



# The Priory Primary School

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Dear Parents,

18<sup>th</sup> March, 2011

## **Mrs Barrett**

Thank you to everyone who kindly donated to the collection for Mrs Barrett. To date we have raised £1184.00 with which we are hoping to purchase a 'Story Telling' chair and three benches. Thank you also to everyone (adults and children) who have written messages in our book of condolence. If you like to add your message, the book will be available until Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March.

## **Arrangements for teaching Year One**

We have been very fortunate to have two very good students in school this term, Miss Wescott and Miss McEvoy. Sadly, we will say goodbye to both on Thursday next week and we wish them both well in their future careers. From Friday, the Year One class will be taught by Mrs Caroline Candy with whom all the children are familiar.

## **Administrative Assistant/Lunchtime Supervisor**

We are looking to appoint a member of staff to join our team. Details for the part time position of Administrative Assistant can be found on our website under 'employment vacancies'.

## **'Red Nose' Day**

Thank you for your tremendous support for this worthwhile cause. The children have had great fun in school today. We were very pleased not only with the non-uniform donation but with the monies raised from the sale of cakes at playtime. As you can imagine, the cakes were extremely popular, some children buying three or even four of them!

Thank you to Ashleigh Malcolm, Rebecca Craig, Scarlett Eatwell, Helena Forsberg, Amanda Rogers, Noni Davis, Sally Spencer and Isaac Forde and their parents for not only making the cakes but also for the school hall shop sales!

## **Kestrel FM Broadcast**

Following yesterday's text, I am sure many of you will have listened to Sophie Hall (Y5) broadcasting with James O'Neill on the radio this morning. She was a great credit to the school and although it was a non-uniform day in school, she represented The Priory in her usual uniform. Well done Sophie and thank you to Mr and Mrs Whitehead for arranging this wonderful experience.

## **Football Results**

Well done, to the A and B team who took part in yesterday's rally at Burnham Copse School. The A team were overall winners in their league with the B team runners up in theirs. Thank you also to Mrs Britt, Mrs Lewis and Mrs Pender for accompanying the children and to all the parents who shouted encouragement from the touchline.

## **Woodwind Lessons**

We are hoping that we will be able to offer woodwind lessons after Easter and Mrs Kate Barrett will be giving the children a demonstration of various instruments on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March. She will be sending a flyer home after she has visited us and we hope that several children will want to begin lessons.





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## Japanese Earthquake Appeal

Following the recent devastating events in Japan you may wish to read correspondence from one of our parents (Mrs Toyoko Phillips), at the foot of this letter. It contains details of how you can support the appeal fund –alternatively, you can send in donations to school as we have also started a collection.

Mrs Phillips has suggested that the children might like to make paper cranes as it is a Japanese tradition that if you make a senbazuru (a thousand paper cranes) and make a wish after completing each one, your wish would come true - in this case for the Japanese people to come through this crisis. For more information about this, please see <http://www.japan-zone.com/culture/origami.shtml>.

This will be a good cultural activity for the children and will help raise the profile of the Red Cross appeal. Mrs Phillips is an experienced paper crane folder and will be coming into school to help guide!

## Sponsored Spell

Thank you to everyone who has supported the recent sponsored spell fund raising event. It raised an amazing £1297.40. A special mention must go to Year R and Year One who raised the most money. A few children raised in excess of £50.00 and they are:

Charlotte Du Boulay  
Jack Sandford

Daniel Prickett  
Abigail Stanford

Ollie Perham

Eliza Sandford

## The Priory Parents' Association

As so many of you spend so much time and effort raising much appreciated funds for school, we are pleased to let you know that a breakdown of how the money has been allocated is now available. This can be found on the website under 'Where does the money go?' Thank you to Mrs Burt for producing this document.

## Parents' Evening

Thank you for your replies - we will be texting you with appointment times at the beginning of next week. I look forward to seeing you then.

**Please note, all after school run clubs will be cancelled next week due to Parents' Evening.**

Hope you enjoy a nice weekend.

Kind regards

*Suzanne Kelly*





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Dear Everyone,

I am sure you will all be aware of the recent terrible events in Japan, with the unprecedented triple disaster of a 9.0 earthquake, devastating tsunami and now the release of radioactivity from the Fukushima nuclear plant. To those of you that know me as a Japanese living in England, I would like to offer my thanks for kindly enquiring about the welfare of my family there. I am relieved to say that they are so far all fine, including my youngest sister who is just 35 miles West of the Fukushima site, but am almost beyond words for the deep sadness I feel about the disaster that has befallen my country, and my fellow Japanese.

To date, the official figures give a death toll of at least 10,000 and another 20,000 are missing; and these are likely to continue rising upwards. The Fukushima reactors continue to deteriorate with further dangerous releases of contaminated material. Strong aftershocks are still ongoing. 90,000 houses have been destroyed. It has started to snow heavily in the affected region. Power and water supplies are cut. Petrol is in short supply or has run out in many places, and food is in short supply or simply all gone. We Japanese are used to earthquakes, but nobody predicted this level of destruction could happen to our country.

The dead are beyond anyone's help now, but over 440,000 people are living in emergency shelters with little heating or food and they need all the help that the people of the world can provide.

Living so far away from Japan, the best way I can think of to help those affected is to make an appeal for support to as many people as possible.

So I would be very grateful if you could make a donation through the **British Red Cross' Japan Tsunami Appeal**.

Donate by Internet: <http://www.redcross.org.uk/japantsunami>

Donate by phone: 08450 53 53 53

Donate by post: (Cheques made payable to British Red Cross)

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With my heartfelt thanks for whatever help you can offer.

Toyoko Phillips

