



The Priory School Newsletter

Summer 5 - Friday 28th May 2021

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HEADTEACHER UPDATE

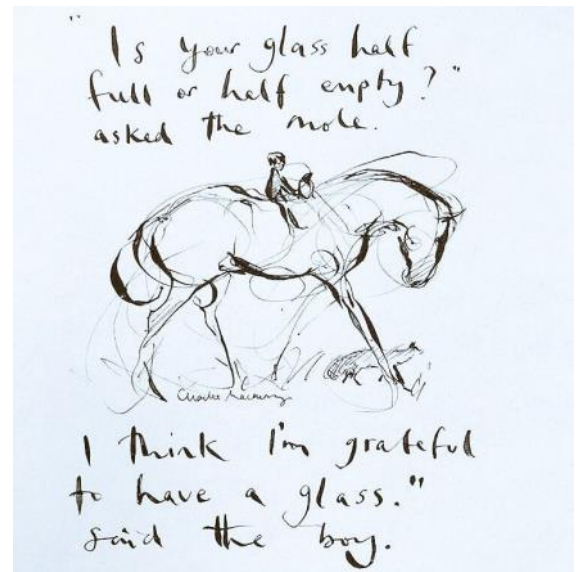
As we come towards the end of another half-term, I would like to thank all parents, pupils and staff for your continued support and kindness as we return to some sort of normality. A week of rest and recovery in warm sunshine is much deserved by all, and I hope you are able to enjoy it.

The easing of restrictions continues and, whilst we keep a keen watch on variants and local infection rates, we also constantly review our COVID-19 risk assessment. Version 12 is now available on the website. **After half-term we are planning to get the children eating in the hall again.**

To facilitate this it is necessary to merge year groups at lunch time. Children will be eating in the hall and playing in a playground zone *with one other class*. Reception and Year 1 have been placed together, Year 2 with Year 3 and Year 4 with Year 5. Year 6 will continue to eat and play as a single year group.

This may mean that if your child has been in close contact with someone in a different class at lunchtime, who later tests positive for Coronavirus, your child may be asked to self-isolate under the test and trace scheme. The benefits of dining in the hall again are numerous; lunch becomes a special social time with friends, it increases playing time outside, it reduces the risk of carrying hot food around school and it protects our new classroom carpets!

Mr Ruffle



Worship Value

Pentecost - Birthday of the Church

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4 v13

In our worship this week, we thought about what can give us energy when we are feeling tired. The children suggested drinking water, 10-12 hours of sleep and a healthy diet.



After Jesus ascended to Heaven, the disciples were feeling lifeless, scared and forgotten. They needed an energy boost to give them the confidence to start spreading the Good News about Jesus. Suddenly they were filled with the Holy Spirit and able to speak in other languages. When our own strength has gone, we can always ask God for help.

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.

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

Wave Arts Project Jessie the Jellyfish

"Teaching children how to be eco heroes not just super heroes"

On Monday children in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 had a real treat. Laurie Newman, ex-Priory pupil, shared her beautifully illustrated picture book called Jessie the Jellyfish.

It's an underwater adventure about the problem's plastic waste and PPE are having in our oceans—and how it's up to 'hoomans' to solve the problem.

Later in the week, Abi Thommes came into school to lead an Art workshop, showing the children how to use recycled plastic to create their own Jessie the jellyfish.

As a result of the project, we are determined to restart our recycling programmes. Paper bins have been brought back and we are trying to use less single use plastic (for drinking cups etc.).



Jessie the Jellyfish can be purchased from www.bluejaybooks.co.uk
Quote ECOHERO for 10% discount.

Label all clothing reminder

When the sun comes out, jumpers tend to be left forgotten at the side of the playground! We are trying to return items to their owner as soon as they are found. **Please clearly label all your child's belongings (especially jumpers and ties) so we can do this easily.**



Skipathon Global Neighbours in Action

The children enjoyed taking part in our first ever Skipathon today. The event was the suggestion of our Head Boy and Girl and organised by them.

The money raised will go to the 4 chosen charities:

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



Awesome Archie on Tour Exciting Update

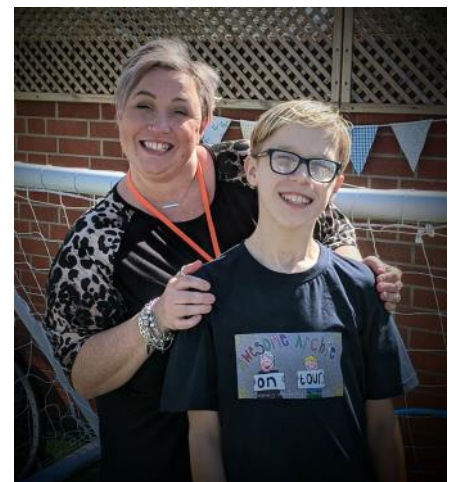
Awesome Archie is now affiliated with the Dorset Children's Foundation, further strengthening our school ties with this fantastic local charity.

The DCF was set up to improve and enrich the lives of disabled young people and their families who are experiencing difficulties related to the impact of disability, including physical health, emotional strain, and social isolation through a range of provisions.

Matt Sutton (father to Coby in Reception and Jenson) is head coach of the Dorset Children's football team.

Now, Mrs Clapcott (Teaching Assistant in Year 4) and Archie (ex-Priory Pupil) will be sharing their 'Amazing Archie' books and message of celebrating neurodiversity to schools around Dorset.

If you want to support the work of DCF, please visit their website.



Teaching Assistant Required for September 2021

We have a full time Teaching Assistant vacancy for September. The post is suitable for anyone (young or old) excited about making a difference in the lives of our children. Experience in schools and NVQ level 2 in education an advantage but not essential. See school website for more details.



Summer Dates (updated)

Mon 31st May - Friday 4th June	Week	Half-Term Holiday
Monday 7th June	All day	INSET
Tuesday 8th June	5pm	Sex Education Information Evening via Zoom Join Zoom Meeting: https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74271366859?pwd=MEF6TFRJRW5aMzJYQk96dDNCT25JQT09 Meeting ID: 742 7136 6859 Passcode: djww4b
Monday 14th June – Friday 18th June	Mon – Fri	Y6 Residential - PGL Osmington Bay
Tuesday 22nd June	tbc	New Reception Class Parents Welcome Evening
Wednesday 23rd June	Pm	KS1 Sports Day
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>)
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
Monday 12th – 16th July	-	Olympic Arts Week
Friday 16th July	-	End of Year Reports to Parents Summer Festival
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

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.