

# Priory Newsletter

## September 2019

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### Welcome Back

Welcome back to the new term. The children have settled in very well and have been excited to tell us all of their news. The Nursery and Reception 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.

### Governors

We have welcomed 5 new governors to our Governing Board: Edwin Lewis has been appointed as Local Authority Governor and Chair of the Board; Rebecca Fairclough has been appointed as staff Governor; Patricia Hargreaves has been appointed as Foundation Governor; and Vicky Dutton and Clare Hancock have been appointed as parent Governors. Our Board will be available to speak to parents and carers on Parents' Evenings in October. More information about Governance at Priory can be found on our [website](#).



### Healthy Schools Award

We are delighted to inform you that we have been awarded the Healthy Schools Award! We have demonstrated that Priory is continuing to embed and improve provision against the four core areas of Healthy Schools - Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE), Healthy Eating, Physical Activity, and Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH).

### Ninja Vocabulary

To support all aspects of learning, including reading and knowledge, we are having a focus on vocabulary and are aiming to grow our children's brains to grow one word at a time. We are proud to introduce the Vocabulary Ninja in KS1 and KS2, and the Word Wizard in Early Years! Each week the Ninja and the Wizard bring a word to the class and together we learn what it means. Weekly challenges are set to get the children used their new word in a variety of situations. Listen out for those new words!

### Curriculum at Priory

In order to further support the focus of each topic and to help aid the children's memory, we have also added 'Key Knowledge Points' (KKPs) and topic related vocabulary expectations to each topic. Hopefully, by having this extra focus, these areas will stay in the children's long term memory. The children will know this as 'Ninja Knowledge'

### Accelerated Reader

Accelerated Reader is back in Key Stage 2! 7 pupils were awarded the coveted title of 'Word Millionaire' last year, for reading 1 million words throughout the year. The challenge to find this year's millionaires is on. Remember for each quiz passed, your child will 'win' the words in their book. There are prizes for every child who becomes a millionaire. Happy reading and quizzing!

### Forest Schools

Mrs Fairclough has been hard at work gaining her Level 3 Forest School Practitioner Qualification and is now 3 weeks into the first cluster of sessions. The children have had lots of fun so far, learning about nature, creating woodland art, practicing fire lighting in our new fire circle and developing their knot tying skills. Ten children from Years 4 and 5 have been selected and there will be opportunities for other children to take part in this long term project. We are intending to run 3 blocks of 10 week sessions per year, with a long term goal to create our own woodland on the lower KS2 field. Mrs Fairclough is welcoming donations of wellies and fire wood, or anything else that might be of use.

## Free School Meals

Free school meals are available for children in Nursery and Key Stage 2 whose parents are in receipt of certain benefits. Please visit [Online Free School Meals](#) to [find out if your child is eligible](#).

## Harvest Festival

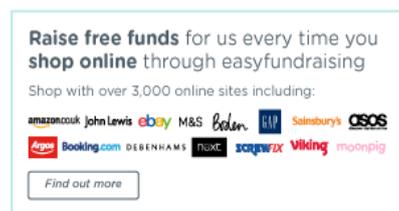
We will be holding our traditional Harvest Festival on **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October, 9:05am**. We are supporting [Stoke-on-Trent Foodbank](#) again this year. If you would like to contribute, please send any preserved or tinned foods into school from **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October** to display in the hall. Please come along and support this important event in the school and church calendar - we look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

## All Stars

All Stars Out of School Club are setting up a charity shop in their role play area and are appealing for donations clothes, handbags, toys, clothes rails, fancy dress, appropriate bric-a-brac etc. All donations will be taken to the local charity shop when the role play is changed.

## Time 4 Sport Holiday Provision

Time 4 Sport will be providing our half term holiday camp from **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November**, 8:00am-5:30pm. Flexible booking times are available for working parents (8am-5:30pm). Prices start from £13.50 a day and siblings receive a 10% discount. Open to children aged 4-12! Limited spaces are available so we suggest early booking to avoid disappointment! Please use the following link for bookings: <http://www.time4sportuk.com/>



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## Diary Dates

### Year 5 Leicester Space Centre

Class Photographs

Harvest Festival 9:05am

iSingPOP concert (time TBC)

Staff Training (school closed)

Year 6 Kingswood Residential

FOPS Meeting 5:45pm

Year 1 Christening Service

Year 2 Visit to Chester Zoo

Parents Evening 4:30-7:30pm

Parents Evening 4-6pm

Academy Photographs

Year 6 Parent Workshop 1:30 p.m. -3:00 p.m.

Ambassadors & School Council - Council Chambers Visit

Time 4 Sport Half Term Holiday Camp

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October

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Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October

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Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October-Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November



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