



# The Priory School Newsletter

Summer 6 - Friday 11th June 2021

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## HEADTEACHER UPDATE

I hope you were able to enjoy the sunshine over half-term. I know many of the staff team really appreciated the opportunity to meet up with family and friends.

We were straight back to action on Monday, refreshing our knowledge of various health and safety matters, child protection and auto adrenaline injectors (formerly known as epi-pens). It was a really valuable training day.

On Tuesday we were able to have children back in the hall to eat their school lunch for the first time since December. During lunch, two year groups play and eat together (although as you can see from the photo they keep to their separate sides of the hall). They have really enjoyed renewing friendships with other year groups.



I am pleased to say that all lunchtime food waste and tray packaging is now being recycled again.

Next week, please be aware that I am away with our Year 6 on their residential to the PGL Adventure Centre at Osmington Bay along with Miss Field, Mr Major and Mrs Gwynn. I will still be in daily contact with the school and urgent matters will be dealt with by Mrs Kelly and Mrs Fidge in my absence. Let's hope the good weather continues.

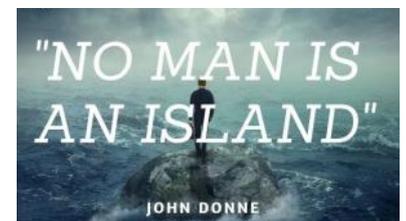
*Mr Ruffle*

## Worship Value for Summer 2 Healthy Relationships

"Bear one another's burdens..." Galatians 6 v2

We introduced our new Summer value of 'Healthy Relationships' this week. At the Priory School healthy relationships are based on honesty, kindness and respect for others.

We thought about the meaning of this famous quote from the English poet and vicar John Donne. After seeing some gymnastic moves by Chloe and Hattie in Year 5, we could see that together, we are stronger. We depend on one another for support and help. In the last chapter of the letter to the Romans, Paul lists all the people who have helped him. We want to be a school where everyone is confident to ask for help and everyone is keen to offer help.



### School Mission Statement

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



## Staff Departures

As we near the end of this challenging academic year, a number of staff feel the time is right to move on to new adventures. I am incredibly grateful to every single one for their dedication and support and I know they will be greatly missed.

**Mrs Kelly**, our Assistant Headteacher since January 2014, is stepping away from teaching to explore other opportunities and spend precious time with her family and grandchildren.

Mrs Kelly has been instrumental in improving the teaching of Maths here at Priory School. Over the last few years she has developed the role of pastoral care, including championing disadvantaged pupils and improving our whole school attendance. Many of these responsibilities will be transferred to Mrs Fidge from September. I am particularly grateful to Mrs Kelly for her loyal support and her tireless hard work, often behind the scenes.

**Miss Deay**, who has been a very valued member of staff here at the Priory since January 2016, is returning home to Ireland in the summer. Many of you with close family abroad will know just how hard it has been in these last 18 months not being able to visit loved ones. Miss Deay now feels it is the right time to continue her teaching career in Ireland. Miss Deay has a special teaching gift and she will be an amazing asset to any school.

**Mr Major** our Sports Coach who mainly works with KS2 pupils on a Wednesday and Thursday, is leaving to train as a primary teacher with Twynham Learning. Since September 2018 Mr Major has helped lead our extra-curricular sports programme. We are delighted that we have been able to play a small part in helping Mr Major realise his dream of becoming a primary teacher. We know that he will do brilliantly next year.

Finally, **Mrs Russell**, our Catering Assistant and former lunchtime supervisor, is transferring to New Milton kitchen which reduces her commute considerably. Mrs Russell, along with Mrs Moody, continued to support the school in providing hot lunches throughout the pandemic. She also bakes the most amazing birthday cakes! We wish her well.

This means our caterers HC3S will be looking for Catering Assistant to start at the Priory as soon as possible.

*As a catering assistant working in a busy school kitchen, you'll help prepare, cook and serve lunch to pupils, as well as carrying out other kitchen tasks, including cleaning, and setting up and clearing the school dining hall or eating areas. This is a term time only role.*

If you are interested, please visit <https://careers.newjob.org.uk/HCC/go/Hampshire-County-Council-Catering-Assistants-Jobs/1428001/>



## Reception Outdoor Area 'Groundforce' Team - Volunteers Welcome

On Saturday 19th June (8am -12pm (noon)), a crack FPS team are tackling a few urgent repairs of the Reception Outdoor Area. This includes cleaning the astro, repainting the fences and fixing the canopy.

