



The Priory School Newsletter

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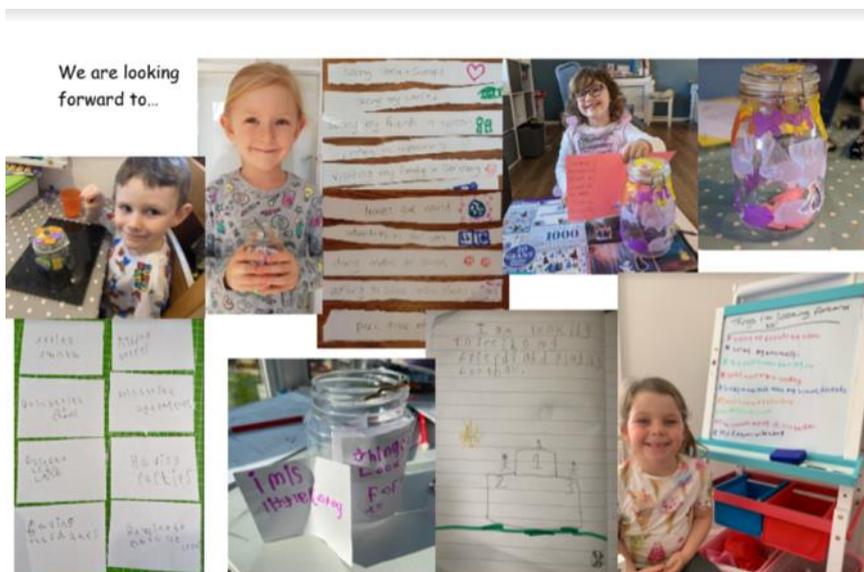
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HEADTEACHER UPDATE

I set the children a challenge this week of learning a new skill or talent.

I realise that for many of us learning from home and using new technologies has been a new experience! To think that in just a few weeks even our youngest children are familiar and confident in using Google Meet, mute buttons, mute voice recordings, screen sharing and uploading pictures onto a whole class stream! In the last few days the staff team have been using 'loom' and 'padlet' as new ways to engage the children. Necessity really is the mother of invention.

However, as much as we are enjoying finding out new and better ways to connect with one another remotely, we do long for this time to be over. In their regular #wellbeingWednesday slot, Class 1 thought about the things they are looking forward. Their optimism and hope for a better tomorrow provides us all with the motivation to keep going.



- Seeing friends in person
- Seeing family
- Having a birthday party with friends and playing games
- Going to the Splash Park
- Going on holiday
- Going on a train ride
- Singing together

Do make use of the attached COVID-19 parent guide, produced by BCP Education Psychology Service. It has some particularly helpful advice for coping with family stress and disagreements. I hope you all have a safe and relaxing half-term.

Mr Ruffle

School Mission Statement

“Inspiring a generation to learn, flourish and achieve in a caring, Christian community”



Masked Singer Celebration Worship

Thanks to all the staff who faced humiliation to take part in our special **Masked Singer** Celebration worship today. I think the least said the better. Sadly all footage has been destroyed...

Far better to have more pictures of Binky who stole all our hearts last week.

This was his post performance tour of the school.



Safer Internet day

With children spending so much time online to support their learning at home, it was important that we took time to focus on staying safe when using the internet.

Each class spent time in the Autumn term looking at the benefits and dangers of the internet, so this acted as a refresher. There are a lot of issues for them to navigate. Some particularly topical ones, as raised by Dorset Police are:

- False and misleading information ('fake' news). Increasingly children use social media and YouTube as their primary source of information rather than television or print media.
- Apps which trick children into spending real money on in-app purchases or loot boxes e.g. so the children can buy new skins for their virtual character thinking they are just using coins they have won in the game, when actually it is being charged to your credit card!
- Hurtful comments on in-game chat streams as you can not read tone or expression in written text
- And, of course, the danger of predatory online behaviour has not gone away - individuals pretending to be children and who groom their targets to share private and personal information or photos.



