



The Priory School Newsletter

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HEADTEACHER UPDATE

From Monday 1st April, we will officially be maintained by the new Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council. Staff from both councils have been working hard to ensure that for the children and for you, this transition should be seamless. We will continue to buy in some services from Dorset so there is continuity. You will probably first notice the changes when you are applying to move schools, have a child with SEND or there is an attendance concern.



It was a gorgeous morning yesterday for the Grand Opening of our Hub building. We were delighted that Carlo and Alex from Prokil were able to cut the ribbon for us! The choir's choice of song 'Make Your Own Kind of Music' really sums up what I hope the Hub will enable us to achieve - a safe space to enable all children to flourish and grow.

I have attached a wish list of items we would love to purchase for the Hub and the wider curriculum, but cannot afford. Please feel free to share with anyone you know who may be able to help us! The government may well be putting more into education than ever before, but the fact is we have less revenue income than last year and costs continue to increase. I encourage you to make school funding (and support for children with additional needs) a priority in the forthcoming local government elections.

If you would like to contribute you can give directly to the school via your online account at www.scopay.com (from Friday 5th April).



Mothering Sunday

It is lovely to see some of Trinity Club's posters up in the West end of the Priory Church, thanking God for our mums.



There's a special 9.30 am all-age service at the Priory church on Mothering Sunday. All welcome.

Worship Value: Forgiveness

Matt 21 v13 "My house shall be called a house of prayer, but you make it a den of robbers."

We started to look again at the Easter story this week by reading about the time Jesus got angry and cleared out the traders in the Temple. We learnt that we mustn't be bystanders when things are wrong - but stand up for others.



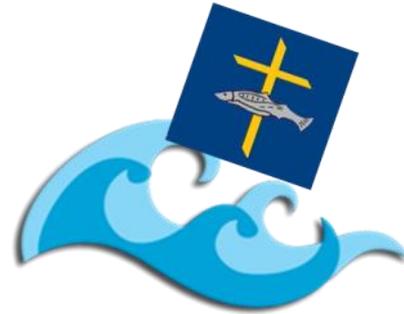


Eco Committee Reusable Water bottles & new water cooler

In the summer term last year, Year 6 pupil and eco campaigner Eva Alacon challenged me to do more to reduce plastic waste. Her idea was to provide aluminium water bottles for children. The graphic opposite is her design.

The eco-committee, chaired by our Site Manager, Paul Diggins, have been looking at this possibility and we are now able to make Eva's wish a reality.

The design below is an artist's impression of our new reusable water bottles. We are able to get them produced in each of the 4 House colours: red, yellow, blue and green.



We CAN turn back the plastic tide together.

The bottle size is 550ml and the cost is £4.95.

We will make a slight profit on each bottle and this is to pay for the installation of a new water cooler by the office. Many children are reluctant to use the outside water fountains, so the plan is that this new water dispenser can be used to refill school water bottles during playtimes and lunchtimes.

I realise every plan has a downside. In this case, 60 identical bottles across the school could be confusing - so each new bottle will need to be labelled with your child's initials on the bottom!

Orders can be placed online, via your online account at www.scopay.com, from Friday 5th April and the deadline for placing these orders is Friday 3rd May.





Final Spring term notices - A busy week ahead

- **Y2 Creature Teacher**

Fantastic Beasts comes to the Priory on **Monday 1st April!** A morning workshop for Y2 children in school.



- **Y4 Water Safety Session**

Final swim session for Class 4 on **Monday 1st April** - remember to bring light pyjama bottoms and a t-shirt!

- **Spring Gala**

On **Tuesday April 2nd**, we are opening up our dress rehearsal which will be held from 1.30 - 3pm. Tickets are free but still need to be obtained at the School Office, maximum 2 tickets per family.

The main gala performance is on **Wednesday 3rd April, 6.30 - 8pm**. Tickets cost £5. As our seating capacity is 110, again tickets are limited initially to 2 per family and are on a first come, first served basis.

- **Y4 VE day fantastic finale**

To finish off their World War 2 project, class 4 are inviting parents into the hall on Thursday 4th April for 2.30pm to taste their ration biscuits and hear songs from the 1940's.

- **Y3 Dance workshop**

Class 3 have a dance workshop on Thursday 4th April to prepare for a dance competition in the summer term. All PE kits need to be kept in school until this date.

- **The Big Clean Up**

Eco Committee and School Council will be going out of school on the morning of Thursday 4th April to help litter pick in Christchurch.

- **Y5 & 6 Girls' football match v Mundeford Juniors**

- **Easter Service at the Priory Church**

Our Easter service starts at 9.45am in the Priory Church. Support accompanying the children walking to school would be much appreciated.

- **Easter Bonnet Parade**

Upon our return to school, at approximately 10.30am, there is our traditional Easter bonnet parade for Reception and Year 1 and 2 children. Refreshments will be available.



School closes for Easter at 1.15pm on Friday 5th April



Bikeability and Big Pedal

Class 5 had their Bikeability training last week and this week has seen the launch of the Big Pedal. It is going really well - especially the number of children scooting to school. Thank you. The latest results are that we are still in first place in Christchurch!



