



# The Priory Primary School

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Dear Parents,

21<sup>st</sup> October, 2011

Thank you for your support over the past few weeks. As ever, it has been a pleasure to work with your children.

## Staffing

Today we bid a fond (and temporary) farewell to Mrs. Sowden who is leaving us to have a baby. We wish Kirsten well and we look forward to hearing happy news from her in the not too distant future.

After half term, we are delighted to welcome Mrs. Persin and Mrs. Rogers who will, as supply teachers, be taking over Year 5 during Mr. Becket's continued sickness absence. They will be with us at least until the New Year. Mrs. Persin will also be doing some teaching in Year 4.

We are delighted that Mrs. Candy is able to continue with us for the rest of the year in Year 4. The children are doing extremely well in her care.

## Parents' Association

Last night, the Parents' Association held their Annual General Meeting. We are delighted that Mrs. Karina Palmer has agreed to take on the role of Chair, taking over from Mrs. Bex Middleton who has done a great job and who has stood down due to work commitments.

I am sure you will recall that Karina was Chair a couple of years ago and she has once again stepped into this role, out of loyalty and commitment to the school, in order for the PA to continue to fulfil its constitutional duties with an elected leader at the helm. We are also grateful that Mrs. Emma Burt has agreed to continue in the role of Treasurer.

The Parents' Association is an intrinsically important part of the school. Last year, it raised an amazing £17,000 and it helps to fund many of the projects which help to make The Priory the place that it currently is.

Both Karina and Emma would like to use this year to share their skills and expertise with the next Chair and Treasurer. Please could I ask you to think seriously about whether you might be able to help us in the future with either of these roles? This year, I am sure, would be the ideal year in which to shadow two people with great experience before stepping into their shoes in the following year. If you would be interested, please let me know so that we can secure the longer term viability of the PA, which is, after all, one of our greatest assets.

## Car Parking

Thank you to everyone for making such a marked improvement to the parking situation outside school. Just one final plea and that is to, as much as possible, not to park on the grass verges as they will be damaged as we approach the bad weather. Thank you, once again!

## Website

We hope that you are enjoying the recently updated website. New features include the weather (on the home page), the Take One Picture exhibition presentation (on the Gallery page), my blog (on the information page) and a Google map, which can be found under "Contact Us".





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## New club

After half term, we are hoping to begin a new club. Here is a short explanation from Mr. John Blanch, one of our parent governors.

### Card Club.

The Card Club is initially for Years 4 and 5.

The intention is not to create future poker stars. The game taught will be Cribbage, which involves counting, spotting pairs, as well as run sequences. Initially the aim will be to develop total familiarity with number pairs in a relaxed, non mathematical setting and as such it would suit those who are less confident numerically. It will not be a class, it should hopefully be fun. Those familiar with Dickens' The Old Curiosity Shop will know how this game is equally suited to girls or boys.

The club will start immediately after half term and run on Mondays from after school until 4.15pm. If there is sufficient interest it will also run in the Spring, but not the Summer Term. There will be up to 10 places available.

If any parents can donate a pack of cards (or a crib board) to aid this venture, it would be much appreciated.

A reply slip is attached to note interest in joining.

## Zumba

The numbers taking part in this club have increased – it is a fun and fast paced class and it would be great to see a few more dancers joining the class on Thursday mornings. Please see the website for further details.

## Work in School over Half Term

Over half term, we are continuing with our rolling programme of refurbishment. Years 4 and 5 and the inter- joining room and the junior toilets are being painted and work will start on the change of the DT room to a staff room and vice versa.

On behalf of everyone at The Priory, may I wish you and your family a very pleasant half term holiday.

*Suzanne Kelly*

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I would like my child..... to join Card Club on a Monday evening.

Signed.....

