



The Priory School Newsletter

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HEADTEACHER UPDATE

We have finally managed to link up our new Reception class with their Year 6 buddies today. We had to go with the virtual version in the end, but we hope Class R like their letters from their special friend in Year 6.

We are trying to think of creative ways in which our older children can still act as prefects, play leaders and role models. I have decided we still need a Head Boy and Girl, and so I am delighted to announce Charlie and Jewels have been chosen for the Autumn term.

If your child is on the SEND register (this means that they have an additional need with their learning), then you should find a copy of their IEP (Individual Education Plan) in their book bag. This will detail the targets we are working on with your child and how we will support them to achieve them. Children in Y3, 4, 5 and 6 will also find a copy of the assessments we did in Week 2. This information is being sent home before parents consultations start next week - please make sure you have remembered to book your telephone slot.



COVID-19 - Week 5 Review

There are no changes to our protective measures this week. An updated version of the risk assessment is available on the school website, reflecting the increased use of visors and masks by all adults in school.

BCP infection rates have risen significantly in the last week ([see https://www.publichealthdorset.org.uk/your-health/protecting-your-health/latest-updates-on-covid-19-in-dorset.aspx](https://www.publichealthdorset.org.uk/your-health/protecting-your-health/latest-updates-on-covid-19-in-dorset.aspx)). I know that for many of us fatigue is setting in, but we need to keep up our guard as we approach half-term.

Mr Ruffle

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Friends of Priory School

The Friends of Priory School (our Parent Teacher Association) do an amazing job. Not only do they raise vital funds so we can purchase essential curriculum items such as Chrome books, lockers and play equipment but their events also bring the school community together.

Under the current Covid-19 restrictions, FPS needs to change the way they work/plan and run events and the way they can raise money for the school. We certainly need to think of alternatives to the popular discos and Christmas Fayre.

If you want to get involved or share your ideas, then this year's virtual AGM is on **Wednesday 21st October** at 7pm. Please email james-maria@sky.com to register your interest and receive the login details.

School Dinners

We continue to work hard to provide hot dinners and a universal free school meal for all infants freshly cooked on site each day. I am sure the appointment of 3 additional new lunchtime supervisors, due to start after half-term, will help with the smooth running of our staggered lunch arrangements.

Following School Census Day last week, we have noticed that numbers for school dinners remain down by about 25% compared to this time last year. Mr Crourear has devised a short parent survey to help us identify why the uptake is lower. Please be honest in your feedback and we welcome suggestions as to how we can improve this provision. Details of the survey will be emailed early next week.

Mr Crourear will also be canvassing the children's views themselves.

Worship Theme

Finding the courage to be yourself

But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your bubble will be my bubble (!) and your God my God. Ruth 1 v16

Father Jonathan led our Church Partnership Worship this week and he reminded the children that it can take courage to be yourself and not pretend to be something you are not, simply to fit in or to please someone else.

He then told the amazing story of Ruth in the Bible, who gave up everything to support her mother in law.

**Courage starts with showing up
and letting ourselves be seen.**

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