

# St Nicholas Priory C.E.V.A. Primary School

## Autumn Term Newsletter



### Our Vision Statement

We aim to welcome and celebrate the diversity of all God's children and provide a safe, caring space in which they can achieve their best academically, spiritually and pastorally whilst learning to serve others.

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to everyone, especially those who are joining our Priory family for the first time. The children have made a great start and we have already been discussing with them our value for this half term of 'Aspiration.' We are also delighted to welcome Mrs Andrea Peters in Year 4 and also Ms Kirsty Wheeler for specialist PE support.

Last year we were delighted with the amount of curriculum opportunities and enrichment activities we were able to provide and also, of course, our pupil progress and attainment outcomes which you will be able to view on the website shortly.

You will notice that we are providing parents and carers with information as to what will be taught in each year group and very much respect and value your contribution to



learning. Just talking to children and hearing them read for 5 minutes every day will make a massive difference.

If you would like to know more about how we

teach anything in school then please ask and we will help. Mr King has provided some YouTube videos for maths and hopefully we will be able to build on this moving forward.

We are also linked with Into University who are offering free tuition for children at their base in Market Gates. This is a great

provision and the children get access to a wide range of exciting things to do (more details further down this newsletter).

As a school, governors, leaders and all members of staff are very aware of the current cost of living crisis and have been for several years. We make decisions based on trying to support all families to be able to be included in opportunities and are mindful of cost. For this reason, the price of school meals has stayed the same and our uniform is accessible to all. Logo jumpers can be purchased from Harrison's but this is not essential. Trips are also something that we consider.

We choose carefully the fund raising that we do and often this is driven by suggestions from the children. We also focus on ensuring that all children are able to take part in high profile days such as 'World Book Day' and focus on celebrating reading rather than expecting families to buy expensive costumes. I do hope that you will understand that we have to take into consideration the needs of our whole community when making these decisions and would appreciate your support and understanding.



You will have all heard in the media that there are widespread concerns around pupil attendance. We are aspirational about our incredible children and have seen how much progress they can make if they are in school regularly. Some children do find school difficult but we have lots of support available

and are eager to help. We are however bound by statutory duty to ensure that children are present and ready to learn. We are advised to not authorise any holidays in term time.

**8:40**

Being at school for 8.40 also sets good routines for life. We appreciate that there are occasions where families are running late for various reasons but generally children should all be here on time. Norfolk County Council are running campaigns around attendance. We are sharing this information with you.

The partnership with our community is a key priority for us and we want to know what you think. There will be a parent survey in each newsletter and appreciate you taking the time to complete these. Senior staff are on the gate everyday so that you can talk through any issues or concerns you might have.

At St Nicholas we are fortunate enough to have high staff pupil ratios which has a massive impact on how we can nurture and support the learning of the children We want our children to be happy safe and successful learners and can only achieve this by working with you. On behalf of all staff, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all the very best for the forthcoming academic year.



*Mrs Grimmer*

Head Teacher

## School Meals

The school dinners are available every day in school. The meals are made from healthy fresh, locally sourced food, cooked on the premises. A main meal costs £2.30 per day and include a dessert or fruit and a drink.

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



For children who choose to have a packed lunch, please ensure it contains a healthy balance, with no fizzy drinks, chocolate or nuts.

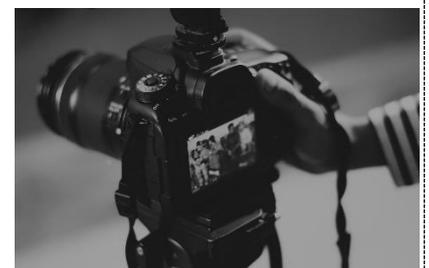
Children can bring in fruit from home for breaktime. No other snacks are acceptable for breaktime



## Photographers

Wrates Photographers will be in school Friday 13th October for individual and sibling photos.

Sample photo packs will be sent home with the children.



## Minster Services

Please find below, dates for the KS2 Minster services for the academic year.

All services will take place in the afternoon and start at 2pm, everyone is welcome.

The Welcome Back is generally a short service.

18th September - The Welcome Back Service

2nd October - Harvest Festival Service

11th December - Christmas Service

25th March 2024 - Easter Service

## Meet the Teacher

We'd like to invite all parents and carers to meet their child's new teacher this academic year. Your year group will contact you to let you know when your Meet the Teacher slot will be.

