



The Priory School

Newsletter

Autumn Term 2018 - Issue 1

Friday 14th September

HEADTEACHER WELCOME!

Welcome back to everyone. We've got off to a flying start this new term and I have been so pleased to see the children **ready for learning** each day. They all look very smart and thank you for getting the children here on time, despite the congestion around school.

The teachers had an inspiring INSET last week on Maths, preparing us for the launch of 'Maths No Problem!' The children are really enjoying the bright and colourful textbooks. We can't wait to tell you about this new approach at our Maths information evening on **Monday 1st October 6 - 7.30pm**.

I hope you have found our new **Meet the teacher sessions** useful. We will put the presentations on our class pages. We really do want to work in partnership with you, so please do talk to us if you have a problem or concern. A member of our leadership team is always on the gate at the beginning or end of the day. Quick conversations can be held with teaching staff on collection, or you can request a phone call or meeting after school. We will also read comments in reading diaries and homework books.

The data crunchers in Dorset have been busy over the summer confirming that our rate of improvement (based on Class 6 outcomes) puts us in the '94th percentile'. This means that it is true to say that **we are one of the most improved primary schools in Dorset!** I am convinced that the main reason for this rapid improvement is down to the hard work of staff, pupils and parents working together. I am excited about the next chapter and I can't wait to welcome our new Reception children to our happy and caring school next week



Extra-Curricular Activities

We continue to work hard at developing our extra-curricular provision. We have a number of extra sports clubs this year, run by Mr Major. These are all free. We are also pleased to be working with some new partners to provide a mindful movement club for younger ones and a French club. Many of the old favourites such as Southbourne tennis club and Mad4Dance are also back. Clubs organised by external providers require a fee.

Our full timetable & booking forms are attached with this newsletter.

Worship Theme Friendship

We are getting used to our new routine, with worship at the end of the day. We have been thinking that friends love each other, no matter the differences between them. We want to be like Barnabas, whose nickname means 'encourager'.

All Age Harvest Service at the Priory Church

This Sunday at **9.30am**, a number of our pupils are taking part in the Priory Church All Age Harvest service. Some of our Y5 children are taking on leadership roles during this special service and I am guest speaker! Everyone is most welcome to attend and children no longer have to wear school uniform. The Church would love people to bring food donations which will be passed onto the food Bank, just please ensure that the 'use by date' is at least 6 months.



LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to our Learners of the Week, who we have celebrated in Achievement Assembly over the past two weeks:

Week Commencing:
3rd September 2018

CLASS 1: Hadley
CLASS 2: Judah
CLASS 3: Sammy
CLASS 4: Ella
CLASS 5: Caitlyn
CLASS 6: Alice

Week Commencing:
10th September 2018

CLASS 1: Aimee
CLASS 2: Mason
CLASS 3: George
CLASS 4: Sienna
CLASS 5: Thomas
CLASS 6: Ella

Well done to you all.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance for the school, year to date, is currently **96.93%** and this week's attendance is **97.33%**.

ATTENDANCE CUP

Well done **Class 4, 99.70%** attendance this week. Well done, Class 4 and great start to the year.

ADMISSIONS TO THE PRIORY CE VA PRIMARY SCHOOL



Applications to join our Reception Class in September 2019 must reach the local authority where you live by Monday 14th January 2019.

If you are submitting a supplementary information form to support your application, this must be signed by an authorised Church Official and returned to the School Office as soon as possible and **before the deadline of midnight on Friday 11th January 2019**.

The School Open Days for the new reception intake for September 2019 are on:

Thursday 4th October and Thursday 15th November at 11am

For further information please see our website <https://prioryschool.dorset.sch.uk/admissions/>



Christchurch Priory Church

ALL-AGE WORSHIP

HARVEST

FESTIVAL

Sunday 16th September

9.30am

Harvest gifts welcomed
for Christchurch Food Bank
(Preferably tinned/packet foods)

LOST PROPERTY

A number of pupils are missing various items of clothing. Please can you check to ensure that your child has taken the correct item of clothing home. If you have any items that do not belong to you, please bring the item(s) into the School Office and we will pass them on.
Thank you.





The Priory Church of England Primary School

Autumn Key Dates 2018-19

Great effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of these dates at the time of publication, however they may be subject to variation and change due to circumstances beyond our control. Please follow us on Twitter for latest news and updates (@PrioryCEPrimary).

Date	Time	Event
Wednesday 19th September	All day	Year R children to start full time
Thursday 20th September	6.30pm	Class R Social Meet & Greet Evening - Class R parents and FPS team (School Hall)
Friday 21st September	tbc	Heartsmart & Boris the Robot Assembly
Wednesday 26th September	6.30pm	FPS AGM - All Welcome (Class 6)
Friday 28th September	9.45am	Beginning of term service at the Priory Church (presentation of prayer books to new YR & Harvest thanksgiving)
Monday 1st October	6 - 7.30pm	Maths No Problem Parent Information Evening
Thursday 4th October	11am	Open morning and tours for new prospective parents
Wednesday 10th October	All morning	Pupil Portrait Photographs (Cardwell & Simons)
Friday 12th October	TBC	FPS Quiz Night - Fish & Chip Supper
Monday 15th October	9am - 2pm 3.30 - 7pm	Flu Vaccinations (pupils YR to Y5) Parent Consultation Evening
Tuesday 16th October	3.30 - 6.30pm	Parent Consultation Evening
Wednesday 17th October	All day	Peer Review Day with St. James' and St. Katharine's at The Priory School (School Development Programme)
Thursday 18th October	4-5.30pm 6-7.30pm	KS1 School Disco KS2 School Disco
Friday 19th October		INSET DAY
22nd October - 26th October		Half Term Week
Friday 30th November	4 - 7pm	FPS Christmas Fayre
Wednesday 5th December	9 - 11am	Image Theatre presents 'The Selfish Giant'
Tuesday 18th December	6.30pm	Nativity Service at The Priory Church
Wednesday 19th December	1 - 3.15pm	EYFS & KS1 Christmas Party and visit of Father Christmas
Thursday 20th December	1 - 3.15pm	KS2 Christmas Party
Friday 21st December	1.40pm	End of term - School Closes at 1.40pm
24th December 2018 - 4th January 2019		Christmas Holiday
Monday 7th January 2019		INSET DAY
Tuesday 8th January	8.40am	Spring Term Begins
Friday 11th January	9.45am	Beginning of term service at the Priory Church
18th February – 22nd February		Half Term Week