8 June 2018

Penworthan Privy Post



Community: Penwortham Gala

This Saturday pupils and staff will be taking part in the Penwortham Gala procession - come and support us!

We will be walking the procession alongside Priory's minibus whilst creating the Samba 'Call and Response'.

Mrs Hopes, Head of Creative Arts, who is co-ordinating Priory's involvement said, "We will be trying to make as much rhythmic noise as we can! However, due to the forecasted high temperatures Pedro Puffin is being very reluctant to attend the event, and for health & safety reasons, we may have to leave him behind."

We will also have a stall at Hurst Grange Park where we will be selling creations made by the Technology Department.

Pupils who have volunteered to take part have received letters and have been asked to meet at Hill Road South, lamp post 7, behind the Brownie Hut, at 12 noon. The procession begins at 12.30pm however the public should be aware that the roads will be closed from 11.30am.

Learn

We would like to encourage all our pupils and their families to come and support this community event.

Full details of the day are available from the Penwortham Town Council's website at www.penworthamtowncouncil. gov.uk/events/



Succeed

Attendance Winning Forms

Each week the attendance officer calculates the winning form for 'Year 11s' and 'The 'Rest' of the school. As the Year 11 form groups are smaller than the others, they are more likely to achieve full attendance. Therefore to ensure fairness, results have been separated out.

This week's winners are:

Year 11 - H1 (100%)

Rest -H2 (99.57%)

Well done to Mr Wall's and Mrs Simpson's forms.



PE Rewards Trip

There isn't a lot to report this week from the PE Department however the main result we wanted to see was that England beat Costa Rica at last night's World Cup warm up match attended by the 42 pupils who had shown commitment to representing the school at sporting events.

Caught up in 3.5 hours of traffic on the way, the group just made it in time for the national anthem. They witnessed the team win 2-0 and watched the winners' lap of honour before returning to Penwortham.

KEY DATES

PSHE Day

Thurs, 21 June 2018 (Early lunch followed by early closure at 1:30pm)

Year 11 Leaving Date Fri, 15 June 2018

Year 8 Lake District Trip 12, 18, 19 June 2018

Year 10 Work Experience Day Mon, 25 June 2018

Physics Olympics Event (by invitation) Tues, 26 June 2018

Year 11 Prom Wed, 27 June 2018

Mini Masters, Ormskirk (Year 9 by invitation) Thurs, 28 June 2018

New Pupil & Parents Evening (2018 Intake) Wed, 4 July 2018

New Pupil Induction Day Thurs, 5 July 2018

Year 7 Parents Evening Wed, 11 July 2018

Author Visit (in school) Tues, 17 July 2018

Blackpool Rewards Trip Wed,18 July 2018

Isle of Wight Residential Wed, 18 - Sun, 22 July 2018

End of Year Closure

Fri, 20 July 2018 (Early lunch followed by early closure at 1:30pm)



REMINDER: The New SIMS Parent App

Last term we wrote to parents to let you know how you can access the new parent app and website - a convenient new way to manage your child's information.

Parents were sent an email containing a unique invitation code to activate your account. Please can we remind you that this code will expire shortly and if you have not already set up your account, you may need to request a new code.

Once registered, parents can access and amend your children's details. This is a quick and efficient way of ensuring the school has the most up to date contact details and medical information for your child.

What you will find in the SIMS Parent app:

- School term, inset dates and contact details available at the click of a button
- Access to update your contact details, so we always have the most up-todate information in case of emergency
- If you have more than one child at school, you will have access to information for all your children, from the same app.

For activation codes, enquiries or if you require an additional login please contact Miss Diamond, Exams & Pupil Data Officer, by email at e.diamond@ priory.lancs.sch.uk.

A Bit of a Buzz at Priory! 🥦

Word must have got out that the school is as sweet as honey when a swarm of bees came to meet the pupils as they were about to leave on Wednesday. Staff and bus drivers moved quicker than Usain Bolt to shut windows and doors to keep everyone safe. We later found that they had set up home in the orchard.

Unfortunately, we couldn't allow them to stay so yesterday a beekeeper from Lancashire Honey came to move these precious creatures to a new home.





