Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to welcome everyone back after the half term break and hope this finds you and yours happy and in good health having enjoyed the week and the fine weather that came with it.

Like the rest of society our school community has moved into a new stage of unprecedented times. With the improvement in the national situation and alongside the welcome loosening of some of the lockdown measures, it was with a very happy heart that we were able to open the school to Year 6 children last Monday.

In only a short space of time that included the half term break, the entire organisation and function of our school was dismantled and effectively rebuilt to enable us to welcome back all Year 6 classes and an increased number of Keyworker children while ensuring, as best we can, everyone’s health and safety. I have to acknowledge not only the School Leadership Team, but the Year 6 Team and of course Steve, who all have been nothing short of exceptional in bringing all the planning and preparation into reality. I would also like to recognise the Lunchtime Supervisors, Support Staff and all our other wonderful teachers for their contribution, not only for making this week work in school but for maintaining Learning at Home for all our other learners.

I would like to thank the Year 6 parents for their cooperation and support. The transition for the children was potentially going to be a tricky one but with your help a new school normal has quickly been established to the benefit of your children—your assistance is gratefully appreciated!

And to the Year 6 children... you have faced much challenge and disappointment in your final terms with us, many of you should be on residential this and next week, but you have been simply first class on your return and I want you to know how amazing we all think you are!

For those families and children still Learning at Home and in keeping with our various provision upgrades, please click on the links below for special ‘Team Talk’ videos from Mrs Dean and I - we hope you enjoy them and keep up the fantastic effort that is so evident in the rest of the newsletter. Password is on the email this was attached to.

Mr Moses’ Team Talk
Mrs Dean’s Team Talk

Collectively a phenomenal effort from everyone connected to Reigate Priory so thank you to you all—definitely another Proud to be Priory moment!

Regards

Mr Moses
ONLINE SAFETY REMINDER

The internet and the many opportunities it provides, whether it is keeping us connected or helping with learning, is proving an especially helpful tool at the moment. However, it can have its drawbacks and if not used or monitored in an appropriate way can make children vulnerable to online difficulties and dangers.

The Department of Education has recently provided school's with additional guidance to support children and their families to reduce the likelihood of any undue issues or harm occurring.

The Online Safety page of the school website has been and will continue to be updated accordingly and we would encourage all parents and carers to visit it and the links it contains to ensure best practice and approaches are being adopted at home.

Online Safety at reigate-priory.co.uk

RECEPTION COUGH AND SNEEZE GUARD SCREENS

A big thank you to Mr and Mrs Buckley who have kindly donated Cough and Sneeze Guard Screens from their business ABPLAS Ltd for our reception area. These are particularly reassuring at this time and enhance our protection of children, staff and parents.

YEAR 6 LEAVERS' HOODIES

We are pleased to confirm, the Year 6 leavers’ hoodies have arrived in school. These will be distributed to the children ahead of ‘Hoodies Day’ which will take place on Monday, 20 July, where for one day only, Year 6 children will be permitted to wear their leavers’ hoodie in school, should they wish. Whilst we appreciate the excitement of receiving a leavers’ hoodie, please can we remind you that these are not part of school uniform and should not take the place on your child’s red jumper. They should be kept as ‘home wear’ except on ‘Hoodies Day’.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

September may be a long way off, however, in order to ensure any new school uniform is received in time for back to school, online orders must be placed with our supplier, Mapac by 3rd August. The easiest way to order is via the school website or via the link below: https://www.mapac.com/education/parents/uniform/reigateprioryjuniorschoolrh27rl

TERM DATES AND INSET DAYS FOR 2020/21

All term dates and INSET days for the 2020/21 academic year are available to view and download from the school website.

JUNE INSET DAYS

A quick reminder that Thursday 25 and Friday 26 June are INSET Days and therefore the school will be closed to children.
VE DAY AT SCHOOL

To mark the 75th Anniversary of VE Day in school, we reflected on its meaning and significance – lead by a memorable talk from Shree (6ST), supported by Megan (6OM). We watched celebratory footage and sang along with Vera Lynn and Arthur Askey. We enjoyed our own version of a street party (at a safe distance) with Steve’s fun barbeque and a picnic in the inner courtyard, followed by cricket on the field. Some of us toured the new school allotment and thought about rationing and the Land Girls. During the afternoon, we decorated commemorative bunting and made flags whilst singing more uplifting WWII songs (as taught by Mrs Burns to so many Year 6s in the past) such as, “The Quartermaster’s Store” and “Hey Little Hen”. The sun shone and everyone was happy. It was a lovely day to Remember - We’ll Meet Again!

