

Priors Hall Newsletter 5.10.21



Dear Families, It has been a wonderful start to a busy autumn term! We have welcome 60 new children into our Reception who have settled incredibly well. It is lovely to be able to have assemblies again and we are looking forward to inviting parents and families in to class assemblies this year!

Clubs will continue next term and these will be communicated very soon.

Stars of the week

RLN Jeneill RNM Evan

1MM Koby 1CB/LM Maria

2SM Fotini 2JW Rafe


3MB Woody 3JS/SS Maya

4AB Laura 4EJ Perez

5JP Harriet 5HB Ignash


6KC Trevor & Llam

Y1 and Y5 Class assemblies this term 9.15am school hall

Tues 19th – Mr Pye's class 

Weds 20th – Mrs Brazier & Mrs Miller's class

Thurs 21st – Miss Muir's class

Friday 22nd – Mr Barwell's class 

Welcome to new staff

As you may be aware, we welcomed three new teachers to our school in September, Mrs Hackett (Reception), Mrs Smith (Year 3) and Mrs Miller (Year 1). We are also super glad to welcome Mrs Ellis back in Year 6, following her maternity leave. Leanne Johnston has joined our wonderful Nursery team as a keyworker. We also have some new Teaching and Learning support staff, Mr Mackenzie (Reception & Year 1) and Mrs Johnsen (Year 6).

You may have noticed Mr Lyons, our new site supervisor also started this term.

Whole school Diary Dates

Thursday 7th October – Phonics workshop for parents @ 9.15am

Monday 18th October & Wednesday 20th October – Parents evening (letter sent via comms and bookbags)

Tuesday 19th October – Individual and sibling photographs

Friday 22nd October – Wear something pink for breast cancer awareness

Wednesday November 3rd – Year 2 to Year 6 Parents reading workshop 5.30pm

Autumn term 1: September 3rd to October 22nd

Autumn term 2: November 1st to December 17th

Cold Weather

Please make sure your child has adequate warm clothing. We have our windows open for ventilation so it can get a bit cold!

Secondary school applications

If your child is in Year 6, you need to apply for their secondary school place by 5pm on 31st October. Applications need to be completed online at

www.northnorthamptonshire.gov.uk/admissions. See information attached regarding tours

Primary school applications

Primary school applications need to be made by January 15th at 5 pm via the Northamptonshire County Council webpage



'Friends of Priors Hall'

Our PTA are actively planning an extravagant Christmas Fayre for our families and community. Please contact Aimee Fogg in the office, if you are interested in helping with the plans!

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, Justin Pye, Jacques White, Charlotte Brazier or Alex Crawford

Meet our Safeguarding and Pastoral Care Team



Calla Haycock-Hall – Pastoral Teaching Assistant – MHFA – ELSA “Ensuring that our children’s social, emotional and mental health needs are met is a crucial element for their personal development, which allows them to grow and thrive. I’m excited to play my part as Pastoral Teaching Assistant in this holistic approach to the children’s well-being and education. I’m also eager to start lots of training to enhance my role to benefit the diverse needs of our children and I’m looking forward to developing a space in the school that they can come to feel listened to, supported and work on a variety of skills and tactics that they can use to support themselves”



Jacques White – Inclusion Lead – DDSL



Tess McQuade – Headteacher – Mental Health First Aider – Deputy DSL – Senior Mental Health Lead “Children’s wellbeing and mental health is of paramount importance to me. If children do not feel safe and valued, they will not be ready to learn. I am soon starting training to become our school’s Senior Mental Health Lead and am excited about the investment we are making in our pastoral care and personal development”



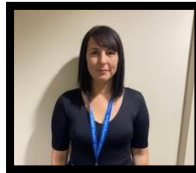
Charlotte Brazier – Early Years and Key Stage One Lead - Deputy DSL “Here at Priors Hall, we value the relationships that we build with our families. When children build positive relationships with the adults they work with and their peers, they are more likely to display high levels of wellbeing and involvement. I strive to engage, motivate and have fun with our children.”



Justin Pye – KS2 Lead - DDSL -



Jenna Smith, Year 3 Teacher, DDSL “Children should always feel happy and safe in school. I believe it is important that they feel able to share their feelings and thoughts with adults without worrying. Being in class with the children is my favourite place to be, especially when we are able to be creative and do practical activities such as painting or clay. My favourite subject is history and I love getting the children excited about learning new things. Their well-being is what matters most.”



Nikki Moxam, MHFA & Attendance Officer



Michelle Bruce, PSHE Lead, Year 3 Teacher
As PSHE lead it is my role to make sure children understand why learning about their personal and social development is just as important as core subjects. Learning how to take care of their own emotional and social needs early on, will help your child to become a more resilient adult. I have undertaken several courses in understanding mental health and working with families and am looking forward to using my knowledge in our pastoral care and development team.



Katie Canham – Personal Development Lead – Wellbeing Lead - Mental Health First Aider - Year 6 Teacher

“I feel privileged to be in a position to help children develop skills beyond the academic, which they can use in everyday life. Our school motto *ready for learning, ready for life* demonstrates its high priority within our practices. As a Mental Health First Aider, I have a good understanding of mental health and the factors that can affect wellbeing as well as the confidence to support children when needed.”



Lucy Nisbet – Reception Teacher – SENDco “I am excited to be part of the inclusion team and working closely with adults and children to instil a lifelong love of learning. The child is always at the heart of everything that I do and their wellbeing is paramount to me. This year I will be working towards gaining my SEND accreditation whilst continuing to support all learners”

Secondary School tours and applications

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Lodge Park Academy – Virtual tour now available on Lodge Park Academy Website. Please visit www.lodgeparkacademy.co.uk to view this.

Corby Technical School – Virtual tour now available on website, please visit www.corbytechnicalschool.org.

Corby Business Academy – Open Event Wednesday 6th October, book a place for you and your child at www.corbybusinessacademy.org. Alternatively visit the website for a virtual tour now available.

Kingswood Secondary Academy – Open Evening Thursday 7th October, currently all allocated slots have been filled for this event but you can register your interest to attend an Open Day at www.kingswoodsecondaryacademy.org. A video of the open evening will be added to the website.

Brooke Weston – Virtual tours are available to view now at www.brookeweston.org.

Prince William – Virtual tours are available to view now at www.pws.emat.uk.