



# The Priory Primary School

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Dear Parents,

6<sup>th</sup> September, 2011

I hope that you had a very pleasant and relaxing summer holiday at home or abroad. It is amazing how quickly the weeks have passed and we find ourselves here at the beginning of another academic year.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all our new Reception children to school and those families who are new to the school, including Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell-Heron and their daughter Phoebe who has joined Year Two. We hope that they will be very happy at The Priory.

## **New staff**

We are delighted to welcome Miss Tucker (Year Three teacher) and Mrs. White (Year Two learning support assistant) to the team. Also, we welcome Ms Budd to the position of Year Six classroom assistant; this is in addition to her role as one of our minibus drivers. I know that they will quickly begin to feel “at home”.

We are also pleased to have Elena Meyer-Jungclaussen, a student teacher from Germany, with us until the beginning of October.

## **Summer holiday work at school**

School has been a hive of activity over the past five weeks. The Year R, One, Two, Three and Six (old Year Five) classrooms have been painted. They are now a pleasant shade of yellow rather than battleship grey.

A new door has been added to the Year One classroom – this opens on to a play area. This will allow the Year One curriculum to develop creatively, maximising all the opportunities from our wonderful outdoor environment.

As well as being painted, the Year Two classroom now has some much needed storage in the form of a large outdoor shed.

The partition that used to exist between Years Three and Six in the Victorian part of the school has been replaced with a stud wall. This has greatly enhanced the area, giving the two rooms a more discrete feel, with noise levels between them reduced to a minimum.

New cream vertical blinds with a blackout quality have been ordered to replace the broken roller blinds in Years Three and Six. This will allow the electronic whiteboards to be used whilst still allowing the children to see out of the windows. Year One’s broken blinds are also on order.

In the kitchen, stainless steel sheets have been put up behind the ovens and outside in the rear playground, some of the old wire fencing has been replaced with a new “post and rail” variety.

Without doubt, all the above greatly enhance the aesthetic feel of the school and will help to provide a pleasant learning environment.





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## Lost Property !

As you know, space is at a premium in school and as the year progresses, we acquire a huge amount of lost property ranging from small items of PE kit to outdoor coats and musical instruments! We would like to do away altogether with the idea of a lost property box and we are hoping that we can ensure that any bits and pieces of equipment can be returned to the owner straight away. To this end, during this first week, we will be looking at the children's PE kit and school uniform to check that all items are named appropriately. Please could you ensure that all items of uniform are named – it will avoid the distress caused when items go astray; it will make it easier for the children to be responsible for their belongings and it will help us to avoid the overflowing lost property box issue. Many thanks!

## Welcome Evening

This year's Welcome Evening will take place on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm in the hall. It is open to all parents in all year groups. It is a chance to see the changes to the school; to watch a DVD presentation of school activities; to hear a short address from the Chair of Governors and myself; to meet the staff and to get to know other parents over a glass of wine.

We hope that you will be able to join us – please could you complete and return the slip below by Monday, 12<sup>th</sup>.

## The School Calendar

As last year, there will be two versions of the school calendar, one online and the other a small A5 booklet. We are hoping that this will be available from the Welcome Evening onwards.

## School Clubs

We continue to be very proud of the extra-curricular provision offered at The Priory. A full timetable will shortly be available on the website, with a form to download to enable your child to join staff-run clubs. As usual, clubs and music lessons run by external providers will deal with their own administration, including billing. Clubs run by staff will commence in the week beginning Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September.

## Dinner Money

Dinner money for this half term is £68.00 and for those of you who would like to pay for the whole term the amount is £138.00. Please make cheques payable to The Priory Primary School Academy Trust.

Once again, on behalf of all the staff, thank you for your ongoing support and generosity. I hope that you and your child have a very happy 2011-2012 academic year at The Priory.

Kind regards,

*Suzanne Kelly*





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## Welcome Evening

Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2011

\*I/We shall be attending the Welcome Evening.

Signed: .....

*\*Please delete as necessary*

