



# Priory Rise School Newsletter

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## Value of the Month: Generosity

**Dear Parents/Friends,**

Once again, we find ourselves at the end of another busy and vibrant half term, which has included children enjoying taking part in a wide range of visits, residential experiences, music concerts and showcase assemblies. In addition, we are so very proud of our wonderful Year 6 children who managed and conducted themselves in the most amazing manner throughout their end of Key Stage 2 SATs tests.

### **Year 3 Sleepover Success**

We are delighted to report that the Year 3 sleepover that took place last Friday night was another huge success and that the extremely excited children in Year 3 enjoyed a fabulous event together. The weather was kind and children were all able to get out onto the school field to carry out a range of fun competitions and activities before taking part in their very own disco in the small hall. The children were brilliant at organising themselves in their 'dormitories' before going over to the large hall to watch a film with drinks and popcorn.

We were so impressed at the conduct of our children throughout the whole event and even surprised that we all managed to get more sleep than expected! Many thanks also to our amazing staff team who supported the children throughout this event, and without their tireless support and willingly giving of their time and efforts, events like these would not take place. Many thanks to all the staff team – you are amazing!

### **Music Concert Success**

We love music at Priory Rise and we love to inspire our children to take up learning instruments and sharing music in many forms.

On Tuesday of this week, we were delighted to showcase the many musical talents of our wonderful students across the school with families who came to support them and share in the delights of their

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own musical prowess in our annual music concert. This year we were able to use the incredible theatre at Shenley Brook End School, which was a perfect venue for this event to take place and enabled us to welcome more families to this event than we would have been able to do in our own school hall.

Many thanks to all the children who took part and were brave enough to perform, and to our fabulous Mrs Horwood and the wonderful peripatetic teachers who work with these children every week. Thank you and congratulations to all who took part.

## Uniform Reminders



As I referenced in the last newsletter, we love to see our children in school taking such pride in wearing their school uniform. Many thanks to our families for supporting our children in wearing our school uniform so smartly – including our PE uniform on PE days. Maintaining high standards of uniform reflects the high standards that we have of all our children in all aspects of their work at the school and supports us all in showing our belonging to the same Priory Rise family.

In recent times we have noticed that a number of our girls are coming to school wearing skirts that are short, lycra, figure hugging black skirts that are not in line with our school uniform policy. In addition, we have also noticed a number of children wearing tight, short, black lycra cycling shorts on PE days, that is also not in line with our school policy. The policy clearly states that children should wear 'royal blue shadow stripe shorts' of the type shown in the picture here.

With this in mind, please be aware that we do remind children if we see standards in our school uniform are not being upheld.

## Staffing News

As many of you may already know, our fabulous Mr Neal, one of our longstanding sports coaches at the school, is bidding farewell to Priory Rise today, as he takes up a new and exciting job role in London. Mr Neal has been the most wonderful addition to our Priory Rise family, having worked at the school for almost 10 years, nurturing hundreds of children into developing excellent sporting skills and playing an absolutely vital role as a positive role model for all the children across the school.



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Wishing you all the very best in your new job Mr Neal – you are an absolute legend and we all love you so dearly at Priory Rise. You will always be a Priory Riser!

We are delighted to report that after the half term, we will be welcoming Mr Jack Elkington as a new sports coach at Priory Rise, who will be working closely together with our wonderful Mr Smyth to continue to deliver quality PE and sports across the school. I know everyone will join with us to welcome Mr Elkington into our Priory Rise family.

In other news, many of you will know that our wonderful Mrs Hannah Jank, is expecting her baby very soon and will be leaving us a week after the half term holiday to take up her maternity leave. We wish her the absolute best at this special time, as she welcomes baby number 3 into her wonderful family.

It is fortuitous that this change for Paver Class in Year 6 coincides with our lovely Mrs Tanya Paterson returning to us after half term where she will pick up the part-time responsibility of teaching Paver Class – sharing this class with Mrs Goode. We greatly look forward to welcoming Mrs Paterson back into school for the half term.



In addition, we are delighted to inform everyone in our school community that Miss Kerry Leaney is getting married in the half term holiday! I know that you will all join with us to wish her the very best special wedding day and a lifetime of happiness together with her lovely new husband. How wonderful!

## **5 Dimensions Trust Updates from Mr Tony Nelson - CEO**

I am pleased to inform you that after careful consideration, the Department for Education's **Regional Director** has given their full support for the joint plan from leaders and governors across Walton High, Milton Keynes Education Trust (MKET), and 5 Dimensions Trust (5D) to move forwards with Walton High becoming a formal member of our 5D community.

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Although the transfer is now highly probable, it is important to highlight that this is not the final step, as both Trusts need to complete their due diligence process.

This also comes along at an exciting time for primary colleagues as the relationship with Merevalley (Emerson Valley School and Merebrook Infant School) is being cemented. We should receive an update from the Regional Director early next half term as to the next steps with this partnership.

Most importantly colleagues will continue to work together on the key joint projects across our 5 Dimensions, expertly led by Ms Seagar, Mrs White (Executive Head at Merevalley) and their teams.



As always, please do not hesitate to drop me a line if you have any questions or comments via my PA, Lindsay Mercer, at [lmercer@mket.org.uk](mailto:lmercer@mket.org.uk)

Kind regards,

Mr T Nelson

## **Sporting News**

The year 5-6 girls football team completed their season by finishing unbeaten in the last 4 matches: winning 3 and drawing 1. The girls have shown a real improvement each week and should be extremely proud of themselves.

Squad: Lili, Neriah, Rachel, Amy, Daniella, Savannah, Ellie, Taisa, Valeria.

The year 3-4 swimming team were amazing in the recent Gala: winning 8 races and having plenty of top 3 finishes. As a team we came just outside the medal places. Well done team!

Squad: Olivia M, Arianna, Alice, Maria, Vivaan, Oscar, Matthew, Jude

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## Safeguarding Snippet – Parent/Family Contacts



Today we are highlighting our procedures for contact details for children.

In line with 'Keeping Children Safe in Education', our policy states that we must have the contact details of **at least 2** adults on our school records for each child.

Please help us in keeping these details up-to-date. If families move house or parents change phone numbers, please help us in informing us of the new, relevant details. This may be vital in contacting families in the event of an emergency. Thank you all in advance for your support.

### And Finally...

Please be aware that Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June is an INSET day for staff training in school and that we will be welcoming children back into school to begin the last half term of the school year on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June**. We look forward to welcoming all the children back on this day.

Best regards as always to you all,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Ruth Seagar'.

Ruth Seagar

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