

**St Nicholas  
Priory C.E.V.A.  
Primary School  
Autumn Term  
Newsletter**



## The Priory Way

*'I come not to be served  
but to serve'*

**Matthew 20:28**

### **A message from Mrs Grimmer**

Dear parents and carers,

A very warm welcome to the new academic year especially to those who are joining our Priory family for the first time. It has been so lovely to see all our children and families returning after the summer holidays and making such an incredibly positive start. The children also look very smart in their new uniforms.



Last year we were extremely fortunate to see some extremely good progress outcomes which is testimony to the hard work of the children but also the result of excellent partnerships between school and home. In order to be successful children need to be in school every day unless there are exceptional circumstances. Please support us to maximise the learning opportunities for your child by getting them to school on time. We have many first aid trained staff who are able to advise if your child feels ill during the school day.

Our site staff and contractors have been extremely busy over the summer holidays as you can see from the landscaping at the front, painting around the building, new gates, the near completion of the town wall and some internal restructuring to extend our 'POD'

We recognise that this is a worrying time for many families in our community given the current economic pressures that everyone is facing and for a considerable time now governors and school leaders have reflected on how we can ensure that all children access exciting learning opportunities without worrying about costs. Therefore we are currently continuing not charging for Breakfast Club or after school clubs. We have also been able to keep the cost of school meals the same.

We do not expect parents to provide costumes for events such as 'World Book Day' as this puts additional strain on family budgets. Please remember that we are here as a community resource and to help. If you are experiencing any hardship then please contact the school office to arrange an appointment to come in to school to talk to someone.

The arrangements for children being dropped off/collected from school are working well, but we ask that all parents/carers drop off and collect promptly and vacate the area swiftly.

We recognise that there are ongoing issues with traffic on the market place and want to ensure that everyone stays safe. We are working with our community to try and ease the situation at the busiest times and would like to thank you in advance for your cooperation with this.

Thank you once again for your continued support as we look forward to a new year.

Yours sincerely, *Maria Grimmer*

## Our Deepest Condolence

Following the sad news of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's death, our school community has been remembering her extraordinary life and taking part in a series of activities which recognise her considerable service to the country. These have included a special collective worship and observing a minute's silence. There is also a book of condolence in the front office which all parents are welcome to sign in any language. This will then be sent to Buckingham Palace as a mark of respect and support for the Royal family.



## God Save The King!



**King Charles III**, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of His other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith. **Camilla**, Queen consort of the United Kingdom and Commonwealth

## Driving to school – Free parking

Please remember that parking is free on the **Market Place** car park to drop off and pick up your child/children. This is 8.30-9.00 and 3.00- 3.30 Monday to Friday in term time.



Please do NOT drop off outside the school gates on St Nicholas Road in the yellow school no parking zone.

When waiting for the school gates to open on the Market place please stand on the paved area, allowing the road clear for deliveries to the market stalls and market shops.

Should any traffic incidents occur – please write or take a photo of the vehicle registration number and inform the main school office.

## Christian Ethos

At our school we pride ourselves on being a 'Priory Family' and living by our values; Aspiration, Hope, Forgiveness, Service, Trust, Love and our overarching value of Kindness. Each half term we focus on one of our values within Collective Worship and in our daily school lives and this half term our value is 'Aspiration'.



Our Collective Worships are held daily in class, in the hall, through zoom and on a YouTube channel provided by the clergy at the Great Yarmouth Minster. Why not head over to our school website and see some of the great Collective Worship video's made by Father Simon and his team.

Each day we say the Lord's Prayer to take a moment of reflection.

### The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, which art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy Name.  
Thy Kingdom come.  
Thy will be done in earth,  
As it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

As we forgive them that trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

But deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

The power, and the glory,

For ever and ever.

Amen.

