



The Priory School Newsletter

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HEADTEACHER UPDATE

We've made it to the October half-term holidays and this feels more of an achievement than usual! I think our whole school community should be congratulated on adjusting so well to the current challenges. I am particularly pleased that we even managed to run a **school trip to the Ancient Technology Centre this week**, meeting the requirements of all the guidelines. My thanks in particular to our office team, Mrs Kelly and Miss Webber for all the hours spent on the risk assessment!

I hope you found the **parent consultation** evenings useful and informative. You should have a clear understanding of how the lockdown period impacted your child's learning journey and the steps we are taking to help them catch-up. We are planning to roll out additional online resources for the whole school after half-term.

We had over 110 responses (child and pupil) to our hot dinner survey and the results have been very useful. 33% do not have hot dinners because the child prefers a packed lunch and 26% because the parent prefers them to have a packed lunch. 22% have sandwiches because they don't like our hot dinners. We are organising a new streets menu based on the most popular dishes, and we plan to roll this out once we have given School Council time to try them. Today we had over 90 children having our Fishy Friday menu, which is really encouraging. **For the next 2 weeks after half-term, the menu will remain the same.**

I am delighted to confirm that **Mrs Clapcott and Mrs Dyer** will be officially joining the team after half-term to offer additional support in the mornings and afternoons respectively. Mrs Clapcott will pick up a number of Mr Holloway's duties in Class 4.

COVID Review - Week 7

Please contact the school office via email should there be any positive cases of COVID-19 in your household during the holiday. Depending on the timescales, we still have a duty under test and trace to contact pupils at home.

I wish a safe and restful October half-term holiday. School will reopen on Monday 2nd November (but closed for INSET on Tuesday 3rd November).

Mr Ruffle



School Mission Statement

"Inspiring a generation to learn, flourish and achieve in a caring, Christian community"