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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the first day of the new school year. We hope that you had a lovely summer break and it wasn't too hard dropping your children back off to school. To all of our new parents, welcome to The Priors family and we hope that you and your children enjoy being members of our community. We would also like to welcome our new member of staff to The Priors School. We have Mrs Hobbs joining us to work in the Robins classroom and we are extremely excited to work with her. I am sure you will join me in wishing her happiness in our school.

We have taken advantage of a government subsidy to install an electric car charging point in our school car park. We will be looking to open up our car park over the evenings to allow up to two cars to charge overnight. If you have an electric car, or are looking to purchase one but do not have the drive space to install a charger, please do come and speak to us about how you could possibly use ours.

We are offering the following after school clubs this term:

Monday – 3.20 – 4.15 – Music with Mr Hudson (Years 1 – 6)

Monday – 3.20 – 4.00 - Animation Club with Mrs McCarthy (Years 3 - 6)

Monday – 3.20 – 4.00 – Construction Club with Mrs Causebrook (Reception and Year 1)

Tuesday – 3.20 – 4.00 – Cross Country with Mrs Logan (Years 3-6)

Tuesday – 3.20 – 4.15 – Dance with Love Ballet (Reception – Year 6). **This is a charged for club, please see the attached flier.**

Wednesday – 3.20 – 4.00 – Disney Club with Miss Harris (Reception – 2)

Thursday – 3.20 – 4.20 – Multisports with Kits Academy (Reception – 6). **This club will be charged at £45 per term and will be placed on Parent Pay.**

Clubs will begin next week (week beginning 9th September). Music and Multisports will run until the end of the term, but all other clubs will finish the week before (week ending 13th December). The booking window on Arbor opens today at 3pm and closes at 3pm on Friday and **these must be booked through Arbor**. If you miss these deadlines, please contact Fleur who will confirm if there are any spaces remaining for the club you require.

When you have confirmed your booking on Arbor, this means your child has secured a place on the club as we have set maximum numbers. If you attempt to book the club and there are no spaces remaining, unfortunately this means your child will not be able to attend the club this time. If you are booking a paid for club, you are confirming that you will make the payment for that club on ParentPay, which will be available for payment on Monday 9th September.



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As you know, we have our wrap around care provision, The Nest. This runs from 7.30am to 8.50am Monday to Friday and 3.20pm to 6pm, Monday to Thursday and 3.20pm to 4.30pm on Friday. Our preference is that you book and pay for your sessions in advance on ParentPay so that we can adequately staff this and provide resources. We do allow ad-hoc bookings as we understand 'life happens' but this should not be your usual way of booking sessions. If you use child care vouchers to pay for your sessions, please speak to Fleur and she will set up a credit behind your account for you to book. If you are needing a space for your preschool children, we do need to know in advance as we have to follow strict ratios with these children.

We would also like to remind you that if you have questions about things, please do look on the school website for information. All letters that are sent are published there and, if you subscribe to our calendar, all school events will automatically appear in your calendars. This way you will always have the information you need. If you have queries that cannot be solved through the website, please contact the school as your first point of call. Posting questions on Facebook or through the WhatsApp groups may not be the best way to receive the answer that you need. Please do call us, pop in or send us an email.

Miss Harris would like to hold a welcome to Year 1 meeting for all of our new to Year 1 children on Friday 6th September at 2.30pm. During this meeting, she will explain to you how Year 1 looks for your children, what differences there are from Reception and the new routines. It would be great to see as many of you there as possible.

You may remember, before the summer break, we shared our new programme of reading with you and you can find the original letter on the [school website](#). I would like to invite you to an information meeting about these changes on Monday 23rd September. We will hold two meetings and we hope as many of you can attend either of them. The first meeting will start at 9.15am in the school hall and the second meeting will start at 2.30pm. If you cannot attend the meeting, all handouts and presentations will be available on the school website.

One of the key messages I will be sharing in this meeting is that it is OK to read the same book more than once and that we would actively encourage this. The Monster Phonics programme should not be seen as a race to get through the books as quickly as you can, but as a progressive scheme of learning which is reinforcing the phonics sounds your children have learnt at school. I will also emphasise the importance of parents checking and signing the home-school records. These records are a key piece of communication between school and home and allow us to know when your child is ready to move on to their next reading book.

We have received a message from the UK Health Security Agency who have asked us to share the attached post card about childhood immunisations. There has been a rise in preventable childhood illnesses throughout the UK and they advise that all immunisations are kept up-to-date.

As always, we want to be an open, friendly school. If you have any thing you would like ask us, or need help with, please do get in touch.

Best wishes,



Ricky Emms
Head teacher