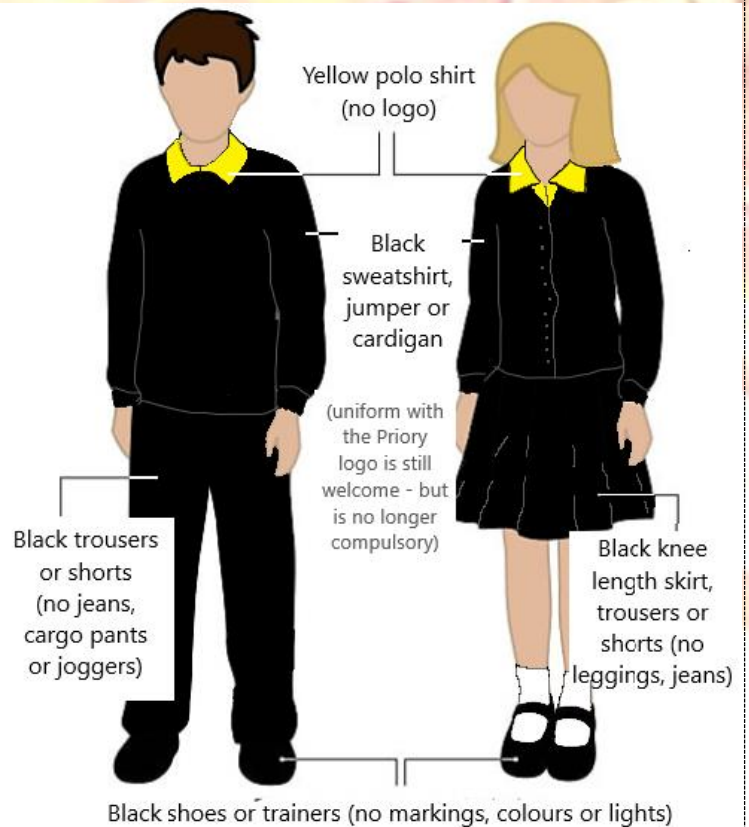


## School Uniform

It is lovely to see so many children returning to school, looking so smart in their new, comfortable school uniform.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Please ensure that skirts are **knee length**. The children spend time sitting and working in groups on the carpet area – short skirts are not appropriate as other children can see underwear. This can be embarrassing for the child wearing the skirt and other children too.



The correct PE kit must also be worn to school on their PE day – Polo shirt /T-shirt, **plain** black shorts and black football socks. For colder weather children can wear **plain** black joggers and sweatshirt. These are very reasonable priced in the school range in major local supermarkets.

Black tracksuits can also be worn and should be logo, pattern and marking free.

### PE days for each Year Group

Y1 – Tuesday and Friday

Y2 - Monday

Y3 - Wednesday

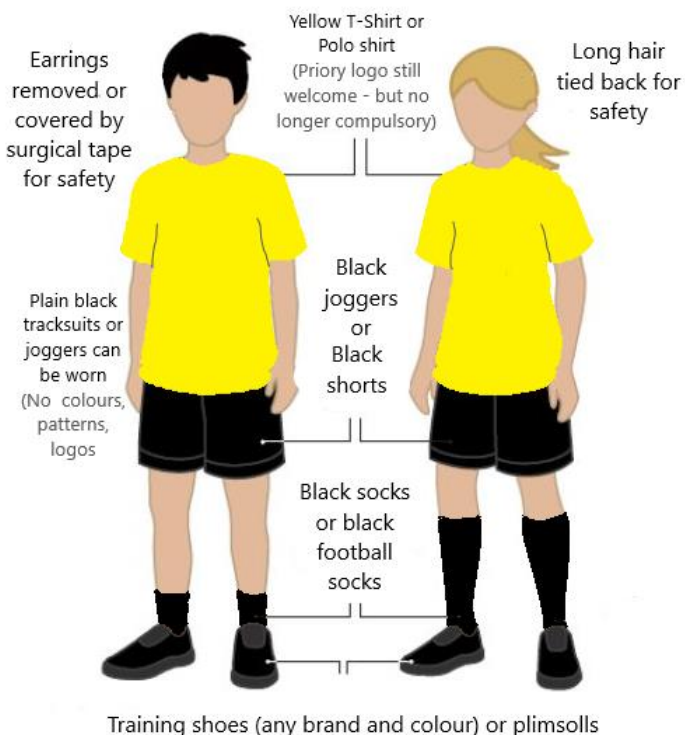
Y4 – Tuesday and Thursday

Y5 – Wednesday and Friday

6K – Friday

6N - Monday and Friday

If you have any questions about uniform please speak to the class teacher who can provide you with a uniform guide.



