



PRIORY SCHOOL

EDGBASTON

Newsletter — September 2018

We love, live and learn joyfully as children of God.

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'Compassionate and Loving'.

Pupils at Priory School aim to be compassionate towards others, near and far, especially the less fortunate; and loving by just actions and forgiving words.

Dear Parents,

Term has started really well and our new children are settling in happily.

Welcome from Mr O'Connor

I am delighted to be contributing to this first newsletter as the new Deputy Head of Preparatory School. I would like to welcome everyone back after the summer holidays and especially all of our new children and their families. I know that the whole Priory School community will help our new families to settle in well and I am sure that all the children are happy to be reunited with their friends.

We also warmly welcome Mrs Malik who will be teaching Year 1 and Miss Manning who will be teaching Year 5.

Prayer for Priory School Pupils

Lord our God,

in your wisdom and love

you surround us with the mysteries of the universe.

Send your spirit upon these students

and fill them with your wisdom and blessings.

Grant that they may devote themselves to their studies

and draw ever closer to you,

the source of all knowledge.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Making Contact with the School

The class teacher is the first port of call for any parent or pupil who has a query or concern about any aspect of school life. The class teacher is also the person best placed for a pupil to approach when guidance or support is needed. The class teacher will support both academic and pastoral development and will monitor each child's attendance, punctuality and behaviour records regularly. Class teachers are supported by the appropriate co-ordinator - Mrs Rozak, Key Stage 1 Co-ordinator (Year 1 and Year 2), Mrs Michelet, Key Stage 2 Co-ordinator (Year 3 to Year 6) and Mrs Uppal, Assistant Key Stage 2 Co-ordinator as well as the Prep Leadership Team - Mr O'Connor, Deputy Head of the Prep School, Mrs Barker and Mr Griffin, Assistant Heads of the Prep School, Mrs Gilbert-Silver, Early Years Manager and Miss Honer, Deputy Early Years Manager.

Parents may contact their child's class teacher by email or telephone and are able to track pupil progress through our parent portal on Firefly.

Website

The detailed calendar for parents can be found on our website as well as via Firefly. The calendar includes the main events that take place each month such as Parents' Evenings, field trips and visits as well as any special performances such as school plays and musical occasions.

Parents will be pleased to know that there is a whole range of information and policies on our website. The

information includes our Mission Statement and supplementary information for Prep parents. The policies on our website include: Admissions Policy, Internal and External Suspension Policy, Permanent Exclusion Policy, EAL Policy, SEND Policy, Prep Curriculum Policy, Prep Behaviour Policy, Prep PSHEE Scheme of Work, Safeguarding Policy, First Aid Policy, Anti Bullying Policy, Health and Safety Policy, Fire Risk Prevention Policy, Prep Supervision of Pupils Policy, Complaints Procedure, Accessibility Policy, First Aid Policy, Qualified Paediatric First Aiders, Medication Policy, Arrangements for the Supervision of EYFS Pupils Throughout the School Day, Complaints Procedure, Early Years Complaints Procedure, Early Years Late Collection Policy, Early Years Missing Child Policy, Early Years Behaviour Policy, Early Years Mobile Phone, Tablet and Camera Policy, Early Years Personal Care and Changing Policy, Early Years Record Keeping Policy, Early Years Sick Child Policy, Early Years SEND Policy, Whole School Educational Visits Policy, Whole School Equal Opportunities Policy, Whole School Equalities Act Accessibility Policy, Whole School e-Safety Policy, Whole School Staffing Policy and Whole School Whistleblowing Policy.

No Mobile Phone Zone

Parents are reminded that Priory School is a 'no phone zone'. If a pupil needs to phone home in an emergency, they may use the school phone at Reception with permission. Thank you for your co-operation. For safeguarding purposes parents should also refrain from using mobile phones on the school site.



Emails and Text Messages

Our aim is to reduce the amount of paper we use. To this end we will be using the ParentMail email distribution system, combined with the text message system. **It is therefore vitally important to check your emails regularly as well as the school website and to update your mobile phone number or email address if these change through ParentMail.**



Minibuses

We have two brand new minibuses and provide a minibus service from the Solihull area, picking up pupils in Solihull, Olton, Moseley, Kings Heath, Bournville and Selly Park en route. If you require further information please contact the main school Reception - telephone 0121 440 4103.

Facility Improvements

Over the summer a major refurbishment of the Prep School has taken place. This included new double glazed windows and doors, repainting and re-flooring of the main corridor and the installation of Perspex fronted display boards. Many rooms have been completely refurbished and look splendid. Many Prep parents have already commented how bright, airy and spacious the corridor now looks and that it is like a new building. Everyone is clearly very impressed! So too they are with the re-modelling of the Dining Hall, which has a new serving area.



This year will be a highly significant year in our history as we will be opening the new Quad Building. The major construction work is now complete and the roof is on. This means that the finishing work can continue whatever the British weather throws at us. We anticipate that the move to the new Quad will take place during half term. Reception will occupy the ground floor of the new Quad and Years 3 and 4 the first and second floors. This will create additional space in the Senior School building and move us one step further to zoning our Prep children in one area and our Senior students in another.

Car Park Courtesy and Consideration for Others

Once again, I am asking for your co-operation and consideration for other members of the 'Priory Family' in respect of our car park and drop-off area at the front of the school.

