



The Priory Primary School

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Spring Term 2011 Letter 1

14th January 2011

Dear Parents,

I hope that you had a very enjoyable Christmas break – although I am sure that by now, it probably seems like a distant memory! Despite the grey weather, the children have returned to school in good spirits and have settled enthusiastically back to their class work. Last week, our first big event of the term was the rescheduled crèche and although the numbers attending were slightly down on last year, over £400 was raised for the future benefit of all the children. Thank you to all the parents and staff who helped on the night and made the event such a success. On Tuesday, we welcomed into school a representative from Barnado's who spoke to the children about their work. We would like to support this charity as we have done in previous years and we are sending home an envelope tonight on the front of which is further information. We have not received the badges yet but when we do we will send them home. Our "Care and Share" day will be Tuesday, 25th January. We look forward to seeing the children's designs and we have a lovely teddy bear that we will be raffling on the day from the donation envelopes received.

Clubs

As usual our club timetable is very busy! This term we are pleased to offer, as well as our well established favourites, some new clubs which we hope will appeal to a wide range of children.

Quiz Club

We would like to invite children in Years 1-6 to take part in a "University Challenge" style quiz every Wednesday afternoon from 3.15 – 4.15pm. The part of Jeremy Paxman will be played by me and Mrs. Love. Ideally, we would like a range of children of differing ages and interests (and probably no more than 24!)

Computers

This term we are running a computer club for children in Years 5 and 6. 12 children will be able to take part and the activities will be specifically tailored to their particular interests.

Hockey

This is another new club and will be run by Daniel Grant from The Sports Coaching Company (dgrant@thesportscoachingcompany.com) on a Monday afternoon from 3.35 -4.25pm starting on 24th January. I was very impressed with Daniel when he met me to introduce his company so I am hoping that the club will be a great success with the junior children.

Gardening/Nature

This is a long established and faithfully attended club (but new members are always welcome!). This term Mrs. Lewis would like the children to take part in the latest R.H.S. competition which is on an Alice in Wonderland/ scarecrow theme. She will be using the dark and gloomy days of January as a good excuse to let the children work inside in the warmth on their initial designs. Then, one weekend later in the term, we will be asking parents to join us to make the scarecrows themselves.

French

The cost for French this term is £ 18.00 Please make cheques payable to The Priory Primary School.

The school minibus

We are very pleased with our school minibus (in fact, given the opportunity we would very much like to own a second one, so that we could transport a whole class). For the Autumn Term, whilst we were still getting used to running the bus, we have been operating the Silchester – Little London – school route. However, we feel that it would be possible to pick up in the morning in Monk Sherborne and Charter Alley. We would probably have 3





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pickup points, The Mole, John Green's garage and half way down Pamber Road. Times of pickups would be between 8.30 and 8.40am. There would be a very small charge per journey per child to cover costs. The bus is able to accommodate a maximum of 16 children at a time. Children would not need to travel every morning.

The children who travel on the bus at the moment love it and their parents are highly satisfied, too. Of course, it also enables parents to gain a little more free time in their days, as well as helping to reduce traffic congestion outside school. If you would be interested in your child travelling on the minibus and would like to find out more, please do call in to the school office for further details.

Parents' Association

The Parents' Association have a number of events taking place this term including the talent show, the Valentine's disco and the Sponsored Spell. They are also holding a drop in session for anyone interested in getting involved with this invaluable aspect of school life. Please come along to the school library from 2.45pm on Friday, 21st January to find out more – you will be assured of a very warm reception! Further details and letters of Parents' Association events may be found on the school website.

Lunch time Assistant

We are pleased to have filled this vacancy on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and we are pleased to welcome Mrs. N. Williams (Y1 parent) on to the staff team. If you would be able to help us out on either Thursday or Friday (or both), we would be delighted to hear from you!

Illness

We are pleased that the vast majority of the children are now back to good health following the terrible flu and sickness bugs which caused misery to many before Christmas. Thank you to everyone for not sending poorly children into school. Sometimes we are asked for information about the appropriate amount of "time off" after bouts of diarrhoea – according to the latest advice from the Health Protection Agency the recommendation is to keep children at home 48 hours after the last episode.

Road Safety

Once again, we have received "Tales of the Road" as part of the Government's "Think Safe" campaign. If you would like a copy, please pop in to the school office.

Communication via the website

Although we will send out occasional correspondence as hard copies, we would like the majority of our written correspondence to be posted on the website with a text notification. Please could you ensure that we have up to date contact details so that you can be fully informed or let us know if there are any issues.

Have a very enjoyable weekend,

Yours sincerely,

Suzanne Kelly





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I would like my child..... to attend the following clubs:

- Computer Club
- Gardening Club
- Roller Skating
- Choir
- Latin
- Recorders
- French - £18 attached
- Quiz Club
- Netball – Starting after half-term
- Junior Football - Lunchtime

Signed.....