healthy balance (with no fizzy drinks, chocolate bars or nuts).

## Breaktime snacks

Children in KS1 will be provided with a healthy snack for morning break.

Children in KS2 can bring in a small healthy snack for breaktime



## Behaviour

Our motto from behaviour is

**Ready, Respectful, Safe**

School staff really appreciate parents support with developing good behaviours for learning. We understand that sometimes children find it difficult to make good choices but it is extremely important that school and carers work together to ensure that children receive a consistent message as to what is and isn't acceptable.

Our Behaviour Blueprint (displayed in every classroom and working area) shows our rules, our routines, our phrases, our behaviour steps. It shows how we manage moments and how we repair and rebuild relationships.

## School Meals

Our school kitchen provides a selection of healthy, home cooked lunches every day. A vegetarian option is also available every day. Both options are £2.30 per day and include a selection of desserts or fruit and a drink.

Please see the school website for the 3 week menu rota.

### Free meals

Children in YR, Y1 and Y2 are entitled to a free school meal funded by the government.

If your child is in Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6 and you think they may qualify for a free school meal please contact the main office (01493 843552) for more information.

### Home packed lunch

For children who choose to have a packed lunch from home, please ensure it contains a



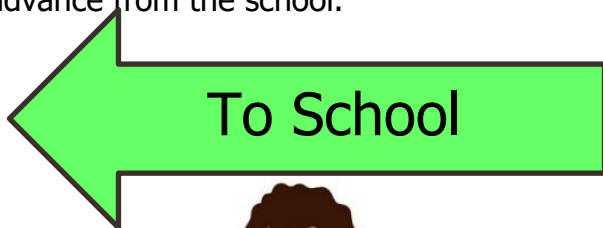
## The importance of school attendance.

The DfE policy document entitles 'Working together to improve school attendance' states:

***'Improving attendance is everyone's business'***

Some pupils find it harder than others to attend school and therefore at all stages of improving attendance, schools and partners should work with pupils and parents to remove any barriers to attendance by building strong and trusting relationships and working together to put the right support in place.

Where parents decide to have their child registered at school, they have an additional legal duty to ensure their child attends that school regularly. This means their child must attend every day that the school is open, except in a small number of allowable circumstances such as being too ill to attend or being given permission for an absence in advance from the school.



This is essential for pupils to get the most out of their school experience, including their attainment, wellbeing, and wider life chances. The pupils with the highest attainment at the end of key stage 2 have higher rates of attendance over the key stage compared to those with the lowest attainment.



We strive, to ensure all children at St Nicholas Priory feel part of our family and successfully make progress academically and socially.

If you need any help with your child's attendance please speak to your child's class teacher.

## News from Reception

Reception staff spent the first week of term visiting the children and their families in their home setting. It was a great opportunity to talk to the parents and the children in a setting where the children feel comfortable and confident.

During the second week of term our new reception children started school, initially supported in the classroom by their parents.



Next week they will move onto having lunch in school and staying all day. The children were all very excited on the first day and looked really smart in their new uniforms.

They had great fun exploring the different areas of learning in the reception unit and in our outside area. They will also receive their book bag and their first reading book. It would really help if parents and other family members could support their learning by hearing them read for five to ten minutes each evening.



Another exciting thing to look forward to is our regular outings program which starts in a couple of weeks.

## News from Year 1

The children in Year One have settled into their new way of life amazingly well. They are happy and excited to learn!

