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“We work with PRIDE”

Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome back from all the staff at Priory Junior School. I hope you have all had a wonderful summer holiday and are ready for an exciting term ahead. A special welcome to our new pupils and families; I hope you will be very happy here. It has been wonderful to see the children rush through the gates, full of energy, excited to see each other again as a new school year begins. Thank you for ensuring that your child is wearing the correct uniform and black school shoes - they all looked very smart today. Please could you make sure that your children’s uniform and PE kits have been labelled - this way, lost items always make it back to the rightful owner.

Staff

Below is our staff team - if at any time you have a question or concern please speak to our office team who will answer your queries or direct you to the member of staff who can help. You can speak to your child’s teacher before or after school but please report to the school office first to make an appointment.

<p>Teachers: The Den and classroom support: Miss Arkley Year 3 Miss Tilling and Mr Elliott Year 4 Miss Graham and Miss Gilbert Year 5 Mrs Corkhill and Mr Walsh Year 6 Miss Dhillon and Miss Chilton Acting Head Teacher: Miss Edwards Assistant Head: Mrs Clark Other teaching staff: Mrs Barnham and Mrs Hill</p>	<p>Teaching Support Staff: Mrs Bentley Miss Raithby, Miss Argyle, Mrs Kilbourn, Mrs G Mrs Wright, Miss Fisher Mr Rawson, Mrs Russell, Mrs Thomas Mrs Newton, Miss Page Special Needs Manager: Mrs Henshaw Business Manager: Miss Loom Office Staff: Mrs Severn, Mrs Potts</p>
<p>Site Manager: Mr Meadows</p>	<p>Lunchtime: Miss Hill, Miss Teft, Mrs Salmon, Mrs Bentley, Mrs Rodgers, Mrs Layton, Mrs Nethercot</p>

Learning and Earning: Money Week 10th- 14th September 2018

During the summer term, Priory children decided upon a new reward system. They have gained Bronze, Silver and Gold badges and trips for 3 years now so we are all excited for a change this year. It gives me great pleasure to announce that during Money Week our new ‘*Priory Bank and Stores*’ will open. Every child will have a Priory bank account where they can save their *Prides* (our currency) or spend them in the school shop. They will earn Prides in class and their teachers will explain more as the year progresses. We will have special reward assemblies too for families to attend – invitation letters will be sent in advance for these.



For the first full week back this year, we will be launching with Money Week. During the week we will design our new currency, work with members of the community to learn about the value of money and

discover how many different ways we can earn it. There will be time for the children to share what they have learnt with each other and yourselves.

Our 5 Pride values are: Peace, Respect, Independence, Determination and Equality. These were chosen by the children last year and drive our new reward system by motivating our children to take responsibility for their learning and achievements. Another aim is to teach our children more about the relationship between working hard to earn money. Throughout their time in school, they will learn how to manage their finances, appreciating the connection between work and reward, the value of money and by discovering the difference between saving and spending.

You will find a copy of our Priory Pride criteria in your child's diary, this outlines the agreed ways of how we show Pride at Priory. We appreciate your patience and support with our new reward system – it will be adapted throughout the year as we discover its successes and areas to improve.

Communication

- Letters home in school bags
- Facebook page
- Website updates
- Letters emailed home
- Text reminders
- Phone calls
- Seesaw – acknowledge your child's work from home! Please sign up to 'like and comment' on their work.

Please be aware that most of our systems need to be logged into to pick up messages from you and this tends to be done during working hours. If there is an important matter about your child then a phone call is the most direct way to contact.

Updates to school day

School starts: 8:55am (*Breakfast club in the hall from 8:30am and playground gates open at 8:45am*)

Lunch now starts at: 12:15pm until 1:15pm

School finishes: 3:15pm (*Collect children from the playground or provide written permission to walk home alone*)

We have made a few exciting tweaks to the timetable. Firstly, we will be taking part in our 'Mini Mile' each morning to help improve our children's fitness and health this year. Each morning everyone at Priory will start the day with 7 minutes of exercise (e.g. walking, jogging or yoga) the idea being: "A healthy body, a healthy mind".

3pm will be **#shareastory** time in every class where teachers read a favourite story to promote the enjoyment of reading. We value your support with home reading, so please grab a book and share the enjoyment together. Please sign your child's diary so we can celebrate this in school too.

I hope to see as many of you as possible at the 'Bring your Grown-Up to School Afternoon' on Tuesday 18th September - this is an open event so please come at any time between 1:30pm and 4:30pm.

Finally, I would like to thank the staff for their hard work over the summer, preparing and setting up their classrooms ready for the children. I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Yours Sincerely,

Miss Edwards (Acting Head Teacher)