Sports News

Our Winter Games team enjoyed their day at Shaftesbury on Wednesday. A new favourite was discovered - orienteering!



Book Fair

Thanks to everyone who supported the Book Fair. We raised £75 from commission to spend on new books for the library.



Parent Online Safety workshop

I was disappointed by the low turnout for our internet safety talk by the Safer Communities Police team. There was an abundance of really useful and up to date advice about the challenges facing children today when using devices online - and this is a growing issue in our school.

I learnt about Tik Tok one of the new apps many of our older children are using and how online groomers use this site to connect with children.

Another lesson which hit home was just how much unsuitable content there is on Youtube, which in many countries is limited to over 18's only. Peer pressure to use social media at sleepovers was also an area I hadn't thought about before.

If you would like more information, our school online safety champion is Mr Croutear.



Roary's adventures in Rwanda

Sue Bowen, Diocese education advisor



Roary the risk taker (Ralph's cousin) went with 12 other learning heroes to Rwanda as part of the Winchester Diocese' Global neighbours initiative. We loved finding out about school and church in another country - especially their banana leaf footballs!

Clerk to the Governors

We would like to thank Alan Shackel for his contribution to the school as clerk for the last few months. We are now actively looking for his replacement for this 5 hour a week role - to commence May 2019.

If you know anyone who may be interested, please signpost them to the job vacancies page on the school website for the full details.

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The New Milton Music Festival

The Priory School Advanced Choir and Ukulele Group took part in the New Milton Music Festival on Saturday 24th March.

I am very proud to announce the children performed extremely well and the results are as follows:

Advanced Choir - 2nd with merit
Ukulele Group - 1st with honours (Group Ensemble Category)

Solo category:
Ella Adams -- winner
William Moss - winner
Hannah Miller - commended

I sure you will join me in saying a huge 'thank you' to Mrs Moss for coaching the children and to all parents that came along and supported them.



Scopay.com - Online Account

Please be reminded that due the Local Government Restructure we are unable to accept online payments through your online account at www.scopay.com from:

**Wednesday 27th March 2019 until
 Tuesday 2nd April 2019.**



Attendance

Attendance for the school, year to date, is currently **95.99%** and this week's attendance is **95.87%**.

Attendance Cup

Well done **Class 4 with 99.06%** for the week ending 21st March and **Class 1 with 99.67%** for week ending 28th March.

Keep up the good work classes 1 & 4.

Lost Property

Our lost property is currently bursting at the seams!

Please come and have a rummage for any missing items in the lost property box which is situated in the school foyer.

Any items not reclaimed by **Friday 5th April** will be taken to a local charity shop.





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Diary Dates 2019

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

Date	Time	Event
Monday 1st April	9.30am-11am 2-2.30pm	Class 2 - The Creature Teachers' Workshop Class 4 - Final Swimming Session - Please remember to bring light pyjama bottoms and a t-shirt.
Tuesday 2nd April	1.30pm-3pm	Spring Gala Rehearsal - Tickets available from Monday 25th March
Wednesday 3rd April	6.30-8pm	Spring Gala Concert Tickets on sale from Monday 25th March
Thursday 4th April		Class 3 - Dance Workshop, PE kits to kept in school until this date Class 4 - VE Day Fantastic Finale, parents welcome.
Friday 5 th April	9.45am 10.30am 1.15pm	Easter Service at the Priory Church Easter Bonnet Parade and coffee in the School Hall End of term - School Closes at 1.15pm
8th April - 22nd April 2019		Easter Holiday
Tuesday 23rd April		Summer Term Begins
Friday 26th April	9.45am	Beginning of term service at the Priory Church
Monday 6th May	Various	KS1 SATs assessments commence
Wednesday 8th May—Friday 10th May	Residential	Y5 Rockley Residential
Monday 13th—Thursday 16th May	Various	KS2 SATs testing takes place
Friday 17th May	10am - 3pm	Year 6 Cycle ride & picnic to Hengistbury Head
27th May – 31st May		Half Term Week
Monday 3rd June		INSET DAY
Monday 10th June	Various	KS1 Phonics screening takes place
Monday 10th June—Friday 14th June	Residential	Y6 Kingswood residential
Thursday 20th June	1pm-3pm 6—7.30pm	KS1 Sports Day in the school playground New Year R welcome evening
Friday 21st June	4-7pm	FPS Summer Fayre
Thursday 27th June	1pm-3pm	KS2 Sports Day at Twynham
Wednesday 3rd July	Provisional	Transition day (meet next year's teacher)
Thursday 4th July		Reserve Sports Day
Monday 8th July	6.15—8pm	Y6 Production
Wednesday 10th July	6.15—8pm	Y6 Production
Friday 12th July		Annual report to Parents
Monday 15th July	3.30—6pm	Open Evening
Tuesday 23rd July	9.45am 1.15pm	Leavers service at the Priory Church (Bible presentation to Year 6) End of Term at 1:15pm
Wednesday 24th July - Friday 30th August		Summer Holidays