



The Priory School Newsletter

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HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Beautiful spring sunshine and smiling faces has been the theme of the first week back. Teachers in school have been encouraged by the analysis of the Spring assessments the children did just before Easter which reflects the quality of the support the children had with their remote learning, both provided by you at home and also by the staff team. We need to celebrate the hard work of the children during those dark winter months - it has paid off!



The majority of children are still on track to achieve age related expectations by the end of the year, even in writing which has been the core subject hardest hit by the pandemic. What an effort everybody!

Of course every child is unique, and I know some children have really struggled during the last year, or now need that little extra boost to catch up. Our recovery programme is already underway and this newsletter details some of the ways we are spending the summer 'catch-up' premium of £6,000.

Perhaps the most effective response is for a prolonged period of uninterrupted schooling. Let's hope that by all following the guidelines, we can provide this for our children.

Mr Ruffle

Worship Value - Respect

"Set a guard over my mouth, O Lord; keep watch over the door of my lips."

Psalm 141:3

We introduced our core value, 'Respect' to the children by watching the BBC clip: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UZ_oxYGnO68

We thought that how we speak to people reflects the respect that we give to them. We thought that, even though small, our tongues can set a forest ablaze. When we call someone names, when we brag, when we don't tell the truth and when we spread rumours it can be so destructive. Just as guards watched over Prince Phillip's funeral procession, so we need to set a guard over our mouths so we build one another up and not tear them down. This is the theme for our song this half-term.



School Mission Statement

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



Recovery Support

The Government have updated their Coronavirus Advice page for parents:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-covid-19>

Our full Coronavirus recovery response can be found on the website page here:

<https://priorschool.dorset.sch.uk/coronavirus-covid-19-updates/>

Initially we invested in new online educational programmes which the children can access at home, such as IXL and ReadingPlus in Year 6.

Recognising that creative writing has been impacted by the pandemic, we've arranged some online lessons from the Talk 4 Writing experts (@piecorbett and @deputymitchell) in Years 4 and 5. Children will be using jotcast and padlet to blog their writing to a wider audience. We can't wait to show you the results in a few weeks time.

On Monday we will be launching our first trial using the NTP (National Tutoring Programme). We have selected a number of pupils across Years 3 and 4 to receive 1:1 online tutor support for an hour a week to boost confidence and skills in English. In the Autumn term we hope to do a similar project with Maths.

In Reception Mrs Sibbald and Mrs Burge are supporting a number of pupils' with their phonics development through the NELI programme (Nuffield Early Language Intervention).

In Years 1 and 2 we have used the money to provide an additional adult to support phonics and reading interventions.



FPS - Virtual Easter Fair

I am delighted to let you know we raised £134 from the virtual Easter Fair. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to set up the site and to all the children who joined in.

The photos are the winning entries from the Easter Bake Off competition and Pet Competition.

Thanks for your continued support.

The Friends of the Priory School



Lucy Sandell



George Mulcrone



Daisy Hurley



Virtual Parents Evening Tuesday 4th May and Wednesday 5th May

We are launching a new virtual platform to do our parents evenings. It's called SchoolCloud and it's used successfully by over 3,000 schools, including Twynham and Christchurch Juniors.

Parents and teachers are able to meet easily and remotely by video call - there is nothing to download and you book your own appointment. Sessions will last for exactly 8 minutes which will help us all keep to time!

Please see the attached letter for details of how it will work. **Bookings open at 9am on Monday 26th April.**



Near Miss on Sopers Lane Zebra Crossing

A Priory pupil had a very lucky escape this week when using the zebra crossing on Sopers Lane. While one car had correctly stopped, the car behind did not and shunted the first forward- inches away from where our pupil had been seconds before.

It could have been a very different story and I have raised the matter with both Twynham Secondary School and BCP Council.

As many of our older pupils are given more freedom to enjoy going out with small groups of friends, please remind them to take extra care when crossing roads.

It seems we all need to be extra alert to the danger of speeding and reckless driving at the moment.



