



# The Priory School Newsletter

Summer 4 - Friday 21st May 2021

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## HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Despite the unseasonal weather (I'm still being asked to pop the heating on to take the chill off every morning), the children have done really well to cycle, scoot and walk to school this week. I hope you are finding it a positive and healthy way to start the day.



The Dr Bike initiative was very successful and 29 bikes were fully serviced on Tuesday. We hope it is something BCP Council will continue to fund in the future. Apples proved to be the most popular breakfast snack out of the different free options.

It is certainly lovely to see smiles again on the gate, after they have been hidden by masks for so long. Don't forget class photos on Thursday next week.



*Mr Ruffle*

## Worship Value Respecting Difference

“Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people...”Galatians 6 v10

In our worship this week, we recognised that not everyone believes the same things. Even when we disagree, we can still respect and learn from one another. We were reminded of the core British value of respecting the values, ideas and beliefs of others whilst not imposing our own.

We learnt about different religious celebrations which take place in the UK. Last week was the festival Eid Ul Fitr and we thought how special it must be to share a meal with friends and family after a whole month of fasting during daylight hours.

During Ramadan many Muslims reflect on how they have been living their lives and ask forgiveness from those they have hurt. In our worship, we thought who we might need to say sorry to.



### School Mission Statement

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



## Relationships, Sex and Health Education 'Changing Me' - Summer Units

In Summer 2 we are planning to teach the children the 'Changing Me' part of our Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) programme of study. This includes lessons on Sex and Relationships.

At primary level, the focus is how male and female bodies change during puberty and how a baby is conceived and born. At the Priory School it is closely aligned with the human reproduction part of the Science curriculum and how bodies change over time. It is not about the promotion of sexual activity.

The children missed these units of work last year and we believe now is the time to address those gaps.

Our aims in these lessons are:

- Provide an appropriate and accurate language with which to talk about themselves growing and changing
- Combat ignorance, anxiety and misinformation and to educate against discrimination and prejudice and for dignity and hope
- Encourage pupils to develop positive attitudes towards all body functions, personal hygiene and related health issues
- Reassure pupils of their infinite value and self-worth as well as encouraging pupils to respect and value others
- Help pupils understand that they have rights and should have control over who touches their body and develop the ability to make informed choices, decisions, regardless of conflict and pressure (including online safety and peer on peer relationships).

Our new Relationships, Sex and Health Education Policy contains information about the content of these sessions in your child's year group. It can be found on the Policies Page of the School Website.

**It also contains information about your right to withdraw your child from the non-statutory components of Sex Education. If you are considering this, please attend the information meeting first.**

We recognise that this is a sensitive subject for some families. Before lessons commence we always hold a information evening to discuss the content in more detail and answer specific questions. From experience this is most helpful for families with children in Year 5 and 6, but the event is open to all. We would ask that children are not present. Miss Webber and Mr Ruffle will be leading the meeting.



**Our 'Changing Me' information evening is on Tuesday 8th June 5pm via Zoom.**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74271366859?pwd=MEF6TFRJRW5aMzJYQk96dDNCT25JQT09>

Meeting ID: 742 7136 6859

Passcode: djww4b





## Pastoral Care Changes - Coming Soon

We are excited to announce a number of planned changes to our pastoral support from September. In September, Mrs Fidge will be heading up a new pastoral team to focus on the **Personal Development and Wellbeing** of pupils as well as their **Behaviour and Attitude**.

Mrs Poulter is our lead ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant), helping children who display anxiety, attachment issues or who are coping with loss. Mrs Gwynn will be taking up a new role as our Pastoral Support Worker. In this capacity she will provide information, advice and structured intervention to enable pupils to make positive choices about their behaviour, attendance and social interactions. Following training, she will also become another Mental Health First Aider in the school, alongside Mrs Poulter and Miss Webber.



## Team Captains

The following Year 6 pupils have been elected as Team Captains. They had to stand for election and give a short speech to their peers.



## Summer Reading Challenge

Many children really enjoyed reading during the winter lockdown and we want to encourage them to keep that going during the summer term. Use the summer challenge booklets to log your reading.

20 nights reading = bronze

30 nights reading = silver

50 nights reading = gold (this means reading nearly every night between now and the end of term!)





## Message from the Head Boy & Head Girl Global Neighbours in action!

We are glad to announce that our skip-a-thon idea is happening next **Friday 28th May!**

The skipathon is a skipping challenge that involves skipping for as long as you can until you can't anymore. The winners from each class will enter a grand exhibition final during Friday's Learner of the Week LIVE.

To participate, you will be asked to bring in a £1 donation. You could also be sponsored by friends and family. Each class will choose a charity from the four listed:

- Macmillan-cancer research
- Christian aid
- Mind
- Help for Heroes

All the money raised will go to the chosen charities.

Each child has been given a school skipping rope, but you may bring in your own.

Thank you

David and Cece



## Class Blogs on the Website

You can stay informed about what's happening in your child's class by the regular blogs on the school website. Go to Pupils—Class Blogs—then enter your chosen year group.



## Summer Dates (updated)

Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	All week	Summer Assessment Week Y1 – Y6
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	4 - 5pm	Y6 Residential Information Evening (zoom)
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Am	Class Photographs - Please ensure <b>ALL</b> children are wearing their uniform, including their school cardigans, jumpers & ties.  <b>Classes 3, 4 &amp; 5</b> - Please <b>DO NOT</b> wear or bring in your PE kit. However, please do bring a pair of trainers in your bag to change into later.
Mon 31 <sup>st</sup> May - Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Week	Half-Term Holiday
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	All day	INSET
<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>5pm</b>	<b>NEW DATE</b> <b>Sex Education Information Evening via Zoom</b>
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> June – Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Mon – Fri	Y6 Residential - PGL Osmington Bay
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	<b>tbc</b>	<b>NEW DATE</b> <b>New Reception Class Parents Welcome Evening</b>
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Pm	KS1 Sports Day *NEW DATE
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	All day	The Great Priory Bake Off
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	All day	Transition Day ( <i>children, including our new Reception Class, spend time with next year's teacher</i> )
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> July Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	6.15 - 8pm	School Production
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	All day	Class 6 Picnic and cycle ride to Hengistbury Head
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	PM	KS2 Sports Day
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> July	-	Olympic Arts Week
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	-	End of Year Reports to Parents <b>Summer Festival</b>
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	3.30 - 6pm	Open Evening to view work, Arts Exhibition and discuss report
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	2 - 3pm	Leavers Award Ceremony
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	9.45am  1.15pm	Leavers' Service at The Priory Church  School Closes for the summer