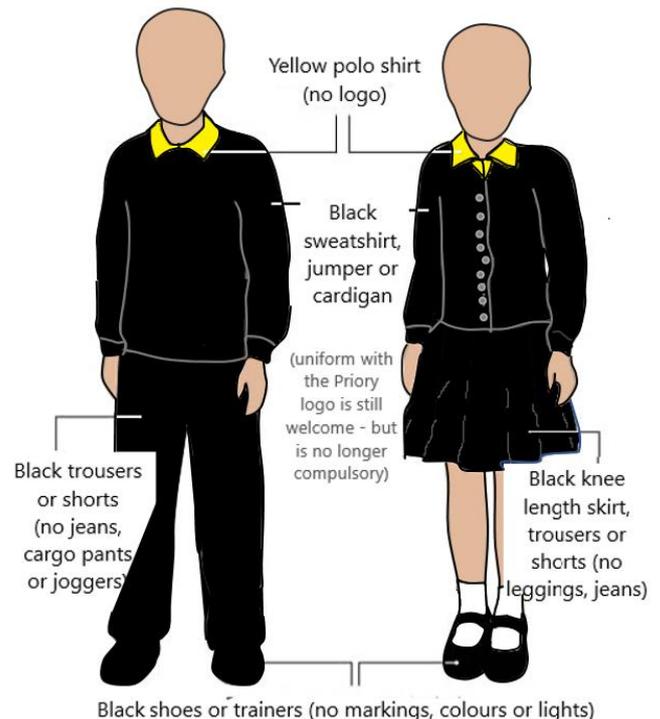
Your child will be bringing home Curriculum Guidance for Parents - Autumn term. Within this booklet there will be an outline of what your child will be learning and what we'd like them to know. Any help with this at home would be gratefully received. Thank you for working with us to ensure your child achieves their very best.



## School Uniform

We are very pleased to see the children return to school in the Priory uniform.

Children with uniform infringements will be alerted to this by the class teacher at the end of the day. Although we appreciate you may not be able to change any incorrect uniform overnight, we would like changes made by the following week.

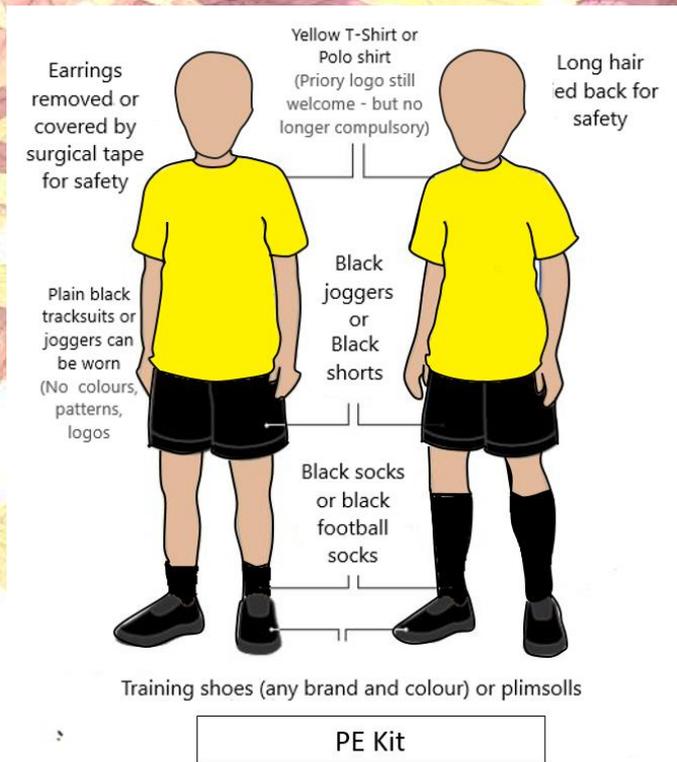


**Flashing Shoes:** Many shoe shops now sell shoes with flashing lights! These can cause distraction in the classroom and may cause a seizure in children with epilepsy, therefore lights need to be **switched off**. If lights can NOT be switched off then these shoes are not suitable for school.

**Hair:** We do not allow hair carvings at our school. Additionally, hair needs to be its natural colour (no hair dyes or coloured hair extensions)

**Skirts:** skirts need to be approximately knee length. Children spend portions of the day sitting on the carpet, short skirts can lead to revealing underwear, which will be embarrassing for your child.

