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WHOLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Summer 1 - Friday 24th May 2024

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HEADTEACHER UPDATE




We have had a fabulous couple of weeks and have thoroughly enjoyed the sunshine with which we have been blessed.

I would like to start by saying a particularly huge WELL DONE to our Year 6 pupils for their attitude during SATs week. They all displayed a Made to Flourish Mindset, using their resilience and focus to help them do their very best in their tests. Thank you to all the year 6 parents for fully supporting their child as they reached this learning milestone.

We ended last week with a wonderful Skateboard workshop. Again, all the children faced their nerves and new challenges with enthusiasm and collaboration. I am sure that sales of skateboards will be on the increase or added to birthday lists!





Year 2 this week have been writing poems based on different colours. When I read this particular verse it reminded me of #Heart Priory and what we are trying to achieve. Well done to Teddy for his thoughtful choice of words and creating emotion in his poem.

Joy is bright yellow,
Fun and laughter from everyone,
It feels magic
And makes you smile!

By Teddy

Our #Heart Priory Celebration this afternoon was a wonderful way to end our half term. The children have been really engaged with our theme and this is having a big impact on their own wellbeing and confidence. We hope that parents enjoyed spending time with their child during the rotation of activities. Over the holiday, I am sure you will be able to try more Mindful, Move and Make activities as a family. I have uploaded a short #Heart Priory video on Google Classroom this afternoon, where you can view more pictures and key messages from this half term.

May I wish all families a restful half term break and we will see you again on Tuesday 4th June.

Mrs Richardson



WORSHIP



In worship, we have been thinking about Ascension Day and Pentecost. Both of these are important Christian dates and we took the opportunity to reflect on the moment Jesus left the earth to be with God. We have also thought about the power of the Holy Spirit and how this gift from God can help us in our lives.

We have been lighting three candles at the start of our worship and as we do so, we have been remembering the Trinity.

"We light these candles in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit."

Father Charles shared this painting with us and we had to look for clues to see which of the figures was God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit.



D-DAY CELEBRATIONS

To celebrate the 80th anniversary of D-Day, a pivotal moment in history that marked the beginning of the end of World War II, there are several D-Day activities which Priory children can look forward to after half term. Please refer to the letter sent earlier this week for further details.

On Friday 7th June, we invite every child to wear Red, White or Blue to school to mark the occasion. There is also a special D-Day Fish and Chip lunch served as a takeaway for the children to eat in classes on the playground. We hope that every child will book a hot school lunch on this day so that we can all celebrate together.



HOT SCHOOL LUNCHES

During the next half term, we are opening up our Salad Bar as an extra option at lunchtime. Cooked pasta, iceberg lettuce, tomatoes, cucumber and carrot sticks will be available for children to help themselves to. This opens up the option for children to make independent healthy food choices.

We have also planned further special lunch options for the forthcoming half term.

Date	Event	Information
Friday 14th June	Year 2 parent and child lunch 12:00 - 12:30pm <i>We will be offering this to one year group per half term on a rota basis.</i>	Year 2 parents are invited to pay for a hot meal to eat alongside their child. £3 per parent. Children eat free. You must book your child's meal through the normal booking system. Parents can pay via ScoPay shop and form. <i>Please note that only one adult can attend with their child (parent or grandparent).</i>
Thursday 20th June	Sports Week Special Meal	Chicken Goujon Wrap and Wedges Vegetarian Goujon Wrap and Wedges Please book your child's meal through the normal booking system.
Wednesday 26th June	½ price pizza day	Meals for children in Key Stage 2 will be half price on this day. Please book your child's meal through the normal booking system.
Friday 19th July	Hot Dog Friday Special Meal	Sausage Hotdog and chips Vegetarian Sausage Hotdog and chips This will be served as a take-away and eaten outside. Please book your child's meal through the normal booking system.



UNIFORM

With the warm weather on its way (hopefully) please can we ask parents to support us with these two aspects.

1. Sun lotion applied **before** school and sun hat in school.

2. You **MUST** clearly label your child's belongings with their name. In the warmer weather, children are taking off jumpers and cardigans and we have a pile of unnamed items at the end of lunch each day. Lunch boxes and water bottles also need to be named. Please, over the holiday, ensure your child's name is clearly written or sewn inside.

As we near the end of term, please can I ask parents to support our uniform expectations so that as a school we look smart right up to the last day of term. If parts of your child's uniform are growing too small, please consider buying a cheaper alternative which are **ALSO** in line with our uniform policy to ensure consistency. Remember you can purchase discounted jumpers, cardigans and pinafores/skirts directly from the school via ScoPay.

If you are considering getting your child's ears pierced, please wait until the start of the summer holiday.

Hair braids and friendship bracelets/anklets are very popular during the summer months. Please make sure that these are removed for school.



FRIDAY FITNESS DATES

Zumba will continue after half term on the following dates:

Friday 7th June, Friday 21st June, Friday 5th July, Friday 19th July.

We look forward to seeing you there.



UNITED NATIONS DAY OF PLAY

The first-ever International Day of Play, to be observed on 11 June 2024, marks a significant milestone in efforts to preserve, promote, and prioritise playing so that all people, especially children, can reap the rewards and thrive to their full potential. Play is powerful. Through play, children explore and understand the world, learn how to collaborate and empathise with others, build the confidence to claim their rights, and develop a lifelong love of learning. With the help of some parents, we will be marking

this event with our own special Play afternoon on 11th June. More details to follow after half term.



PARENT VOLUNTEERS - SATURDAY 8TH JUNE

Earlier this week, I sent out a letter seeking volunteers to help repaint our outside planters/swans as well as moving wood from our dismantled IT suite and traversing wall. I will be opening the school from 9:00 - 12:00 on the morning of Saturday 8th June and would be very grateful for any help from our parent community. If you are able to come along for some or all of the morning, please scan this QR code. Please note that this is not suitable for children to attend.





Key Dates Academic Year 2023-24

Summer Term 2024	
Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May	Half-Term Holiday
Monday 3rd June	INSET (school closed)
Tuesday 11th - Friday 14th June	Year 6 residential
Thursday 13th June (Reserve 20th June)	Dolphins and KS1 Sports Day (am)
Monday 17th - Friday 21st June	#Heart Priory - National School Sport Week #PlayforfunPlayfor60 All children in PE kit everyday!
Friday 21st June	Summer Fayre
Thursday 27th June	KS2 Sports Day at Twynham School (pm)
Thursday 4th July	Class Photographs
Friday 12th July	Pupil Reports go home
Tuesday 16th July	Open Evening for Parents
Tuesday 23rd July	Final day of Summer Term School closes early at 1.15pm



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 any absences during term times.

Monday 2nd September 2024	INSET Day
Tuesday 3rd September 2024	INSET Day
Wednesday 4th September 2024	Term Starts
Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November 2024	Half term
Monday 4th November 2024	INSET 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
Monday 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