

Priors Hall Newsletter | 25.9.20



Dear Families,

Welcome back! We have had a wonderful, if not unusual start to the new school year. It is fantastic to see the children back in school, seeing their friends again and learning new routines. They are all adapting so well and we are so proud of how they are all coping with our new normal. We would like to thank you all for your support with this.

We would like to say a big thank you to all parents and children who are adhering to the social distancing guidelines at the start and end of the school day. It is important that we carry on with this and continue to arrive promptly at our drop off and collection times.

Star of the Week

We are continuing to have star of the week assemblies remotely or by Mrs McQuade visiting classes each week! Children will be selected for demonstrating our school values. Well done to this week's stars:

Carle (RNM) – James F	Murphy (RLN) – Jake O
Hendra (IKM) – Seb M	Jeffers (IMM) – Evie A
Rosen (2SM/HB) – Olek C	Seuss (2EJ) – Harry N
Dahl (3MB) – Mukudzei B	Rowling (3GB/KM) – Alice S
Walliams (4LP) – Gabby M	Morpurgo (4AB) – Kyle H
Bunzl (5KC) – Alimah N	Cottrell-Boyce (5JP) – Zoia S

Whole school Diary Dates – anything you need to know, including costs!

Parents' consultations via Zoom/phonecall – Tuesday 20th October and Thursday 22nd October (times will be allocated by class teachers)

Wear it pink for breast cancer (£1 mufti) – 22nd October 2020 – proceeds to Breast Cancer Now research.

Individual & sibling photographs – 19th October 2020

Children in Need 2020 (mufti £1) – 13th November 2020 – proceeds to children in need.

Magician visits (£1.50 parental contribution) – 17th December 2020 (letter to follow)

Autumn term 1: Thursday 3rd September – Thursday 22nd October

Autumn term 2: Monday 2nd November – Friday 18th December

Premier Sports Clubs

There are still spaces available on the sports clubs we offer before and after school. These include gymnastics, archery and football. These are provided following Covid safe guideline. Please see <https://www.priors-hall.northampton.gov.uk/parents/news/courses2020/> to book or for further details.

ClassDojo & School Comms (Gateway app)

We will use Class Dojo and School Comms to communicate with you. Please let the office know if you still need to connect on this service and we will set this up for you. Please contact class teachers regarding Class DOJO.

Please do not report absences on Class DOJO

Pupil Premium

The COVID-19 pandemic has affected many families. You may be eligible for Pupil Premium, please check at

<https://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/children-families-education/schools-and-education/Pages/pupil-premium.aspx>

Primary school applications

If you have a child who is due to start primary school in September 2021, applications are now open and you must apply online at www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/admissions by 5pm on 15th January 2021. Everyone needs to apply for a place, so please do not assume that because you have a child in our Nursery, or an older sibling in school, that you will

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility – if you are concerned about the welfare of a child, please contact one of our school DSLs, Ben Lynch, Tess McQuade, Alex Crawford or Jenna Smith.

School Senior and Core subject Leadership Team & responsibilities

Ben Lynch

Designated Safeguarding Lead
KS2 & Curriculum Lead
Inclusion – Pupil Premium & EAL

benlynch@priorshallalc.com

Tess McQuade

Assistant Headteacher (Acting Head during Mr Woolhouse absence)

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
Whole school Quality of Education Lead
07909257780

Alex Crawford

Early Years and Year 1 Lead
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
Behaviour and Attitudes Lead

alexcrawford@priorshallalc.com

Jenna Smith

SENDco

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
Personal Development and Welfare Lead

jennasmith@priorshallalc.com

Sue Gardner

Chair of Governors

info@priorshallalc.com

Lorna Ellis & Kerry McCreddie

Writing and Reading Lead

Sarah Russell-Thompson

Bursar (finance) & Office Manager

sarahrussell@priorshallalc.com

Justin Pye

Assessment Lead

PE and Sports Premium Lead

Sue Mathie

Maths Lead

Ellie Johnson

Science Lead

Wrap Around Care Leadership

Kristina Martin

Breakfast Club co-ordinator

Lindsey James

Tea-Time Club co-ordinator

We are contactable via email or the school office if you have any queries or concerns that you would like to raise with any of us. We would love to hear positive experiences.

Please note that any meetings should be prearranged and by appointment, where possible.

Our classroom names

As you may be aware, our classrooms are named after famous authors. On the first two days back after summer, children learnt all about their author and created some wonderful displays. I wonder if they can tell you any facts about them.

FS2 Lucy Nisbet	= Murphy Class
FS2 Nic McNab	= Carle Class
Y1 Kerry McCreadie	= Hendra Class
Y1 Marleigh Muir	= Jeffers Class
Y2 Sue Mathie	= Rosen Class
Y2 Ellie Johnson	= Seuss Class
Y3 Michelle Bruce	= Dahl Class
Y3 Georgia Briscoe & Kristina Martin	= Rowling Class
Y4 Lee Petchey	= Walliams Class
Y4 Annalee Blake	= Morpurgo Class
Y5 Justin Pye	= Cottrell-Boyce Class
Y5 Katie Canham	= Bunzl Class
Y6 Ben Lynch & Jo Young	= Pullman Class