Please be mindful of others by refraining from double parking and by not blocking the driveway. This causes problems for other cars entering the site as there are occasions when tailbacks occur into the road. This in turn causes danger for you, and for the traffic approaching from Church Road, as they tend to drive quickly around a blind corner towards the entrance.

You will be aware that there are limited spaces in our car park. Accordingly I strongly request that **only** parents who escort their young children into school use the car park. The marked drop-off bays are for parents with babies and toddlers. As always, your child's safety is paramount. We would therefore urge you to always hold your younger children's hands as you make your way through the car park. Please be aware that drivers backing out of a parking space may not see small children in their mirrors and so parents must be fully in control of their children at all times.

Parents with older children should drop their children off across the road opposite the school entrance, and the pupils must cross under the supervision of the Crossing Warden who is present both before and after school. Pupils must then use the designated walkway into school. It is most important that parents do not park near the crossing so that the warden has a full view of the traffic.

If you need to enter the car park, please drive past the designated spaces if they are full and use the visitor space at the front of the school. In consideration for other parents, may I ask that the time taken to drop off children is kept to a minimum. A practical way of achieving this is to ensure that your son or daughter has their bag with them in the car so they can immediately step out and make their way towards the school without the need for accessing the boot.

Please note that the school accepts no responsibility for any traffic violation or fine that a parent might incur outside the school premises. It is essential that we are considerate to our neighbours and that we always park sensibly.

Examination Success at Priory School

Congratulations to Priory School Class of 2018 who enjoyed A-Level examination success this summer. Pupils gained places onto their universities of choice, where they will study courses as diverse as Pharmacy,

Criminology, Optometry, Business Management, Psychology and Accounting.

Our students have acquitted themselves well. It is a truly outstanding achievement for one of our students to achieve three A* grades and one A grade at Advanced level. This has opened the door for her to study a degree course in Psychology at King's College London. However, this is just one example and all our students are to be congratulated as they take up places at good universities to start the next exciting chapter in their lives.

The fantastic teaching team at Priory School is committed to raising the aspirations of all our students and I am once again delighted by the progress and results they achieved. They were rewarded by achieving our **best ever results** at GCSE for their diligence, perseverance and commitment, and are well prepared for the next stage of their education including the possibility of moving up into our Sixth Form. The whole Priory community offers congratulations and wishes them well for the future.

Congratulations

Congratulations to our new Head Boy & Head Girl Louie & Ilerioluwa who were presented with their badges at our welcome assembly. Our Deputy Head Boy and Girl Azaria & Saihaan also received their badges. We have also chosen our prefects and librarians, we are sure that they will rise to the challenge of their new positions of responsibility.





Forthcoming Events

Prep Harvest Mass takes place on Tuesday 18th September at 9.10am in the Hall. We have invited the Little Sisters of the Poor who care for the elderly in Harborne to celebrate Mass with us. Please send in packets and tins of food as soon as possible with fresh produce such as fruit, vegetables, bread and cake the day before to enable us to display the food around the altar. The produce is then brought back to the home for the elderly. This act of charity helps the children to develop their role in the wider community. Parents are very welcome at the Mass.

Class Assemblies

Year 6 - Thursday 20th Sept at 9.00am in the Hall

Year 5 - Thursday 27th Sept at 9.00am in the Hall

Year 4 - Thursday 4th Oct at 9.00am in the Hall

Year 3 - Thursday 11th Oct at 9.00am in the Hall

Parents and friends are invited to attend.

The extra-curricular clubs will start on Monday 17th September 2018. Please fill in the activities sheet, which will be emailed to you if you wish your child to take part in these. Also if your child would like to have musical instrument tuition, ballet or speech lessons, please email Mr Griffin: d.griffin@priorschool.net.

Forthcoming Events

- 12th Sept - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 swimming commences
- 12th Sept - KS2 Parents to meet teachers at 3.40pm
- 14th Sept - Year 5 and 6 swimming commences
- 17th Sept - Extra curricular clubs start this week
- 18th Sept - Harvest Mass - All welcome
- 18th Sept - Year 1 and 2 Parents Evening
- 20th Sept - Year 6 Parents Assembly
- 21st Sept - Welcome BBQ (Friends of Priory) 3.30pm
- 26th Sept - Year 6 Parents Evening - 4.15-6.15pm
- 27th Sept - Year 5 Parents Assembly
- 2nd Oct - Nursery and Reception Parents Evening
3.30 - 6.00pm
- 2nd Oct- Year 3 and 4 Parents Evening
4.15 - 6.15pm
- 4th Oct - Year 4 Parents Assembly
- 4th Oct- KS1 English meeting with parents
2.45-3.30pm
- 5th Oct - OPEN MORNING 10.00-12.30pm
- 8th Oct - Nursery and Reception phonics meeting
2.45-3.30pm
- 10th Oct - Year 5 Parents Evening - 4.15-6.15pm
- 11th Oct - Year 3 Parents Assembly
- 16th Oct - Year 6 and 7 retreat day in school
- 16th Oct - Year 6 applying to secondary school meeting
for parents - Board Room
- 17th Oct - Pupil portrait photos
- 18th Oct - Year 2 Parents Assembly
- 18th Oct - Prep Afternoon Tea, music and poetry
3.00pm
- 24th Oct - Prep reports go home

Please do look at the Calendar on our website every week as this will give details of forthcoming events. You will need to click on the particular day to find out what is happening on that day.

Our website address is www.priorschool.net.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Cramb

Mr O'Connor

Headmaster

Deputy Head of Preparatory School

