St Nicholas Priory C.E.V.A. Primary School Autumn Term

Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome back to the new school year. The staff and children have made a very positive start

We are pleased to see that our data is showing a real upward trend but appreciate that there is more still to do and We really appreciate you supporting school by valuing education and ensuring that children come to school having had a good night's sleep and on time.

Our children are looking very smart. I appreciate that there have been some issues getting uniform but I believe that these are resolved now.

We in school will do everything we can to help your child to do their best. Let us know if we can support you in any way. Remember that we do have 'Drop in' in the morning or you are free to come and speak to our pastoral support Mrs Alison Little or Mrs Roz Hazel. If you have any concerns around attendance then Dee Wells is happy to speak to parents to ensure that all children are in school on time every day.

At the end of the day we appreciate parents collecting children on time and



Our Vision Statement

We aim to welcome and celebrate the diversity of all God's children and provide a safe, caring space in which they can achieve their best academically, spiritually and pastorally whilst learning to serve others.

will endeavour to ensure that they are out on time

We are running a wide range of clubs so please come and ask. We are particularly excited about working with St George's theatre this year

As you know, we are a church school and we are continuing to look at the value of our vision statement. This half term our focus is on the Christian idea of "generosity" in collective worship.

Our Priory team look forward to working with you throughout the year

Maria Grimmer

Parent evening

Parents evening will be on: Tuesday 2nd Oct - 3.30 -6.30pm

Wednesday 3rd Oct - 3.30 - 5.30pm

This is a very important opportunity for you to come along and support your child in finding out about all they have been learning. We can also discuss any learning support plans and additional help your child might need. We will have representations from high schools and refreshments will be provided.

The Book People Book Club will be present on both days if you wish to take advantage of their children's book selections

Uniform

We are always very proud of to see children in our school uniform. The main colour for our uniform is black. Grey or navy blue is not acceptable.



School ties are always available from the school office.

Harrison's School Wear have relocated to 73, Southtown Road, Great Yarmouth The opening hours are: Mon - Sat 9:30 -5:00 pm

We would also ask parents not to have patterns cut into children's hair, as this also is not part of our school uniform policy. The weather is getting cooler as Autumn approaches so please ensure your child has a jacket in school to wear at break and lunch times.



All children in school are required to take part in PE lessons. The PE kit for all children should be - black shorts, a white T-shirt, and plimsolls or trainers. Children can wear a black tracksuit in the winter months.

Please remember to write your child's name in <u>all</u>items of clothing.

Year 6 - High School Applications

A reminded to parents/carers that your child's High School application need to be submitted before the **31st October 2018**

Year 2 News

It's been a busy start to the year for us. The children have spent time experimenting with charcoals, pencils and clay in art lessons and found out



about animals and their habitats in science. They have been creating animal dances in PE lessons and looking at Peter Rabbit in reading and writing. Everyone really enjoyed watching the

Peter Rabbit film. We welcomed our year 2 parents in for our Macmillian Coffee Morning on Friday 28th September and raised just over £70. They learnt a lot about its history, why i was built and who lives there now, returning to school with some amazing facts. Since then they have been



exploring the history of England and the impact of the Angles, Saxons and Vikings, as well as enjoying the class novel about an Anglo-Saxon boy called Bron and his exciting adventures.

Year 5 News

Year 5 have had a fantastic start to the year! On the first two days of term, the children had great fun undertaking teambuilding activities and have formed strong bonds in their new classes. As part of their Autumn Term project and to help them answer the question of 'What Does It Mean To Be 'Old'?' the year group visited The Fishermen's Hospital on Great Yarmouth Market Place.

Year 6

Year 6 had a fabulous project launch to Bletchley Park and Coventry. On the trip, they have to learn lots about World War 2 and what happened in the war, which they have started to use in their writing and reading lessons.



The children who did not go on the trip, had Mr Cheeseman dress up in his army uniform and come and show the children his memorabilia so they could see it first-hand. These children also made gas masks and pretended to be in an air raid by hiding under the tables!

Harvest festival

Harvest Festival service will be held at the Minster on 18th October at 2pm. We will be collecting tins of food for the Salvation Army food bank. Donations can be brought in by the children and given to the class teacher. children choosing to join us for lunch, and coming to play in the Nurture space at break time.

This year, we have created a new listening room which is open for parents/carers on a Monday morning, 8.30-9.30. Alison Little will be available to chat through any concerns or worries.

Diary dates

Harvest Festival Service - Thursday 18th October at 2pm

School closes (Half Term) - Thursday 18th October at 3.15pm

School opens (Autumn Term) - Monday 29th October 8.40am

School closes (Christmas holiday) -Tuesday 18th December at 3.15pm



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Nurture News

We have had a busy start to the term in Nurture this year. Children throughout the school are involved in Nurture groups and are learning about friendship and self-esteem. We also have many