Good News Small pencil cases now allowed in school!



Some teachers have requested that children are allowed to keep a small pencil case in their locker or tray, rather than our plastic wallets.

These will need to be kept in school and this stationery can only be used by the individual child.

Remember, these are not essential - school still provides all the stationery your child needs to use.

Good News Volunteers now allowed back in school!



It's strange how exciting it feels to hold a parents' meeting in the hall! This is the first time in over a year!

After our first volunteer induction workshop, we now have a small group of volunteers ready to start next week. They will be able to help in one bubble each week.

If you would like to get involved, the school will be holding another workshop in a couple of weeks, once we see how this goes.



FPS Logo Competition - DEADLINE TODAY!

FPS LOGO COMPETITION!

THE FRIENDS OF PRIORY SCHOOL (FPS) NEED A NEW LOGO.



WHAT DOES A LOGO DO?

- A logo makes a great first impression
- A logo helps create brand identity.
- A logo helps people to remember your business.
- A logo helps to distinguish you from competitors.
- A logo fosters brand loyalty

LOGO ELEMENTS:

Text, image, colour, context

WHAT MAKES A GOOD LOGO?

A good logo shows what a company does and the values of the brand.

WHAT IS A LOGO?

A logo is a symbol made up of text, images or shapes that shows the name and purpose of a business

WHAT DOES THE FPS DO?

We are a group of parents / teachers that work together to help raise essential funds for Priory School. We organise the Christmas and Summer Fayres, School Discos & under normal circumstances host a number of social events including the highly acclaimed Parent Quiz Night. We also support the school by supplying prizes, treats and surprises for the children throughout the year.

CAN YOU DESIGN US A NEW LOGO?

PLEASE EMAIL YOUR ENTRY ALONG WITH YOUR FULL NAME AND YEAR GROUP TO friendsprioryschool@yahoo.com BY FRIDAY 23RD APRIL 2021

THE WINNER GETS TO SEE THEIR LOGO USED BY THE FPS & WILL RECEIVE A £10 CASH PRIZE!



Summer Dates (updated)

Mon 19 th April – Friday 30 th April	-	The Big Pedal Scoot, Cycle or Walk to school
Monday 26 th April	1 – 3pm	Year 3 Swimming Programme at 2 Riversmeet commences
Thursday 29 th April	7pm	FPS Meeting via Zoom
Monday 3 rd May	All day	Early Bank Holiday
Tuesday 4 th May	3:30pm – 7pm	Parent Consultation Evening via SchoolCloud
Wednesday 5 th May	3:30pm – 6:30pm	Parent Consultation Evening via SchoolCloud
Monday 24 th May	All week	Summer Assessment Week Y1 – Y6
Mon 31 st May - Friday 4 th June	Week	Half-Term Holiday
Monday 7 th June	All day	INSET
Monday 14 th June – Friday 18 th June	Mon – Fri	Y6 Residential - PGL Osmington Bay
Wednesday 23rd June	Pm	KS1 Sports Day *NEW DATE
Thursday 24 th June	6.30 - 8pm	New Reception Class Parents Welcome Evening
Friday 25 th June	All day	The Great Priory Bake Off
Wednesday 30th June	All day	Transition Day (<i>children, including our new Reception Class, spend time with next year's teacher</i>) *REVISED DATE
Tuesday 6 th July Wednesday 7 th July	6.15 - 8pm	School Production
Thursday 8 th July	All day	Class 6 Picnic and cycle ride to Hengistbury Head
Friday 9th July	PM	KS2 Sports Day *NEW DATE
Monday 12 th – 16 th July	-	Olympic Arts Week
Friday 16 th July	-	End of Year Reports to Parents Possible Music Celebration * NEW DATE
Monday 19 th July	3.30 - 6pm	Open Evening to view work, Arts Exhibition and discuss report
Thursday 22 nd July	2 - 3pm	Leavers Award Ceremony
Friday 23 rd July	9.45am	Leavers' Service at The Priory Church
	1.15pm	School Closes for the summer