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Sporting News:

Table Tennis Tournament

Last Friday, our Table Tennis Team travelled to Testwood Sports College for a tournament. There were some great individual performances and the children represented the school brilliantly. Well done to everyone who took part.
Team: Tommy Miller, Jacob Varney, Luke May, Joshua Buckland

Important Year 3 - Flu Vaccination

Please return any outstanding flu vaccination consent forms before 9.00 am this Friday, 14 October. The immunisation will take place, in school, by the School Nursing Team on Friday morning.

PTA News - Class 1 Cake Sale

Well done to Class 1 for raising the fantastic amount of £59.30 at their cake sale last Friday. Thank you to everyone who supplied the delicious cakes and to those of you who bought them. Class 2's cake sale will take place on Friday 11 November.

Coffee Drop-In Morning

Our popular coffee morning is now up and running in the Creative Arts Room on the Lower School playground. These sessions are friendly and informal and are run every Wednesday morning from 8.45 am. Everyone is welcome and we look forward to seeing you there.

Before School Each Day

We are still having a number of items, such as snack money, lunch boxes and PE kit, handed in to the school office after the start of the school day. Please ensure your child has all their equipment and belongings **before** they come into school.

Important - Year 6 Parents Secondary School Application Forms

Please note the deadline for Secondary School Applications is **Monday 31 October 2016**. You should be aware that places in schools are not reserved automatically and if you do not apply, **it could mean that your child is without a school place next September.**

NSPCC Visit

On Tuesday 4 October, the school was visited by two lovely ladies from the NSPCC. They talked to the whole school in assembly about speaking out and staying safe. The children heard information about how to keep themselves safe from harm and how to get help if they have any worries. The issues were sensitively discussed and the children watched as a big 'sack of worries' was filled up. They then saw how those worries were reduced by speaking out and telling a responsible adult or phoning Childline.

Years 5 and 6 also had workshops in the afternoon in which these very important messages were explored further and reinforced.

At PJS, we are very lucky to have Mr Daniel, Mrs Cooper and Mrs Cantrell who are our skilled team dedicated to supporting children's emotional issues. All of our children can also share any worries with other adults in the school, especially their own Class Teacher or Learning Support Assistant.

INSET Day

Just a reminder that next Friday, 21 October is an INSET day and school will be closed on that day.

Family Link - Half Term Activities

Take a look at our notice boards for details of some great activities running in Half Term. These include Fun2Fish sessions which take place at Orchard Lakes, Bashley, football training with New Forest Soccer as well as art activities run by Priestlands School. There is also a pony fun camp and a dance workshop. A copy of the Family Link newsletter, detailing all of these events, can be found on the PJS website.

Harvest Festival

Thank you for all your Harvest contributions. We know that the New Forest Basics Bank will be very grateful for the many items that have been donated.

Design-a-Christmas Card or Mug

Please return your Christmas card and mug designs by Friday 14 October.

Comic Club

This will be starting after Half-Term. Please send in any old comics for the children to use at the club. Thank you.

Years 3/4 - Victorian Day

We are really looking forward to Victorian Day on Thursday 20 October. This is a great opportunity for the children to learn about life as a Victorian child. A letter has been sent home with suggestions for dressing up ideas; please ask your child's teacher if you require another copy.

Parent Support Advisor

Louise Evans, Parent Support Advisor based at Priestlands School, will be visiting PJS every other Monday from 31 October for parent drop-in sessions; these will be held at 2.00 pm. Louise has many years' experience in supporting parents and families of school age children, in any area of parenting including behaviour, boundaries, attendance or any other issues. As well as the drop-in sessions, Louise can be contacted on 07590 147623 or email staff.jayevans@priestlands.hants.sch.uk.

Dates for your Diary:

17 - 20 October	Year 6 Mock SATs
Friday 21 October	INSET
	School closed
Monday 24 October	Half Term
Monday 31 October	Return to school
Wednesday 2 November	School Disco
Friday 11 November	Class 2 Cake Sale
Friday 9 December	Christmas Fair
Thursday 15 December	Years 3/4 Nativity
Friday 16 December	Break for Christmas
Tuesday 3 January	Return to school

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Sue Saxby

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