



The Priory School Newsletter

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HEADTEACHER UPDATE

It has been fantastic to see and hear the children back in school - enjoying their learning and socialising with their friends. I am sure we will face many challenges in the next few months as we support one another in moving forward from this pandemic, but for now we can celebrate being together again.

Enjoy the pictures from The Priory World Book Day!



Cast of 'Matilda'



This year's scariest character; Slappy the dummy from 'Goosebumps'. You can also just make out Tweedle Dee and Tweedle Dum from 'Alice in Wonderland'



First appearance of 'Mickey' the fedora wearing superpuss!



Oompa Loompa in 'Charlie & the Chocolate Factory'



Even the staff got involved. Reception children made up a new book character for Mrs Sibbald called 'Lovely Lamb'.



'The Runaway Troll' - a nod to Mr Croutear (it's our first Matt Haig character)

Mr Ruffle

School Mission Statement

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



Thank you

With most year groups at Twynham Secondary School affected in some way this week by positive COVID-19 test results, I was reminded that we are not out of the woods yet.



Thank you for respecting our start and end of the day times and systems - it does seem to be working well and there is less congestion. We are not able to accommodate any children arriving early, so please use Poppets rather than dropping children off at the school gate before 8.40am.

Most children have also respected our request to leave all unnecessary belongings at home, which helps a great deal in the classroom.

Mrs Kelly and I did visit the school park after school because we heard a number of older children planning to meet up there. I can see that because they are with their friends all day in school, they believe it is safe to be with them at the park. However, school is a carefully controlled environment unlike the park and meeting in large groups does put the rest of the school community at risk.

"Although you can take your children to a playground for play, you should avoid socialising with other people while there."

Job Vacancy at the Priory School Midday Supervisor

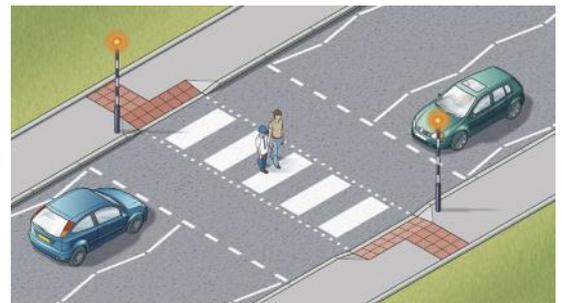
We are looking to add to our lunchtime team from after Easter. This is a fantastic opportunity to get involved in the life of the school and to support children on their return. It is a vitally important part of the school day and a time when you can support children's social and emotional health by encouraging active play and healthy eating habits.



To find out more information, please visit the job vacancy page on the school website.

Wick Lane and Sopers Lane Take extra care

I have been in contact with our Safer Communities Police team regarding a number of near misses this week at the zebra crossings on both Wick Lane and Sopers Lane. In both cases drivers failed to stop to allow pedestrians crossing, narrowly avoiding a serious accident.



Sadly, some car drivers are putting lives at risk by driving far too fast, even though there are schools in the immediate vicinity. Please supervise younger children when you are using these crossings and make sure you wait for traffic to stop before stepping out. We can all take action by informing the police of any reckless driving, particularly at school arrival and collection times.

FPS Update

A helpful meeting was held this week, with exciting plans for a virtual Easter Fair! News on the Y6 Challenge 'Super 6' will also follow soon. An updated wishlist will be attached with next week's newsletter.

FPS are looking for someone to develop the FPS website page on the school website (the domain site is 'Wordpress'). Please contact the School Office if you are interested and we will pass your details on to FPS (office@prioryceprimary.co.uk).



Operation Encompass

All parents should have received a letter this week informing them about a joint project between BCP Schools and Dorset Police called Operation Encompass.

From the 1st April 2021, the Police will report to school, prior to the start of the next school day, when a child or young person has experienced any domestic abuse.

Operation Encompass will ensure that a trained member of the school staff, known as a Key Adult, liaises with the police to use information that has been shared, in confidence, to provide support for children, and their families, who have experienced a domestic abuse incident.

The two trained key adults at the Priory School are Mr Ruffle and Mrs Kelly.



Fun Friday - School Drop-off Playlist

After the success of our opening day playlist, we'll be playing music on the way into school every Friday, chosen by the children. Next week we'll start with Reception's choices (please not Baby Shark!).

Lockdown Learning - Memory Books

During the last few weeks of lockdown, the children were set a challenge to reflect on and record the lessons they have learnt during this challenging year. The plan was to put all these together into a class book, as a permanent record of this time.

We have only had a few contributions so far, so we will be making just one school book. If you would like your child's work to be included, then the closing date is Monday 15th March.



Worship Theme Sudanese Cross

Lamentations 5 v19—21 "You, Lord, reign forever;
your throne endures from generation to generation.
Restore us to yourself, Lord, that we may return;
renew our days as of old..."

We travelled to the continent of Africa for our 'A-cross the world' theme this week. We explored the country of Sudan (and South Sudan), a country hit hard by desertification, civil war and poverty. Life is hard and Christians there can relate to the book of sorrows in the Bible called Lamentations.

We learned that Christians in Sudan have some of the tallest crosses in the world, made of ebony and the brass casings from used rifle cartridges. Despite the difficulties they face, they still believe that God is in control. They like to hold their crosses high and say 'God is not defeated!'. It was encouraging to remember that despite this difficult year, God is still for us and not against us.