Safer Internet Day 2021 | Tuesday 9 February
Together for a better internet
www.saferinternetday.org



We shared this assembly link: <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2021/i-am-educator/work-7-11s/virtual-assembly-7-11s>

We also did our own safer online quiz in Monday's worship: <http://www.nick.co.uk/shows/spongebob-squarepants/quizzes/jordan-and-perris-safer-internet-day-quiz/ip3ygz>

A link to other films about 'An internet we can trust' can be found here: <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2021/i-am-educator/safer-internet-day-films/films-5-11-year>

Remember to share any concerns (including cyberbullying concerns) to Mr Ruffle (the School's new Online Safety Champion) or Mrs Kelly (Anti-bullying Champion).



SUPER 6

Calling Class 6!

**Are you ready to take on the
Super 6 Half Term Challenge?**

Run 6km...cycle 6 miles...jump 6 metres...bake 6
cakes...perform 6 dances...6 minutes silence...6
hours reading...any challenge involving a Super 6!

Please ask friends/family to sponsor or donate to raise funds for
FPS (school equipment for the children). Please use bank details
below and add Super 6 to the reference.

Account name: Priory School Parent Staff Society

Sort code: 30 90 89

Account number: 39918560

**Thank you for taking part - we hope you have a
Super time!**



Explore from your Door

Dorset Police is joining forces with partner agencies in the county to ask the public to stay local and explore from their door this February half-term.



With the country still in tightened restrictions as part of the National Lockdown, people must only leave their homes for a limited number of reasons. This includes to shop for essential items, to go to work if you cannot work from home, to exercise, meet support or childcare bubbles, seek emergency help or attend education or childcare.

“While the legislation allows people to travel locally to carry out their daily exercise with members of their household or one other person, there has been much discussion about what ‘local’ means. The Government states that local means staying within your village, town or city. It does not mean travelling for over 100 miles from out of the county to visit Dorset’s beaches, countryside or beauty spots. This is not within the spirit of the legislation. We know people love to visit Dorset, but trips here will have to wait and we are encouraging people to stay local and explore from their door.”

“Explore from your door, protect the NHS, save lives.”

Julie Heath (Dorset Police, Neighbourhood Alert Officer, Dorset)

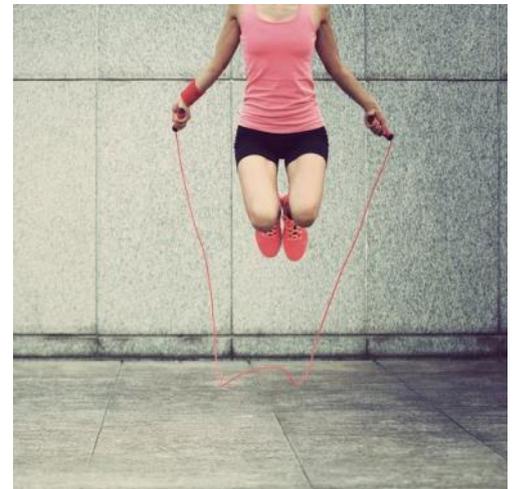
Priory Skipping Craze

First it was rocks and now it is skipping!

We want to start a skipping craze at the Priory School. Skipping helps to improve heart rate and blood pressure. It can also help you "boost your immune system, balance your metabolism, and improve your overall health in a short period of time," according to the British Rope Skipping Association.

This all sounds positive to Mr Major who wants to introduce us to Dan The Skipping Man. We have exclusive access to his skipping videos via the Dorset School Games website.

We've got brand new ropes in school, all ready for when the children return. You could get practising over half-term!



https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5sXX7Q3jTGb_fGGyvvdQxw/playlists

Mrs Moss Lockdown Choir – Open to all

Mrs Moss has very kindly extended an invitation to all Priory School singers to see if anyone wants to join her Tuesday lockdown choir. Everyone is most welcome. And it's free!

Dates: Tuesdays at 4.30pm

Topic: Durlston lockdown choir

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2708420389?pwd=RVFIUGxwT1hkaXFMSFNRTWwrVEcvdz09>

Meeting ID: 270 842 0389

Passcode: 888017