory Math-Fest' throughout the whole school, including Nursery and Reception. This will be an exciting day where we intend to raise the profile of the subject. The children are asked to dress up in any maths related costume - it could be a famous mathematician, involve shape or number, be based on a related story or rhyme, include pattern or symmetry of some sort - be as creative as possible.

SPAG.Com

We have recently purchased 'SPAG.com' which is a fully interactive online SPAG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) resource for children, across the school, to access both in class and at home. It offers an enormous range of activities to consolidate the SPAG topics taught at school and will be used for homework activities and an extension of tasks in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. Each child has been issued with a username and password. To log on, access:

<https://www.spag.com/>

RRS SQUAD

Following Reverend Nichola Jones' visit to school last week, the RRS Squad are looking into supporting the Star of Joy School in Bethlehem. More details will follow shortly but we will be asking donations of teddy bears of all sizes.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers



We are collecting 'Sainsbury's Active Kids' vouchers again this year. There is a collection box for the children to post their vouchers in the main entrance hall, outside the school office.

FOPS

Fops Meeting

The next FOPS meeting will take place in school on Monday 29th January at 6 p.m.

Cake Sale

Fops will be having a Cake Sale in school on Thursday 11th and Friday 12th February at 3:10-3:45 p.m.

Easter Chocolate Bingo

Easter Chocolate Bingo will take place on Friday 18th March. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., eyes down at 6 p.m. FOPS will be appealing for donations of chocolate nearer the time.

Fun Day

Our Fun Day will be held on Saturday 2nd July. More information will follow.

Diary Dates

Year 2 Visit to Gladstone
Parents' Evening and Book Fair 5-8 p.m.
Parents' Evening and Book Fair 4-6 p.m.
Year 1 Aladdin Dress-up Day
Half Term
School Opens
Year 6 Visit to Harry Potter World
Year 2 Grandparents Afternoon 2 p.m.
Math-Fest
Last Day of Term
Good Friday
School Closed for Staff Training
School Closed for Staff Training
School Opens
May Day
School Closed for Elections
Half Term
End of Term
School Closed for Staff Training

Tuesday 9th February
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Wednesday 10th February
Friday 12th February
w/c Monday 15th February
Monday 22nd February
Tuesday 23rd February
Friday 26th February
Tuesday 1st March
Thursday 24th March
Friday 25th March
Thursday 7th April
Friday 8th April
Monday 11th April
Monday 2nd May
Thursday 5th May
w/c Monday 30th June
Thursday 21st July
Friday 22nd July

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