It's A Knockout Event in Memory of Former Pupil, Daniel Appleby

The family of former pupil, Daniel Appleby, has organised a charity event at Priory to mark his 32nd birthday.

Daniel Appleby, died last year following a brain haemorrhage linked with diabetes, which he had since he was 11 years old. His family is now holding the Dave Billington's It's a Knockout Roadshow at school on June 23.

All money raised will go towards Preston and Chorley Junior Diabetic Support Group to help children and young people with diabetes.

His mum, Julie said: "We were proud of Daniel every single day. Despite his own problems he would do anything to help anybody. Daniel had diabetes, but he lived life to the full and enjoyed travel and exciting activities. He was an electrician and we used to call him 'our bright spark'.

"As a family, we want to do something in his memory, so we are having a family fun day for what would have been his 32nd birthday on June 23."

Daniel attended Priory from 1997 to 2002 and the event will use the school grounds.

The family is looking for teams of up to 10 people to take part in an afternoon of madness and mayhem. Participants must be over age 10 so pupils from Priory and



ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE WITH CHRONIC ILLNESS

their parents could form a team - and maybe talk a few members of staff into getting involved too!

Julie continued "Any money raised will go towards supporting our local junior diabetic support group to help children and young people with diabetes to go on holiday, support educational sessions and enjoy trips out. We had such a lot of support from the group when Daniel was a teenager. We will also support local children with other chronic illnesses to get the most out of life."

Everyone is welcome to attend, with organisers asking for a charitable donation to take part.

The event, from 11am, will also include tuk tuk rides, games and stalls so all members of the public can join the fun.

To book a place call Julie Appleby on 07889443083 or email newspringfamily@outlook.com.





Exciting Times for The Astronomy Club

After taking their GCSE exam in Astronomy this week, the four members of the Astronomy Club can finally relax and take in the exciting news that they have been invited to attend Stephen Hawking's interment on 15 June.

The news came before we broke for half term that Priory had been successful in a public ballot as one of a small number of schools from across the country whose pupils will have the opportunity to attend Stephen Hawking's interment at Westminster Abbey.

The Hawking family wanted 1000 members of the public to have the opportunity to attend a service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Professor Hawking, during which his ashes will be interred near the grave of Sir Isaac Newton.

Assistant Headteacher, Ms Young, who runs the club, said: "We were very fortunate to be chosen. Having shown outstanding commitment to studying GCSE Astronomy after school, I have invited its four members to attend the service with me."

The news also follows on from their nomination for the 'Young Scientist of the Year' Education Award which take place at the Charter Theatre on 20 June.

Image shows the four pupils and Science technician Mr Evans, who also undertook the GCSE exam.

Polite Reminder - Stationery

A polite reminder that all pupils should come to school each day with essential stationery.

Teaching staff have noticed recently that a large number of pupils do not have the minimum necessary equipment to enable them to carry out their class work.



The school provides exercise books and text books but each child should be equipped with the following items as a minimum:

Three pens (two of these must be blue or black and the third must be green), two pencils, scientific calculator, 30cm ruler, rubber, sharpener and coloured pencils.

Please could you ensure that your child is well equipped which will help us provide the best education possible, without disruption. We appreciate your co-operation in this matter.





Thursday, 21 June -Collections for the Foodbank

As part of the school's commitment to developing its pupils' sense of community, we have decided to make the final PSHEE

day of the year as a non-uniform event, in return for pupils bringing in tins of food to contribute to Preston's food bank for struggling families.



This will take place on Thurs, 21 June. Pupils should bring their contributions to their morning registration for collection.

Please note, as always, PSHEE days are early lunch with early school closure at 1:30pm. School buses are rearranged for this earlier time.

Do you Recognise These?

LOST PROPERTY

We would like to remind pupils to check the lost property trolley regularly if they are missing unnamed items. We have recently had a build up of jackets and coats.

All lost property* is brought to the school office and put on the trolley for pupils to check through. Valuables are kept securely in the office. All named property is returned to the owner, therefore please ensure that all clothing and belongings are named.

Please note that at the end of each half term, unclaimed property is donated to charity or passed to Heads of House to be used as spares for those pupils that have forgotten, misplaced or have spoiled their uniform.

*Un-named PE kit will be held with the PE Department



