

PRIORS FIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

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17th September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

What a busy week it has been. I had a wonderful morning getting to know our new Reception class yesterday and it was great to see their natural curiosity and enthusiasm in the class. I felt so proud of them all and feel excited to watch them grow and learn over the next few years. It was also great to see our Year 6 enjoy caring and supporting the children at lunchtime. This is the magic of the Priors Field family!

It has been a busy week of meetings and I would like to say a few thank yous...

- Thank you to our Reception team for hosting the Reception Curriculum evening on Wednesday for our new parents.
- Thank you to our amazing PTA, the committee and all those who were able to attend the AGM on Wednesday. We have a new chair - Amy Warren, mum to Emily in YR and Joe in Y2. Amy has taken over from Sue Brooksbank-Taylor who leaves to join the Governing Body. Amy was very involved in the design and installation of our new playground and I know will bring lots of new ideas to the PTA.
- An enormous thank you to Sue Brooksbank-Taylor for her excellent leadership of the PTA over the past two years. It has been a difficult time but the PTA have continued to work tirelessly raising money for school and the children; Sue has been instrumental in co-ordinating this and we are so grateful for all her hard work.
- We held our first Governor meeting of this year last night. Welcome to Ed Hartley and Sue Brooksbank-Taylor, who have quickly taken up responsibilities for different roles. We say goodbye to Beth Milner who has been Chair of Governors for the past three years and also Sue Bull, our staff governor for many years. Beth has led the governing body brilliantly, working as a team to challenge, support and contribute to the strategic leadership of the school, which has not been an easy task over the past eighteen months! A well as leader of the governors, Beth has also been a confidante, a critical friend, a cheerleader, an ambassador and even a mentor and coach to me. I have valued her role as chair and wish her all the best in the future. On behalf of everyone at Priors Field I would like to thank both Sue and Beth for their dedication and hard work as school governors.
- Thank you to David Russell and Mark Davison for taking on the role of Co-Chairs of the Governing Body at Priors Field, moving forward. Both David and Mark have a wealth of experience as governors and I look forward to working with them both. Thank you also, to Stuart Greenwood who has become our new Vice-Chair.

I will certainly enjoy a restful weekend and hope you do too. Best wishes Katie Gane

Belgrade Theatre, Beauty and the Beast

Just to let you know we have booked to take all the children to the Belgrade Theatre in December to see Beauty and the Beast. More details will follow.

Library

Over the summer we have created a new library in school, relocating our music resources to the old library and new 'Rainbow Club' room. We are in a little bit of chaos as we try to organise and sort all the books and wonder if there are a couple of parents or friends of the school who might like to come in to help with this job. Please let Mrs Hills know if you are available and interested and we can try and schedule a time. Thank you.

Whole School National Fitness Day, Wednesday 22nd September

Priors Field children will all be participating in active fitness sessions on Wednesday 22^{nd} September. Please could all children come into school in their PE kit and ensure that they have a named water bottle with them - it's going to be sweaty one!



Big Umbrella Assembly, Friday 24th September

The Big Umbrella project is designed to support positive mental health for children. They start with a whole school assembly and then a resilience workshop for Year 6. The Year 6 children will complete a simple questionnaire about how they are feeling, for example, do I help others? After this session the questionnaires are reviewed and one to one time with a trained professional will be offered to you for your Year 6 child if they have shown signs of anxiety etc. This is aimed to support the children and give them the tools to stay well in the future. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Many thanks, Veronica Leary

Swimming - Years 3, 4, 5

I am very excited to hear that swimming has started off well at Priors Field this week. It would be really helpful if you could support staff with the following:

- Ensure all items of clothing are clearly named.
- If possible, earrings to be removed at home before swimming. Where this is not possible, it is recommended that children wear a swimming cap as tape does not sufficiently protect their ears.
- Children with a verruca wear verruca socks until the infected area has fully healed.
- All children to bring their swimming costume and towel in a large reusable <u>named</u> shopping bag and not small bags. This will enable the children to place all their belongings inside their bag including their shoes.

