



The Priory School Newsletter

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HEADTEACHER UPDATE

In a year when everything has been different, we've managed another first this week - our virtual parents' evening using School Cloud. Well done to everyone who managed to log on and get all the tech working. If you missed your appointment, we would still love to speak to you about how your child is getting on and how you can support them with their learning at home. Obviously, after two very late evenings, teachers will be busy catching up with their work next week, but please contact the School Office so we can arrange a call back when convenient.



Any feedback about the new system is much appreciated. On the whole, teachers felt the 8 minute time slot was about right and it certainly kept us to time. A number of parents have actually said it was easier than having to come to school, so it is something we will consider in the future.

I am delighted to report that our whole school attendance since the children returned in March is an impressive 97%. I was really hoping for a sustained period of uninterrupted schooling, so this is brilliant news.

Mr Ruffle

Worship Value - Respect

Jesus took hold of the leper's hand and said, "Now you are well." Mark 1 v41

We have been continuing our theme of Respect, one of the school's core values. Mr Ruffle shared the story of Jesus healing a man with leprosy. Everyone else avoided him and kept their distance, but Jesus approached him and touched him. It was a lesson that everyone deserves respect and to be treated with dignity, no matter their background or beliefs.

This week, Mrs Gwynn took this concept even further by reminding the children that they too are of infinite value because they are made in God's image.



School Mission Statement

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



Staff Update

Mr Diggins, our Site Manager at the school for the last 7 years, has decided the time is right to move on to new adventures and focus on his own business.

Maintaining a 150 year old building is a demanding role and I would particularly like to express my thanks to Mr Diggins for all his work in keeping everyone safe during the pandemic. The refilling of hand sanitisers and setting up the one way system is now a daily part of the role!

During the last 12 months, Mr Diggins has also stepped into a number of Teaching Assistant roles to support the needs of children. Mr Diggins has been supervising children at lunchtime, leading the popular wake and shake group and also helped children after lockdown with a new 'hands on' alternative curriculum during a couple of afternoons. He will be greatly missed.

Mr Diggins will continue to support the Eco Team as a volunteer in the future.

This means we are searching for a new caretaker / handyperson to take over many of Mr Diggins' duties as soon as possible. The role is 7 am—12 noon, Monday to Friday. If you know anyone who might be interested in this permanent position, please visit the job vacancy page on the school website for the full details.

If you also know of anyone who may be willing/able to maintain our grounds and garden areas over the summer, then please contact the School Office.

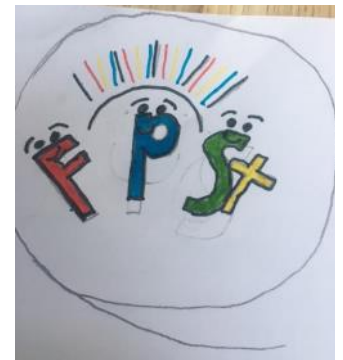


FPS - New Logo Winner

The winner of the FPS Logo competition was Oscar Hurrell, Class 4.

The FPS tech team will arrange for Oscar's design to be put into a digital format so it can be used across a number of platforms.

We were delighted with everyone's efforts and now we can't wait to start using our new logo!



Head Boy and Girl (and Deputies)

It is my pleasure to announce the new Head Boy and Girl for the Summer term. This was a really difficult decision because there are so many deserving children in Year 6 and they have missed out on many leadership opportunities this year. David is a remarkable young man. Bass guitar player, motorbike rider, 3D printer specialist and always so respectful to others in school. Our Head Girl is Cece and she was selected by all the teachers in school for her enthusiastic attitude to learning. Cece will give anything a go and she always gives her best. They are both fantastic role models and they have already helped me in the process to recruit new teaching staff.



I know they will be ably supported by our two Deputies, Ella and Sonny.



Visit of Aaron Phipps

"Life throws curve balls; it's up to us to choose how we deal with them."

Aaron Phipps is a wheelchair rugby Paralympian; the top-scorer in Team GB during the 2012 London Olympics, when they finished 5th overall.

He inspired our Year 2 and Year 6 pupils when he came for a visit last Monday. As a survivor of Meningitis C as a child and going on to be a paralympian, his experience and message of overcoming challenges and achieving goals felt very timely. Many of us are now determined to watch out for his performances during the Tokyo Olympics this summer.



Clingan's Trust

Grants available for pupils, students and apprentices

Applicants must be under 25, have a financial need, a family home in Christchurch and have attended a place of education in Christchurch at some time.

Application forms and more information can be found on their website.
www.clinganstrust.co.uk

Reading Books & Journals

We've been reviewing children's reading at home using Oxford Owl and we feel children are missing having a physical book at home to enjoy.

It is time to relaunch school reading books! If you have your child's reading diary at home, please can you send it into school with them on **Monday 10th May**.



Dr Bike – Tuesday 18th May Get your bike checked for FREE!



- Bikes safely and securely stored while awaiting service
- Thorough safety check plus testing and adjusting brakes and gears
- Follow up work can be arranged directly with **TechMech Services**
- All cyclists and children on scooters will be offered a free piece of fruit or breakfast bar

Places are strictly limited to **30 bikes**, so pre-registration is essential.

Use the QR code or following link:

<https://techmech.services/e9uz5rhfkhfawby6rx8y>



Jewellery Reminder

Please can I remind all parents that children should not wear jewellery to school. Stud earrings are permitted unless it is a PE day. We are seeing an increase in arm bracelets and bands, and these can be easily snagged during active playtimes or Games lessons.





Summer Dates (updated)

Tuesday 18th May	All day	Dr Bike and Healthy Breakfast for scooters and cyclists
Monday 24th May	All week	Summer Assessment Week Y1 – Y6
Tuesday 25th May	4–5pm	Y6 Residential Information Evening (zoom)
Mon 31st May - Friday 4th June	Week	Half-Term Holiday
Monday 7th June	All day	INSET
Monday 14th June – Friday 18th June	Mon – Fri	Y6 Residential - PGL Osmington Bay
Wednesday 23rd June	Pm	KS1 Sports Day *NEW DATE
Thursday 24th June	6.30 - 8pm	New Reception Class Parents Welcome Evening
Friday 25th 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 6th July Wednesday 7th July	6.15 - 8pm	School Production
Thursday 8th July	All day	Class 6 Picnic and cycle ride to Hengistbury Head
Friday 9th July	PM	KS2 Sports Day *NEW DATE
Monday 12th – 16th July	-	Olympic Arts Week
Friday 16th July	-	End of Year Reports to Parents FPS Summer Festival * NEW DATE
Monday 19th July	3.30 - 6pm	Open Evening to view work, Arts Exhibition and discuss report
Thursday 22nd July	2 - 3pm	Leavers Award Ceremony
Friday 23rd July	9.45am 1.15pm	Leavers' Service at The Priory Church School Closes for the summer