



The Priory School

Weekly Briefing

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Dear Parents / Carers,

Today is the 20th school day of lockdown and the rainy weather has certainly made the days feel longer to me. I've been envious of the delicious looking cakes sent through to the Help Desk - Priory children must be partly responsible for the flour shortage!

Please do not be offended if class teachers make contact with you over the next few weeks. We have a duty of care to check all those children who haven't been in touch since the lockdown started and we will be phoning you at home.

A Phased School Reopening

I'm afraid I still can't share any details regarding the reopening of the school as we haven't received any guidance on this to date. Like the rest of the country, we are waiting to hear the Coronavirus exit strategy on the 7th May. We understand that the Department of Education is suggesting a phased reopening - but what this means for our school is unclear at this stage.

Bank Holiday Friday - 8th May

This is an early May Bank Holiday to commemorate Victory in Europe Day, 75 years ago.

Our plans for a giant school street party never came to fruition but we encourage you to still hold a 'Nation's Toast to the Heroes of WW2' at 3pm on the 8th May. It is suggested that we all raise a glass of refreshment and say the following 'toast' – **"To those who gave so much, we thank you!"**. The BBC Local Radio station initiative wants children to make and then display their own VE Day Great British Bunting. Download everything you need at [bbc.co.uk/makeadifference](https://www.bbc.co.uk/makeadifference). This is something we will be doing in school next week and displaying in classroom windows.

Please note that even though school remains open for children of key workers over the Bank Holiday, **the office email will be closed from 4pm Thursday until 9am Monday morning**. Home Learning will not be set. Next week's Weekly Briefing, Priory Post and Learners of the Week Live will all take place on the Thursday.

Worship Value

The vlogs next week will focus on the HeartSmart value **"'No Way Through' isn't true!"** This helps the children to see that because we are loved by God, we should love ourselves enough to never give up and to respond with hope.
Isaiah 40:29-31

He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.

Mr P Ruffle