This half term we shall be learning about exotic animals, traditional tales as well as learning about the importance of harvest and learning lots of new songs. We are really looking forward to seeing what the year brings!



## News from Year 2

Year 2 children have made a super start to the year. They have settled extremely well and have all demonstrated a super attitude to

learning since we have been back. We are very proud of all of them.

Our first writing stimulus this term is Peter Rabbit. To inspire the children, we read the book and watched the film then discussed the similarities and differences. We also took part in a food tasting activity, trying all the foods Peter ate in Mr McGregor's garden. No one was very keen on the Parsley.



Many of the children took part in the Year 2 Summer Reading Challenge and it was lovely to be able to start the term by handing out so many certificates, Dojo points and prizes. Well done to all the children who took part in either the Year 2 challenge or the Library service reading challenge.



*Poppy and Lyla (who were two of the children who took part in the Summer Reading Challenge) receiving their prize.*

## News from Year 3

Year 3 have made a fantastic start to the year and the team could not be prouder. They have transitioned from Key Stage 1 to Key Stage 2 and moved to the top floor of the school and despite the changes each and every one of them have made a wonderful start.

This term we will exploring the exciting time of the Stone Age, exploring how Stone Age people lived and the Palaeolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic periods.



We will also be focusing on materials in DT and starting our sketch books in Art. We have written an instruction text inspired by the book 'How to Wash a Woolley Mammoth' and will be exploring the wonderful book 'Stone Age Boy' next to inspire our diary entries.

**Well done Year 3 for a brilliant start to the year!**

## News from Year 4

Year 4 have made a great start to the year and we are very proud of them. We visited the Time and Tide Museum on Tuesday 13th September. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and learnt alot. They got a chance to be a Viking warrior and learnt about the Anglo Saxons. The behaviour this day was exceptional. We are looking forward to a great term after such a fantastic start.



*Daniel dressed as the Viking, King Edmund at the Time and Tide Museum*

## News from Year 5

It has been lovely to welcome the new year 5's back to school. They have made a very positive start to the new year and the whole year 5 team is looking forward to working with the children over the coming year.

## News from Year 6

It has been a fantastic start to the new term for Year 6. All of the staff have been incredibly impressed with the positive attitudes to learning and the focus on the work that has been shown from all of the children.

This term, the children will be learning about different regions of the world and making comparisons between them in geography.

Later in the term, the children will be completing some exciting learning about the Windrush generation and its impact today.



In Year 6, we are also beginning the teaching and preparation for our SATs test in May.

Once again, it has been a brilliant start to the year and we hope to continue like this.

## The Pod

The children have settled back into The Pod wonderfully, sharing some photos and stories of their summer break which was lovely to hear and see.



Our new room will soon be ready which will give the children more space to play and learn. We are all very excited to be able to start using the new space.

## Hot Chocolate Friday

Good behaviour is celebrated every day at Priory but on Fridays we have a special breaktime for a few children selected by the school staff who have displayed exceptional or much improved behaviour that week.

The children get a certificate and have a delicious hot chocolate (topped with cream and sprinkles) and a doughnut.



Mrs Grimmer, Mr Rust and school governors use this opportunity to talk to the children about why they have been chosen and congratulate them on being selected for this special treat.

We are also lucky to be joined with our local Police Officers Barry and Nigel every week. The children love seeing them and are proud to tell them why they have been selected for Hot Chocolate Friday this week.



*Pascal, Ryan, Junior and Maddox chatting to Police Officers Barry and Nigel*



## Diary dates

### Autumn Term

School opens on: Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> Sept 2022

School closes on: Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Oct 2022

School opens on: Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> Oct 2022

School closes on: Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> Dec 2022

### Spring Term

School opens on: Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 2023

School closes on: Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023

School opens on: Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023

School closes on: Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

### Summer Term

School opens on: Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> April 2023

School closes on: Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023

School opens on: Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023

School closes on: Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023

**The school is closed to pupils on the following dates due to staff training:**

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept 2022

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Sept 2022

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2023

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2023



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