Mrs Ewbank and Mrs Lambert

Flags by Jenson (3VS), Olivia (5EP) and Jhanvi (3PF)

On a super sunny Wednesday I was lucky enough to be in school with a group of hard working Priory pupils. We had a busy morning answering Maths problems, investigating different food chains, animal life cycles and even writing some poetry! Oh and of course running around in the playground at break time! We then took full advantage of the beautiful sunshine and enjoyed our lunch outside! In the afternoon we put our creative hats on and made our own garden games. Can you spot what we made? ...

Miss Argyle

Some of our games … bowling and playing angry birds.
Learning at Home—Year 3

Tarun (3PF)
My Room
My bed is my friend at night,
I read stories there in the light.

Rory (3PF)

Jemima (3VS)

George (3JS)

Franek (3ST)

Rory (3PF)

Toby (3ST)

Roman (3JE)

Quinn (3JE)
Learning at Home—Year 4

Jessica (4IB) 

Food chain height chart
In the ocean

Eliana (4IB)

The Food Chain by
Freddie (4PE)

Orla (4LW)

Tom (4LW)

James (4LW)

Jake (4AP)

Evie (4FY)

Oliver (4PE)

Honey (4PE)
India Quiz by Hattie 5EA

MY GRUMP CARD

Let me tell you about my worst day EVER! My mum and dad were being super unfair. They wouldn’t give me a grump card when I’d behaved brilliantly! (A grump card gets you out of a telling-off and erases your next punishment!) I only hurt Peter a few times! I was determined to get one and my stomach-ached as I wanted one so much. I thought of lots of ways to get a grump card but none of them would work. Ten minutes later, Peter wanted to play with me. At first I said no but then I cracked it! I told him to give me £1 a minute then £2 a minute then I said he could pay in grump cards. He agreed and gave me all his grump cards for 3 games.

Life Cycle of a Ladybird by Sam (5JL)

I was so overjoyed, my grin was splitting my face in half! I couldn’t wait to start doing naughty things. With all these grump cards, I’d never be punished! So I started. First, I raced to the kitchen, ripped the cupboards open and started stuffing my face full of sweets. That cost me 1 grump card. I couldn’t believe I’d done it! Next, I sauntered to the sitting room where Dad was watching the boring news. I switched channels to Terminator Gladiator and started squealing “Go Gladiator!” Later at dinner, I spat my sprouts out on the floor. Then, I played on the computer and finally, I called Peter rude names. Peter told Mum that I’d tricked him. Mum shouted at me (her face goes bright red when she shouts) and I was angry with Peter. I was hot and clenching my fists.

Life Cycle of a Butterfly by Ben (5JC)

I was so relieved I thought I had a grump card left. I reached into my pocket … nothing! Frantically, I searched my pockets then the floor. My heart was racing and my chest felt like a snake had wrapped itself around me. I realised that I had no grump cards left and I got super annoyed that I probably wouldn’t get them ever again! I ended up with five punishments. Told you, WORST DAY EVER!!
Learning at Home—Year 6

Abi (6LP)
Esther (6LP)
William (6DW)
Max (6LP)
Cameron (6FC)
Isobel (6OM)
Sophie (6ST)
completing Mr Shepherd’s exercises.
Haydon (5EA) has now completed his 100km running challenge raising over £1100 for the NHS.

Henry (5EA) is cycling 200k to raise money for East Surrey Hospital.

Art Club painting by Max (4LW).

Annalisa (3JS) following Mr Shepherd’s Home Workout.

VE Day Meringue by Hattie (5EA)

Katie (6LP) learning with the company of her tortoise.
Creativity  Care
Communication
COURAGE
Connection
Challenge Curiosity
Commitment
Concentration
Confidence
Composure
Co-operation