



# The Priory School Newsletter

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## HEADTEACHER UPDATE - Covid-19 Update

I had planned to write fortnightly newsletters this term, but there is just so much to share with you.

With the number of positive cases in the local area encouragingly low, we have trailed a few whole school events outside. These have been very carefully managed and class 'bubbles' have been kept separate. The pictures are from the Team Captain elections and we plan to do a Learners of the Week celebration every Friday - if dry. It's been so good to see our whole school family together.

The Government released new guidance to schools in advance of May 17th (phase 3 of the easing of lockdown) and we have updated our school Risk Assessment (*available to view on the website*). There are not many changes to report as most restrictions remain in place.

In all schools it is still recommended that face coverings should be worn by staff and visitors in situations outside of classrooms where social distancing is not possible (*for example, when moving around in corridors and communal areas*). We would ask that all parents entering inside the school building respect this. **However, the wearing of face coverings when picking/dropping off pupils outside is no longer required.**

Residential visits can resume and **Year 6 parents are invited to attend the PGL Osmington Information meeting via zoom on Tuesday 25th May 4 - 5pm.**

The new guidance also makes it clear that indoor extra-curricular clubs can restart, as long as mixing between different groups of children is minimised. We also plan to get the children eating lunch back in the hall in summer 2, although still in their separate bubbles. The updated operational guidance for all schools can be accessed here: [https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/984843/10\\_May\\_Schools\\_Guidance.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/984843/10_May_Schools_Guidance.pdf)

It is worth mentioning that the guidance does not yet allow many traditional summer events (such as the Y6 performance, sports days and summer fairs) in their usual form. We will continue to plan and hope that by mid-June schools are given much more freedom to organise events with parents on-site.

*Mr Ruffle*



## The Big Ask - Survey by the children's commissioner

Priory School children have been given the opportunity to take part in the biggest survey of UK children in a generation. For more information see [www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/](http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/)



### School Mission Statement

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



## Speak out. Stay safe.

Next week, we will be participating in the NSPCC's Speak out. Stay safe. online programme. This consists of an online assembly with Ant and Dec and supporting classroom based activities.

Speak out. Stay safe. is a safeguarding programme which aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse in a child friendly, interactive way. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a trusted adult or to contact Childline.

By the end of the programme, we're convinced children will feel empowered – knowing how they can speak out and stay safe. If you would like to know more about the Speak out. Stay safe. programme you can find information on the NSPCC website [www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout) or I would be happy to discuss any questions that you may have.

To complement the assembly, there are some resources that can be used to enable further discussion whilst doing activities with your children. These are hosted on the NSPCC website [www.nspcc.org.uk/activities](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/activities).

### All children have the right to:

- ✓ speak out and be heard
- ✓ be safe
- ✓ get help when they need it.



# childline

ONLINE, ON THE PHONE, ANYTIME  
[childline.org.uk](http://childline.org.uk) | 0800 1111



The Priory School 'Stay Safe' Code

"Please don't do that -  
I don't like it!"

If they don't stop – tell an  
adult!



## Christchurch Local Police Team

We were delighted that two of our local Police Community Support Officers, Anna and Michelle, came into school to talk to our older children about staying safe when out of school. They shared some of the issues we are facing in Christchurch and reminded the children never to play near open water or railway lines - both hazards near to school.

## School Watch Alert

From time to time schools are notified if there has been a suspicious or concerning incident relating to a child in the BCP area. We will send an email marked urgent if we advised of an incident in our locality.

While we don't want to alarm our children or exaggerate risks, we do need to teach them about stranger danger and to be alert to dangers. We are reminding our walkers that if they are not going straight home, they should always let a trusted adult know where they are and who they are with.



## 30 Days Wild

"We recently ordered a Wildlife Trust 30 days Wild Pack and it's really sweet! I wondered if it was something some of the other parents would be interested in hearing about via the newsletter?" Class R Parent. I agree, so here's the link <https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/30-days-wild-2021-sign-your-pack>





## Walk to School Week

Our school is taking part in Walk to School Week (17-21 May).

The nationwide event is organised by walking charity Living Streets and designed to help pupils experience first-hand the importance of walking to school. Children will be well on their way to reaching their recommended 60 minutes minimum of physical activity per day before even reaching the school gates!

Not only will it set them up for a positive day in the classroom, but it will also help create healthy habits for life.



The theme of this year's event is 'Walking Superpowers' and through the week, pupils will be introduced to five different Walking Superpowers who will teach them all about these benefits and reinforce the power of walking, superhero style!

Each pupil will be challenged to travel sustainably (walk, wheel, scoot, cycle or Park and Stride) to school every day for one week using wallchart and stickers to log their journeys. Each class will work collectively to make as many active journeys to school as possible across the week. Individual activity diaries, daily stickers and end of week pupil rewards will complement this activity, reinforcing the benefits and keeping children engaged.

### What do I need to do as a parent/carer?

We would ask, if possible, to make arrangements so that your child/children can travel actively to school on w/c 17 May, helping our school reduce congestion and pollution around the school gates. In return, your child will earn special stickers and a badge! Walking, wheeling, scooting and cycling all count! If you live far away from school and need to drive or take public transport, try parking the car or hopping off the bus/train ten minutes away and walking the rest of the journey.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. Don't forget Dr Bike also takes place on Tuesday 18th May for those children who have booked in. Every child who comes by bike or scooter on Tuesday will earn a free healthy mini-breakfast (a piece of fruit or oat bar)!



## Worship Value - Mental Health Awareness Week

### Respecting Neurodiversity

Mrs Clapcott took our worship this week and launched 'Awesome Archie on Tour'. Mrs Clapcott and her son have now published 3 books on neurodiversity and how Archie's autism is something to be celebrated and valued. They will be touring a number of local schools this summer with this inclusive message, which was so timely during mental health awareness week. The children enjoyed the book, so if they want their own copy please use the QR code opposite for a discounted rate. If you need support at the moment, please access the Young Minds website (<https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/>) or contact the school for more information/pathways.





## Being a Compassionate and Global Neighbour

We loved this news from Evie in Reception Class. Kindness in action.

“Evie wrote to the Queen when HRH Prince Philip died, to offer her a hug if she was sad. And today she received a reply back! She is so excited.”

The letter from Her Majesty will be something to treasure in the future.  
Well Done!



Class 1



Class 2



Class 3



### School Council 2021

Global Neighbour Link



Class 4



Class 5



Class 6





## 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
<b>Wednesday 23rd June</b>	Pm	<b>KS1 Sports Day *NEW DATE</b>
Thursday 24th June	6.30 - 8pm	New Reception Class Parents Welcome Evening
Friday 25th June	All day	The Great Priory Bake Off
<b>Wednesday 30th June</b>	All day	<b>Transition Day</b> ( <i>children, including our new Reception Class, spend time with next year's teacher</i> ) <b>*REVISED DATE</b>
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
<b>Friday 9th July</b>	<b>PM</b>	<b>KS2 Sports Day *NEW DATE</b>
Monday 12th – 16th July	-	Olympic Arts Week
Friday 16th July	-	End of Year Reports to Parents <b>Summer Festival * NEW DATE</b>
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