



Priory Rise School Newsletter

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Tuesday 31st October 2023

Value of the Month: Appreciation

Dear Parents/Friends,

Welcome to the start of a new half term. As always, we have so much planned for the next few weeks and we are looking forward to children and families sharing in many of these events together.

Friends of Priory Rise News - Firework Spectacular reminder

On Thursday of this week, we will be hosting our annual fireworks event. This is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year, and one not to be missed, so don't delay in purchasing your tickets!



Our card machines can be a little slow, so where possible please can you bring **CASH! In addition, please** ensure that you bring your tickets so they are ready to view on your phone (signal is poor so please download them before arriving) or print them out and bring a copy with you to speed up the entry process.

Tickets are £3.50 each (under 4s are free) and can be bought online at www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofprioryrise

Gates open from 5pm on Thursday 2nd November with the display starting at 6.15pm.

We look forward to seeing you all there!

Christmas Card Fundraiser

The Friends of Priory Rise are excited to announce the return of our very popular Christmas Card fundraiser!

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This week, your children will bring home their Christmas card designs that they have worked so incredibly hard on. Details of how to purchase the cards (and a range of other gifts) will also be included. This will highlight the deadline of Monday 13th November to place your order by to benefit from free delivery back to school and, in turn, raise vital funds for our school. Families can order after this date but there will be a delivery charge and the school will not receive any fundraising monies for late or repeat orders, so please make sure you order everything you would like promptly.



Keep an eye out in your child's bag this week!

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Staffing News



You may already be aware that our wonderful Miss Hannah Huish, teacher in Bright Class, is expecting her first baby. She is now taking up her maternity leave and I am sure that everyone will join with us in wishing her the very best as she prepares for the safe arrival of her new baby.

From Tuesday 31st October - tomorrow - Miss Lucy Scrivener, will be taking up the role of teacher in Bright Class for the rest of the school year. Miss Scrivener is an excellent, experienced and well-respected member of the teaching team at Priory Rise who has worked at the school for a number of years. We are very pleased that she is returning to Priory Rise and will be teaching Bright Class for the rest of the school year.

Miss Scrivener has already visited the children in school and had a detailed handover from Miss Huish to enable a fluid transition from teacher to teacher, to ensure that provision for the children in Bright Class is smooth and continuous.

Blue Friday – Fundraising Day

November is Diabetes Awareness Month and the colour associated with diabetes is **blue**.

On Friday of this week, we are raising awareness and funds for the charity JDRF - the charity that raises money to fund

research to find a cure for Type 1 Diabetes. On this day we will all be encouraging everyone to come to school wearing something with the colour blue for the day and asking families to donate £1 each or however much families are able.



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One of the diabetes specialist nurses will be visiting assembly on Friday morning to speak to all the children to explain what Type 1 diabetes is and how it affects children with this condition. One of our children has recently been diagnosed with this condition and has had to make significant adaptations to her everyday routines in order to manage this condition – which she does brilliantly! We hope that this will be a positive learning opportunity for us all to develop an understanding of what anyone with this condition experiences every day.

Information about the important work of the JDRF charity can be found at their website: <https://jdrf.org.uk/about-jdrf-and-our-impact/our-research/>

Parent Pop-Ins

In the next few weeks, we will be hosting year group 'Parent Pop-In' sessions - at the beginning of the school day - for families to come into school with their children to see the classrooms in action at the start of the school day, see where the children work and greet the class teachers and support team. We appreciate that the start of the school day is busy and many parents have to get off to work themselves, so these sessions will only last for 15 minutes, but we are keen to welcome families into school to see the environment where the children are working. These sessions will take place on the following days:



- Year 1 parents – on the morning of Monday 6th November – 8.30 – 8.50am
- Year 2 parents – on the morning of Wednesday 8th November – 8.30 – 8.50am
- Year 3 parents – on the morning of Monday 13th November – 8.40 – 9am
- Year 4 parents – on the morning of Wednesday 15th November – 8.40 – 9am
- Years 5 and 6 parents – on the morning of Thursday 16th November – 8.40 – 9am

We look forwards to welcoming all our parents and carers into schools for these sessions.

Dates for your diary for this half term

Please see below the dates in your diaries for this term:

- Monday 30th October – Inset Day
- Tuesday 31st October – Children are welcomed back into school
- Thursday 2nd November – Parent tours in school for prospective parents – 9.30 am and 1.30pm
- Thursday 2nd November – Friends of Priory Rise Fireworks Spectacular event



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- Friday 3rd November – Blue Friday – children and staff come to school dressed in blue and donate to the charity JDRF – see above
- Monday 6th November - Year 1 parent pop-in – 8.30 – 8.50am
- Tuesday 7th November – individual and sibling photos across the school
- Wednesday 8th November - Year 2 parent pop-in – 8.30 – 8.50am
- Friday 10th November – Divali celebrations in school – children to dress in bright colours or traditional dress
- Monday 13th November - Year 3 parent pop-in – 8.40 – 9am
- Monday 13th November – Odd Socks Day – start of Anti-Bullying Week in school
- Wednesday 15th November - Year 4 parent pop-in – 8.40 – 9am
- Wednesday 15th November – 1.30pm – Parent tour in school for prospective parents
- Thursday 16th November – Years 5 and 6 parent pop-in – 8.40 – 9am
- Friday 17th November – Children in Need Day
- Monday 20th November - Key Stage 2 production of ‘The Wizard of Oz’ (Years 3, 5 and 6) at Shenley Brook End School Theatre
- Tuesday 21st November – 9.30am - Parent tour in school for prospective parents
- Tuesday 21st November - Key Stage 2 production of ‘The Wizard of Oz’ (Years 4, 5 and 6) at Shenley Brook End School Theatre
- Monday 20th, Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd November – Nursery and Reception parent consultations
- Thursday 23rd November – 1.30pm - Parent tour in school for prospective parents
- Friday 1st December – Nursery Christmas Songs – Small Hall – 9.15am and 2.30pm
- Wednesday 6th December - FS Christmas songs - 8.50am and 2.30pm – Large Hall
- Thursday 7th December - Year 1 Christmas performance - 2.15pm Large Hall
- Friday 8th December - Outdoor Christmas Carols – after school
- Thursday 14th December – Year 2 Christmas performance - 5.30pm
- Thursday 21st December – Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas Lunch and party afternoon
- Friday 22nd December – Children break for the Christmas holiday

Phew! What a busy half term.

Best regards as always to you all,



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