



Priory Rise School Newsletter

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Value of the Month: Integrity

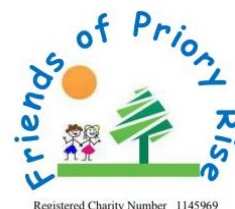
Dear Parents/Friends,

It is wonderful to see all our children settled into our school routines and eager to learn at the start of this new school year – including our newly inducted Foundation Stage and Nursery children alongside a number of new children across the rest of the school.

I would like to thank all of our parents, carers and staff for their support in assisting our children in settling into the new school year. This partnership hugely enables our young people to feel safe and happy in their new classes, enabling them to thrive as the school year develops. Thank you all.

Friends of Priory Rise – update

As you all are aware our Friends of Priory Rise do an incredible job in providing events for families and children to attend and in raising money to support the children in school with resources and equipment. Our wonderful annual P-Fest and our annual fireworks events are just two of the huge successful events that take place in school and over the years has raised significant vital funds to provide additional resources for children in school.



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On Wednesday of last week, we hosted the Annual General Meeting for the Friends, where accounts and reports were shared and a brand new team of trustees were voted onto the committee. We are delighted that we have been able to continue this invaluable work that supports the school so much and provides such great events for the school across the year. Across the year, the Friends of Priory Rise will be seeking the support of other parent volunteers to assist in running their events. Once again, may

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I encourage everyone, if you are able to support the Friends of Priory Rise in any way possible, please share this with the school office and we can pass this information onto the FoPR committee, who will welcome you onto the 'Friends' team. We are really keen to support new parents either onto the committee or to encourage additional support at events that are run by the Friends.

The next big event that FoPR are organising is the annual fireworks evening which is due to take place on Thursday 7th November. Tickets for this event will go on sale in the week prior to half term, Watch this space!

NSPCC Assemblies and Workshops

Priory Rise has been participating in the amazing 'Speak Out, Stay Safe' programme offered by the NSPCC. Over the last 2 weeks children in Years 1-6 have participated in the Speak Out, Stay Safe assembly featuring Ant and Dec, then completed a workshop in class. The aims are to help children understand:

- abuse in all its forms, including bullying;
- the ability to recognise the signs of abuse;
- how to protect themselves from all forms of abuse;
- to make children aware of how to get help and the sources of help available to them, including Childline.



Yesterday, we were delighted to welcome volunteers, Vi and Leona, from NSPCC to present workshops to our wonderful children in Years 2, 5 and 6. Each child received a buddy workbook which they completed under the guidance of the volunteer during the workshop. The workshop was interactive with the NSPCC mascot Buddy whom the children were excited to meet. Keeping our wonderful children safe is our top priority, and we hope

by facilitating the NSPCC in school has supported their understanding and confidence with being able to manage this for themselves.

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Open Evening – Wednesday 13th November - and Parent Tours for Prospective Parents



On Wednesday 13th November, we are holding an Open Evening in school for prospective new families who are exploring whether they would like their children to join our wonderful school community and for any families of new children who have joined the school in September. During the evening, I will be delivering an information presentation in the school hall for prospective families, at 5.15pm, and there will be tours around the school, conducted by our Year 6 students.

In addition, over the coming weeks, myself, Mrs Dobson and Mrs Benham-Smith will be conducting parent tours for prospective families. These will take place on the following dates and times:

- Monday 14th October – 9.30am
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- Tuesday 22nd October – 9.30am
- Tuesday 22nd October – 1.30pm
- Thursday 7th November – 1.30pm
- Monday 11th November – 9.30am
- Monday 11th November – 1.30pm

Throughout the duration of these tours, we will be sharing our school vision, ethos and available to answer questions and queries about the workings of our wonderful school.

If you know of any prospective parents who may be interested in attending these tours, please let them know or ask them to call in to the school office for details.

We welcome any new families to come along and see what we are all about.

Harvest Assembly



On Friday 4th October, we will be celebrating harvest time, in our special harvest assembly in school. Children will learn about the meaning of harvest and why we celebrate harvest at this time of year.

Once again at this time, we are supporting the Milton Keynes Food Bank and we are asking families to send in donations, which will go directly to local families in need. We recognise that in this time of financial hardship for many, this valuable resource will be a welcome support for many in our community. We will be displaying all the

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donations in the school hall across the week, and at the end of the assembly, these items will be collected by the Milton Keynes Food Bank.

During these particularly tough times, the Food Bank provide food and provisions for many families who are in need of their services and have been particularly busy supporting families in our Milton Keynes community.