Thank you for all your continued support, Mrs Mann and Mr Berrigan



Teaching Assistant Vacancies

We have a couple of Teaching Assistant vacancies available. If you know anyone who might be interested please click on the links below for details about how to apply:

https://teaching-vacancies.service.gov.uk/jobs/teaching-assistant-level-2-send-maternity-cover

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PRIORS FIELD PTA NEWS PTA AGM

Thank you to all those who attended the AGM this week and agreed to continue in committee positions and take on new positions. It was great to see some new parents get involved. A special thanks is made to our retiring Chair, Susan Brooksbank-Taylor for all her hard work, Mrs Hills in the office and all the teaching staff. A wider thanks is also made to all our Priors Field community for helping make the events we have been able to hold such a success. Our current committee positions are as follows:

Chair: Amy Warren
Treasurer: Joy Ravenhall
Secretary: Jo Williams

Year Reps: Reception: Claire O'Connor/ Hannah Jhutti

Year 1: Donna Stanton/TBA

Year 2: Laura Barnett/Jo Williams

Year 3: Samantha Thompson/Becky Harvey

Year 4: Emily Ball/Rachel Smith

Year 5: Rebecca Viggers/Zoe Whiston

Year 6: Claire Quarterman

Your School Lottery

Our online fundraising has managed to bring in over £1000 in funds for the school over the last twelve months.

This week we are promoting the "Your School Lottery" it is easy to enter and we have already had several winners in the Priors Field community. Please see the Harry Potter Poster below for more details on how to join up or follow the link below:

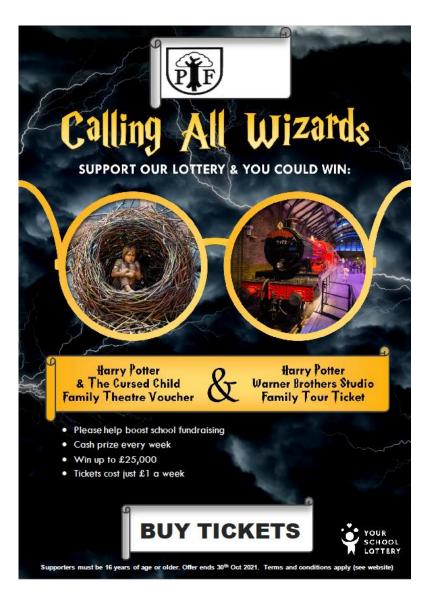
www.yourschoollottery.co.uk

Friday 17th Deadline for entries - PTA Annual Scarecrow Hunt

Just a quick reminder that today is the last day for entries for this year's scarecrow hunt. We are still low on numbers so would be grateful for any more entries, which you can email to becky_knights_uk@yahoo.co.uk.

Maps will be available to buy online at www.priorsfieldpta.co.uk for £2.50 from the end of next week.

Thank you for your continued support, The PTA committee



Other letters being sent home today:

Year 6: Cadbury World Trip

Diary Dates for 2021 - 2022 emailed with this newsletter

Week beginning 20th September:

Monday	Woodwind Lessons
	Swimming for Years 3, 4 & 5
Tuesday	Brass Lessons
	Year 6 will be visiting Kenilworth Castle during the morning
Wednesday	National Fitness Day (please see note above)
Thursday	Guitar Lessons
	Year 3 will be taking part in a Stone Age Workshop during the morning
Friday	Keyboard Lessons
	Whole School Big Umbrella (please see note above)
	Fit for Life - Year 2 (please wear PE uniform)

COMMUNITY NEWS





Eye Health Week (20th-26th September)

In support of Eye Health Week, our school nursing service has put together a parent/carer information pack promoting key messages about the importance of regular eye tests and maintaining good eye health in children and young people.

www.compass-uk.org/eye-health-week-parent-information/



10th - 13th November 2021

The Albany Theatre Albany Road, Coventry, CV5 6JQ

www.albanytheatre.co.uk



The Musical

Book by Thomas Meehan Matthew Sklar and Bob Martin

Music by

Lyrics by **Chad Beguelin**

Based upon the New line Cinema film written by David Berenbaum This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International (Europe) All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI Europe www.mtishows.co.uk