

# The Priory Catholic Primary School February 2008 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

This short term is rapidly disappearing, and we now only have three weeks left until the end of term. I have heard that the holiday differences between Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire are causing some parents some logistical problems – my only suggestion to this is to make your feelings known to the appropriate County Council, so that hopefully, the situation can be avoided in future years.



After many years of service to the school, Mrs Brown, our Cook in Charge, will be leaving the school at the end of this term. We will be sad to see her leave, but are very grateful for all that she has done for the school.

I am very disappointed to see that several parents continue to park in an inconsiderate and dangerous manner on the streets surrounding the school. As previously mentioned, we have had several “near misses” where children have nearly been injured as a result of dangerous parking. Please park sensibly and safely – children’s lives could be at stake. I am pleased to say that the school Travel Plan is about to be submitted, after a series of meetings. The plan will be approved, subject to consultation, and will be displayed for anyone to read, in the entrance area of school from tomorrow onwards. This plan will hopefully help to provide a few solutions to our parking problems, but I would urge parents to always use common sense and courtesy when parking near school. Thank you.



## Liturgical Life of the School

Please feel welcome to join us for our reflection on the Stations of the Cross this Wednesday at 9.30am in school. There will be several short reflections in school during Lent, aimed at helping the children participate in Lenten preparations for Easter.



Preparation for this year's group of children taking their First Holy Communion successfully continues with a preparation session this Saturday. Their First Holy Communion will take place on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June. Please pray for all the candidates.

Academic Life of the School

As this half term is very short, several topics and schemes of work that would normally be undertaken this term will be studied after the Easter break. Following very successful Parents Evenings before half term, you should now be aware of your child's targets in English and Maths – please help and encourage your child to achieve these targets if at all possible.



In and around school

Unfortunately, I face the distinct possibility of having to cancel a proposed educational visit, as sufficient funding for this has not yet been sent into school. The law doesn't allow us to make mandatory charges for visits, so that we have to rely on voluntary contributions, in order for visits to go ahead. Unfortunately this means that parents can chose not to contribute towards educational visits. The consequences of this mean that visits may need to be cancelled, as we cannot fund the visits.



The termly/half term costs for dinners are below:

	1 day	2 days	3 days	4 days	5 days
1 child	£1.85	£3.70	£5.55	£7.40	£9.25
2 children	£3.70	£7.40	£11.10	£14.80	£18.50

	Spring Term 2008	Summer Term 2008	
	2nd half	1st half	2nd half
1 child	37.00	72.15	64.75
2 children	74.00	144.30	129.50

**Please make cheques for dinner money payable to Notts County Council.**

Do any parents work for the Royal Bank of Scotland group of companies? If you do, please let us know in school, as there is the possibility of an RBS Supergrounds Cash Award of £4,000 available to schools who have a parent working for the group.



## PTA

There is a PTA meeting after school this week on Thursday – please feel free to join us in planning events and activities for the year.

### In closing...

During this Lenten period, it is traditional for us to take stock of ourselves, and in trying to prepare for Easter, either deny ourselves something we enjoy, or else take on activities that would help us to become better, such as giving to charity or saying more prayers. Please encourage your children to talk about these issues during Lent.

Yours sincerely

Rosemary Jones

## Spring 2008 term dates

Mon 25 <sup>th</sup>	First Holy Communion preparation class	3.45pm
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Stations of the Cross Service in School	9.30am
Thurs. 28 <sup>th</sup>	PTA meeting	3.30pm

### March

Sat 1 <sup>st</sup>	First Holy Communion preparation class	3.45pm
Thurs. 6 <sup>th</sup>	Reception, Years 1 & 2 visit to White Post Farm	
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup>	Celebration Assembly	2.50pm
Tues. 11 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Disco	
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	End of term Mass in school	9.30am
	Last day of term	

## Summer 2008 term dates

Mon 31 <sup>st</sup>	First day back	
	First Holy Communion preparation class	3.45pm

### April

Wed. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Years 3 & 4 visit to Wollaton Park Museum	
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup>	Key Stage 2 Road Safety Quiz	9.15pm
	Celebration Assembly	2.50pm

Sat 5 <sup>th</sup>	First Holy Communion preparation class	3.45pm
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup>	After school clubs restart this week	
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup>	Beginning of term Mass in church (if church is ready)	9.30am
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup>	INSET	
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Mass	9.30am
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup>	KS2 Mass	9.30am
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup>	Photographs – class	

### May

Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Marian Liturgy in school	9.30am
	Celebration Assembly	2.50pm
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup>	First Holy Communion preparation class	3.45pm
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 SATs week	
	First Holy Communion preparation class	3.45pm
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> - Sun 18 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Briars residential weekend	
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 SATs/QCA Yrs 3,4,&5/NFER Yr 1 week	
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup>	KS2 Liturgy in school	9.30am

26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> May = half term

### June

Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup>	INSET	
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup>	Celebration Assembly	2.50pm
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup>	First Holy Communion Mass	10.15am
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup>	First Holy Communion preparation class	3.45pm
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Liturgy in school	9.30am
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	Mass of Thanksgiving for FHC	9.30am
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup>	Summer Fair	
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day morning	
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup>	New Parents Evening	7.00pm

### July

Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup>	KS2 performance (Yrs 3, 4 & 5)	2.00pm
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup>	KS2 performance	7.00pm
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 11 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Beaumanor residential visit	
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup>	New Reception taster	9.15 – 1.00pm
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup>	New Reception taster	11.30 – 3.30pm
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup>	Celebration Assembly	2.50pm
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>	Leaver's Mass	9.30am
	Leaver's Service	2.30pm
	Last day of term for children	
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup>	INSET	