Particular items that would be welcomed by The Food Bank urgently need at this time are:

We urgently need the following products:

- Tinned Meat
- Tinned Fish
- Long Life Milk
- Juice or Squash
- Cooking Oil
- Spreads – Jams, Peanut Butter, or Chocolate Spread
- Tinned Pasta
- Pasta Sauce
- Tinned Fruit
- Dried Rice – 500g
- Tinned Veg
- Dried Pasta
- Tinned Soups
- Savoury Snacks/Cereal Bars
- Toiletries



Please note that they are currently over stocked with baked beans.

Thank you to everyone in anticipation of your generous donations.

School Uniform

It has been so great to see our children returning to 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 the PE uniform. We thank our parents in advance for support in maintaining high standards of school uniform across the school.

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. With that in mind, we do remind children about this if we see standards in our school uniform are not being upheld. We have noticed that a number of our children have taken to wearing their PE kit uniform on days when they are not involved in PE lessons.



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Please can families support us in keeping our high standards in uniform by encouraging children to wear their proper school uniform on the right days.

In addition, once again, may I remind everyone that our PE uniform consists of wearing black trainers on PE days. Many thanks.

Safeguarding Snippet – Designated Safeguarding Leads in School

All our staff at Priory Rise have received updated safeguarding training – keeping the culture of vigilance in safeguarding and child protection at the school extremely high and informing everyone of the new changes to ‘Keeping Children Safe in Education 2024’.



At Priory Rise, keeping our children safe from harm is paramount to the work that we do with our children. We use an online system – CPOMS – to support us further in ensuring that our safeguarding systems are as efficient and robust as possible.

The Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) at Priory Rise School are:

- Ms Ruth Seagar (Headteacher) - Designated Safeguarding Lead
- Mrs Cath Dobson (Deputy Head) - Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
- Mrs Corinne Benham-Smith (Deputy Head) - Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
- Mrs Kate Truan (Assistant Head) - Assistant Designated Safeguarding Lead
- Mrs Laura Pry (Assistant Head) - Assistant Designated Safeguarding Lead
- Mrs Vickie Snell (SEND Lead and Senior Leader) - Assistant Designated Safeguarding Lead
- Mrs Emma Pocock (Learning Mentor) - Assistant Designated Safeguarding Lead
- Miss Lucy Ashby (Learning Mentor) – Assistant Designated Safeguarding Lead
- Mr Mark Gibbs (Play Leader for Early Birds and Night Owls) - Assistant Designated Safeguarding Lead

Parent Survey Responses



Once again, many thanks to those who took the time to complete the parent survey that was sent out at the end of last term. I have now had time to collate the responses and have put together a summary of our responses to the main queries that were raised as a result. The summary will go out to parents with this newsletter – please take a look. We are delighted that the responses are overwhelmingly positive, however, your views and opinions are so very important to us in shaping and continually developing our provision. Thank you all once again for your responses.

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Water Bottle Reminder – please help!

A quick request and reminder to everyone - please do not put water bottles in book bags! We have seen so many books in bags being ruined because water bottles have leaked onto books when placed in bookbags. Thank you so much for your support with this.

Sporting Updates from Mr Neal and Mr Elkington

Sporting Platinum Award

We are delighted to report that we have been awarded the Sainsbury's Platinum school games mark for our work in sports during curricular and extra-curricular activities. Platinum is awarded after 5 consecutive years of winning Gold. We are thrilled with this wonderful achievement, which truly reflects the exceptional sporting provision across the school. Huge congratulations to our PE team at the school – Mrs Dean, Mr Smyth and Mr Elkington – just fabulous!



Netball Success



Despite the rain, our Years 5/6 girls netball team played in their opening 3 matches of the netball league this week. The girls won 1, drew 1 and lost 1. They learnt lots on the night and are eagerly looking forward to the next round of matches already.

Many congratulations to our squad: Rachel, Neriah, Daniella, Valeria, Chana, Dea, Julia, Vicky.

Dates for your diary until the end of this half term

Friday 4th October 2024 – Harvest

Friday 11th October 2024 - Black History Day

Friday 25th October 2024 - Diwali Day

Friday 25th October 2024 - Half term

Monday 4th November- INSET day.



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And finally...

We have already hit the ground running with a busy start to the term. School is so settled and calm, with an atmosphere of a purposeful working buzz. Wonderful.

Many thanks to all our families in supporting such an excellent start to the school year.

Best regards as always to you all,

Once again, thank you so much for your wonderful support and continued commitment to the school.

Best regards as always,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ruth Seagar". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped 'R' and 'S'.

Ruth Seagar

Headteacher

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