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WHOLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Autumn 1 - Friday 27th September 2024

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HEADTEACHER UPDATE



We have had a busy couple of weeks in school as we settle into our new learning projects.

Our new Acorns class started full time this week and have shown super listening in their Fabulous Phonics session each day.

Year 1 has wowed Miss Harris with their mathematical knowledge and number fluency.

Year 2 are enjoying their history topic on The Great Fire of London and I can't wait to read their own stories they are writing in English.

Year 3 have been learning all the names of European countries and capitals.

Year 4 had a wet but wonderful time at Forest School this week and showed super resilience and problem solving.

Year 5 are excited by their DT work and have been looking at how materials are joined in our school building so they will be ready to design and make their own structures.

Year 6 are working on their own romance narratives; I am looking forward to reading them.

Our Year 6 pupils have all been given leadership roles this year to help them develop greater independence, confidence and organisational skills. This week, many of them have made a start with their roles. Our playleaders have been utterly brilliant at nurturing and supporting our new Acorn children at lunchtime. We also have some new clubs that will be run by our year 6 pupils at lunchtime to provide further opportunities for our younger children. I am looking forward to seeing our Reading Club, Chess Club and Sport Club start next week. I also want to thank two of our Eco Ambassadors for making sure classes are saving electricity by switching off lights and computer screens every lunchtime.

Next Friday, our school community will come together for our Harvest service at Priory Church. You will have received a letter this week with further details about this event. We look forward to seeing those who are able to join us.

Mrs Richardson

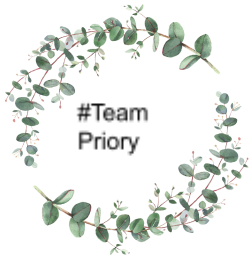
WORSHIP



We have continued to think about how we can shine our own light and that for each of us this will be different. In worship, we have tried to do a bit of science too by shining a light through a prism to separate out all the rainbow colours. We have thought about how each of the colours represents our different skills and qualities. The children in their classes have been listing the qualities of their classmates and helping each other to see their own light.



GAMECHANGERS CELEBRATION WORSHIP



We continue to celebrate more Gamechangers in our school community. With a focus on Cricket, we have seen two of our pupils share their achievements in this sport. Their awards, trophies and passion for the sport was inspirational and will hopefully spark an interest from other future cricket players in our school.

Today is National Teaching Assistant Appreciation Day and we celebrated our wonderful Teaching Assistants as Gamechangers. Priory Staff are awesome and go over and above in their care and support for our pupils. We showed our appreciation by writing poems for them and reading these in our worship.



We would also like to thank Fika - Skandi Coffee Co (5 Wick Lane) for generously providing our Teaching Assistants with a delicious hot drink at breaktime. Fika, as you know, is a neighbouring coffee shop who donate 100% of their profits to local children's charities. Fika is also a Gamechanger in our community.



Don't forget, Priory School parents receive a discount on all hot drinks bought before 10:00am each day. Quote: Priory3Crowns

Be among the first to try out their new, delicious toasties (vegan options available) which can be enjoyed anytime during their opening hours!

CELEBRATION HOUSE DAYS



In our Priory Election back in July, the children voted for House Days to be introduced. In collaboration with our newly elected House Captains, we have scheduled 5 House Days to take place this year. Each House Team will run one of the days with a special focus on one of our school values. They will also plan and run a Mindful, Move or Make activity to bring their team together. On each of the House Days, children across the school should wear a coloured accessory to match their House. Please see our published dates below.

Tuesday 15th October - LOVE - Team Rally

Thursday 14th November - RESPECT - Run a Mile or few....

Tuesday 4th February - ASPIRATION - Quiz Time

Tuesday 20th May - FORGIVENESS - Art Attack

Friday 20th June - CELEBRATION - Shared Lunch on the Astro

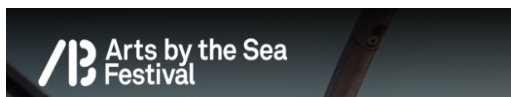


ARTS BY THE SEA FESTIVAL



Two weeks ago, we received a visit from the organisers of the Arts by the Sea Festival. This event is taking place in Bournemouth Town Centre/Beach from the evening of Friday 27th September to Sunday 29th September. This year's theme is 'TASTE' and there are several exhibitions for families to explore. The children certainly enjoyed hearing about what is on offer, particularly the skateboard sessions.

Children in Classes 3, 4, 5, 6 have also contributed their own art pieces which they completed in school. These are being displayed in Bournemouth library so please go along and enjoy seeing their creative works.



<https://artsbythesea.co.uk/>

DONATIONS



Some of our Year 6 Leaders are starting a Chess Club for younger pupils. If any families have a spare/unused chess board and pieces that they would be willing to donate, we would be extremely grateful. They don't necessarily need to be in a box. Please drop them off at the office. We are also looking for any sets of card games which families no longer use but are still in good condition.

Our school HIVE is an extremely popular spot with the children to play a game with a friend or a small group.

Thank you.

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2024-2025

Please find below our term dates for the academic year 2024 -2025. We hope that by publishing these dates in advance, families are able to plan in advance to avoid absences during term times.

Monday 2nd September 2024	INSET Day
Tuesday 3rd september 2024	INSET Day
Wednesday 4th September	Term Starts
Thursday 19th September	Year 1 Home Learning Meeting
Monday 23rd September	Acorn Class starts full time
Tuesday 24th September	Acorn Class Home Learning Meeting
Friday 4th October	Harvest Festival Service at Priory Church 9:45am
Thursday 17th October	FPS Discos (KS1 4:30pm - 5:30pm, KS2 5:45pm - 6:45pm)
Friday 18th October	Flu immunisations
Monday 21st October & Tuesday 22nd October	Parent Evening Consultations (face to face)
Thursday 22nd October	New Reception Starter 2025 Open Morning
Friday 25th October	Break the Rules Day - FPS Fundraiser
Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November 2024	Half term
Monday 4th November 2024	INSET day
Monday 11th November - Friday 15th November	Anti Bullying Week - Choose Respect
Tuesday 12th November	New Reception Starter 2025 Open Morning
Thursday 21st November	New Reception Starter 2025 Open Morning
Friday 6th December	Treehouse Theater Panto Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 10th december	Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity 1:45pm
Wednesday 11th December	Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity 5:30pm
Tuesday 17th December	Carol Service at Priory Church 6:00pm
Thursday 19th December	Christmas Lunch Day Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 20th December 2024	Term Ends School finishes at 1:15pm

Monday 6th January 2025	Term Starts
Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February 2025	Half Term
Monday 24th February 2025	INSET day
Friday 4th April 2025	Term Ends School Finishes at 1:15pm
Tuesday 22nd April 2025	Term Starts
Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May 2025	Half term
Monday 2nd June 2025	INSET Day
Tuesday 22nd July 2025	Term Ends School Finishes at 1:15pm