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### World Book Day

Thank you to you all for making such a splendid effort for World Book Day. The children (and staff!) looked amazing and everyone threw themselves fully into the activities throughout the day. Mrs Williams took lots of photos and we now have some of these on the website. For those of you who joined us for pyjamas, hot chocolate and stories - I am sure you will agree that the children produced some great writing during the two days. We hope to have the display with the children's writing up very soon so that everyone can enjoy the stories. I'd like to say a really big THANK YOU to all the PTA for providing such lovely hot chocolate, biscuits and marshmallows!

### Golden Time

There seems to have been some misunderstanding about the changes we have made recently to Golden time and I wanted to clarify the situation. Children are still able to have Golden Time each week but they now have to earn it. Throughout the week your children are working towards achieving their Golden Time through hard working hard and demonstrating positive learning attitudes such as perseverance and resilience. Each class has a clear bottle and every time a class member shows the desired qualities in their work, they are rewarded with a coloured 'pom pom', for their class to take them a little closer to their goal. Once achieved, the children will agree on an activity that they would all like to do for their Golden Time that week. This could be activities such as board games, arts and crafts, completing challenges, watching a DVD or playing parachute games etc. We think that the children will really value their Golden Time when they know they have earned it.

### Coding Club

For those children who prefer something more cerebral, we are grateful to Mr Meli who has offered to run a Coding club for children in year 5 and 6. Letters went out earlier this week and there are 20 places which will be allocated on a first come first serve basis.

### Parent Consultations

Parent consultations will take place on the 28th March between 3.30 and 5.30pm and 29th March between 3.30 and 7.00pm. Opportunities to sign up for an appointment will be available in the next couple of weeks.

### Half Term Activities

Priestlands School will be hosting half term activities over the Easter holidays. There are various activities from a Harry Potter Extravaganza, the guitar experience or helping feed the lambs in the walled garden. Activities are at various times and prices. For more information contact:

[Gillian.hastelow@priestlands.hants.sch.uk](mailto:Gillian.hastelow@priestlands.hants.sch.uk) or call 01590 677033.

Active Holiday Fun will be holding action packed sports days here at PJS during the Easter holidays. The times are 9am to 3.30pm or there also extended times of 8am start or 5.30pm finish to fit working parents. For more information see: [www.premiersport.org](http://www.premiersport.org) or call 07885 861247.

### Easter Fair

We have changed the date of the Easter fair to the 31<sup>st</sup> March. The fair will take place from 3pm. Parents are welcome to attend this event. There will be stalls, tombola, raffle, refreshments and games.

### Spanish Club

After Easter there will be an opportunity for children to join a club to learn Spanish for beginners in a fun way. Please look out for a letter with all the details coming soon.

### PTA

If any parents can spare any time, please can you sign up to help our PTA. They raise funds for the school for projects, and fun events for the children! They are desperate for some extra hands!

### Donations for the Easter Fair

The PTA are planning a raffle which will consist of various sized hampers! Please can we have any donations of Easter baskets or wicker baskets in all different sizes to create some wonderful Easter prizes! We are also collecting any donations of sweets, chocolates and confectionary to fill them with!

### Valentines Disco

The PTA raised a whopping £320 from the Valentines disco event! Thank you to everyone who helped on the evening and supported this event!

### Dinner Money Increase

Hampshire County Council has agreed an increase in school meals. From 1 April 2017 the cost of a school meal will increase by 5pm, a daily cost of £2.15 per meal, £10.75 per week.

### Dates for your Diary:

24 March	Non-uniform Day Class 3 Cake Sale
28 & 29 March	Parent Consultations
30 March	Praizin Hands Easter Puppet Show
31 March	Easter Fair
3 April	Easter Service
28 April	Class 4 Cake Sale

*Don't forget to visit our website:*

[www.penningtonjunior.com](http://www.penningtonjunior.com)

*Best Wishes*

**Sue Saxby**

Headteacher

15 March 2017