## PE KIT



**Earrings:** Children are allowed to wear stud earrings for school. Hoop and dangling earrings are not allowed. This is for the safety of your child.

All children need to remove earrings for PE by themselves (teacher and PE instructors are not allowed to do this) If earrings cannot be removed by the child, you may wish to send in surgical tape for the earrings to be safely covered.

## IntoUniversity

IntoUniversity Great Yarmouth is an education charity that provides a FREE after school club to Primary aged children (7-11 years old) in Great Yarmouth.

IntoUniversity staff provide sessions of fun academic study at our center in Market Gates Shopping Centre, on Tuesdays and Wednesdays 3:30-5pm.

Children will study our tailored termly curriculum which is based on university degree subjects. This term, children will be learning about Sports Studies! They will also have many opportunities to partake in

fun experiments, games and activities! Academic Support encourages children to become active, curious and independent learners in a supportive environment.

Children at the club have access to essential resources, such as: laptops, books and trained staff and volunteers.

If your child attends Academic Support they will also have access to our mentoring program, as well as be invited to join our fun holiday programmes that include fun trips and activities!

### How to sign up:

If you would like your child to attend, you can pop into the Market Gates Shopping Centre to sign them up.

For further information call our Centre on: 01493803026 or email us at: [Yarmouth@intouniversity.org](mailto:Yarmouth@intouniversity.org) "

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# ACADEMIC SUPPORT

Join our free\* after school club to learn more about university topics and practise your English and Maths skills!

Primary Academic Support: **Tuesday or Wednesday** afternoons, 3:30-5:00pm  
Our topics this year are:

**Sports Studies, Photography and Politics, Philosophy and Economics**



Get support with your homework from our tutors!

Ask an adult at home to get in touch if you'd like to join!

Year 6 students can apply to have a student mentor!



Contact us:  
Call 01493803026

Email: [yarmouth@intouniversity.org](mailto:yarmouth@intouniversity.org)

Find us: Market Gates Shopping Centre, Great Yarmouth  
NR30 2BG

\*eligibility criteria applies, please get in touch to find out more

## Year 2 – Upcoming event

Year 2 are having a parent open afternoon on Wednesday 20th September 1.45-2.45.

Come along – meet the teachers and see your child in school



## Parent Survey

It's lovely to be working together with you to provide the best environment to learn and thrive at Priory. Please take some time to complete our survey via the link provided. We always value your feedback.

<https://forms.gle/3cA5Wqd3weJkAK8A9>



## Ensuring the safety of our children

As a school we want to do everything we can to keep children safe at school and to support them in the wide community.



*PC Barry Sills*

We are absolutely delighted that Great Yarmouth Police have decided to hold their meetings at the school in order to make them as accessible as possible for our parents and carers to attend.

Your opinion matters and a huge thank you to all those who attended. The next SNAP meeting will be on the 7th December. More details will follow.

## Dates For Your Diary:

### AUTUMN TERM

**SCHOOL OPEN** - Tuesday 5th September - Friday 20th October 2023

**SCHOOL CLOSED** -Half-term holiday:  
Monday 23rd - Friday 27th October 2023

**SCHOOL OPEN** - Monday 30th October - Wednesday 20th December 2023

**SCHOOL CLOSED** - Christmas holiday:  
Thursday 21st December - Wednesday 3rd January 2024

## **SPRING TERM**

**SCHOOL OPEN** - Thursday 4th January -  
Friday 16th February 2024

**SCHOOL CLOSED** - Half-term holiday:  
Monday 19th - Friday 23rd February 2024

**SCHOOL OPEN** - Monday 26th February -  
Thursday 28th March 2024

**SCHOOL CLOSED** - Good Friday, Friday 29<sup>th</sup>  
March

**SCHOOL CLOSED** - Easter holiday: Monday  
1<sup>st</sup> – Friday 12th April 2024

## **SUMMER TERM**

**SCHOOL OPEN** - Tuesday 16th April - Friday  
24 May 2024

**SCHOOL CLOSED** - Monday 6th May is a  
Bank Holiday

**SCHOOL CLOSED** - Half-term holiday:  
Monday 27th - Friday 31st May 2024

**SCHOOL OPEN** - Monday 3rd June - Friday  
19th July 2024

## **STAFF TRAINING DAYS**

4th September 2023 – School closed to  
children

1st December 2023 – School closed to  
children

3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024 – School closed to children

15<sup>th</sup> April 2024 – School closed to children

22nd July 2024 – School closed to children

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