If you would like to help or get involved in another way, please contact your class FPS rep.





## Staff Arrivals

We have been fortunate to recruit quality replacements for the staff who are moving on. In fact we were overwhelmed to receive 74 applications when we announced the teaching vacancies back in April.

### Mr McLean

Mr McLean has been teaching for 4 years at St Luke's Primary School in Sway, Hampshire. He has taken on a number of roles during his time there, including leading Maths (using the same resource as the Priory, called Maths No Problem!) and developing their remote learning offer (also using Google Education as the main online platform).

Prior to teaching, Mr McLean worked as a Teaching Assistant at the Victoria Education Centre and studied International Relations at Exeter University.

We are delighted that Mr McLean will be our new Class 4 teacher in September.



### Mr Hall

Mr Hall is currently completing his teacher training with the University of Reading and has been working across year groups at Ilsleys Primary School in Newbury.

Prior to teaching, Mr Hall worked as a soccer coach in America and in various business and financial services roles following his Business degree from Bournemouth University. Since his appointment, Mr Hall has taught himself to play the ukulele!

We are delighted that Mr Hall will be our new Class 3 teacher in September.

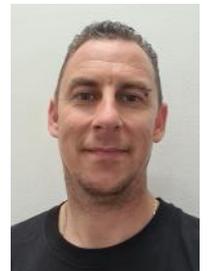


### Mr Hanslip

Just before half-term, we were able to appoint our new caretaker Mr Hanslip.

Mr Hanslip is currently the caretaker at Zest and previously worked as a self-employed carpenter. He brings a lot of experience and enthusiasm to the role and we look forward to him joining us at the end of June.

We have also found out that he is an expert bass guitar player!



## Car parking for the school drop-off Respecting our neighbours

Now the traffic on local roads is back to normal, the impact of stopping for a few minutes on double yellow lines to drop off is much greater and has the potential to result in a serious accident.

Unfortunately one of our local neighbours had cause to complain to the school for the first time this week because, not only was their drive repeatedly obstructed by a number of our parents, but when she asked them to move, she was ignored and, in one case, shouted at.

The school run can be a stressful time, especially with staggered starts and local /national business under such pressure, but please be mindful of our community. We have such strong support from our neighbours that it would be a shame to lose it.





## School Organisation 2021-22

Role	Name	*Additional Senior Team Responsibilities (Ofsted Framework)
Headteacher	Mr Ruffle*	Leadership & Management Quality of Education Designated Safeguarding Lead
Deputy Headteacher	Mrs Fidge*	Personal Development Behaviour and Attitude Designated Safeguarding Lead
Early Years Foundation Stage (Reception Class)	Mrs Sibbald*	Inclusion Lead (Special Educational Needs) Early Years Lead Designated Safeguarding Lead
Year 1 Class Teacher	Miss Etheridge	
Year 2 Class Teacher	Miss Webber	
Year 3 Class Teacher	Mr Hall	
Year 4 Class Teacher	Mr McLean	
Year 5 Class Teacher	Mr Swain	
Year 6 Class Teacher	Miss Field	
Planning, Preparation and Assessment Cover for teachers in EYFS & KS1 (Year 1 and 2)	Mrs Homan	
Planning, Preparation and Assessment Cover for teachers in KS2 (Year 3—6)	Mrs Fidge Mrs Miller (Tues, Wed)	
School Business Manager	Mrs Brown	
Administrative Officer	Miss Johnstone (excluding Wed) Mrs Broom (Tues, Wed)	
Caretaker	Mr Hanslip	

We are still adding to our team of Teaching Assistants in readiness for September and the anticipated needs of new pupils joining the school. Teaching Assistant personnel and responsibilities will be confirmed by transition day on 30th June.



## Summer Dates

Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> June – Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Mon – Fri	Y6 Residential - PGL Osmington Bay
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	All day	African Drumming sessions for all year groups
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	TBC	New Reception Class Parents Welcome Evening
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	PM	KS1 Sports Day
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 Summer Festival
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

## Dorset Children's Foundation Quality unwanted clothes bucket

Everyday next week there will be a big plastic bucket for any unwanted yet still good quality clothes. These will be taken to the new Dorset Children's Foundation Charity shop opening in the Sovereign Centre.

Thank you.

