



The Priory School Newsletter

Summer 7 - Friday 25th June 2021

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HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Our Year 6 had a fantastic residential last week at PGL Osmington Bay and we are very proud of them. Many of them discovered reserves of confidence and courage they didn't know they had as they tackled adventurous activities such as the 'Giant Swing'! Hopefully, they will have made memories for a lifetime.

These trips are only possible because of the commitment and hard work of staff and I would like to express my gratitude to Miss Field and Mrs Gywnn who were supporting children from 7am to 11pm throughout the week. Mrs Kelly, Mrs Colebeck and Miss Webber were a brilliant relay team who stepped in at the last minute when Mr Major was unable to attend. Finally, behind the scenes, Mrs Broom worked tirelessly to pull the trip together. I don't know what I would have done without her coming in on her day off to label and organise the industrial quantities of hay fever medication we had to take!

I sense that we have been very fortunate to have a residential this year. It was so disappointing to receive updated guidance from BCP Council on Tuesday, due to the rapidly rising number of positive Coronavirus cases in our area. 20+ schools in BCP have needed to close at least one bubble since half-term. Thank you for your patience, ongoing vigilance and understanding as we try to keep our community safe from the new Delta variant, while still enabling our pupils to enjoy uninterrupted schooling and many of the usual summer events.

Mr Ruffle



School Mission Statement

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



African Drummer

Thanks to Soundstorm and BCP Council, the whole school was able to enjoy an amazing (and free) African drumming workshop with Cheikh. The children learnt to appreciate a different musical tradition and play complex rhythms on djembe drums.



Reception Outdoor Area 'Groundforce' Team - Stage one complete

On Saturday 19th June (8am - 12pm (noon)), a crack FPS team begin to tackle the Reception Outdoor Area. There is still much to be done but a great start was made cleaning the astro and decking, repainting the fences and fixing the canopy. There was also a very tasty selection of rock cakes from Mrs Penny.

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



Welcome Evening for New Reception Parents & Welcome Visit for New Reception Pupils

On Tuesday we held our first on-site parents' meeting for 18 months as we welcomed our new Reception parents to the Priory School family.

Our new parents were very understanding as we had to split into 2 smaller gatherings and they could only tour the school in groups of 6 or less. However, it was so lovely to have parents in school again.

We are very grateful that our school nurse, Fiona Philips, was able to attend as well as Mrs Hill who represented FPS and Mrs Penny, on behalf of the school Governors. Along with the school's Senior Leadership Team and Reception Team, our dedicated Office team also stayed for both meetings.

If any new parents missed the presentation, a comprehensive welcome pack was sent to you earlier in the week. Please contact the school office if you require another copy!

Unfortunately our planned transition event for new starters next Wednesday is one of the first casualties of the revised BCP guidance. Schools have been strongly discouraged from mixing pre-school bubbles, even outside, and so September starters are now invited for a short visit to the classroom with their pre-school group or individually as 2 households. We hope you can make it!

Lets change
ALL the plans.

At the last minute.

Because its
fun.





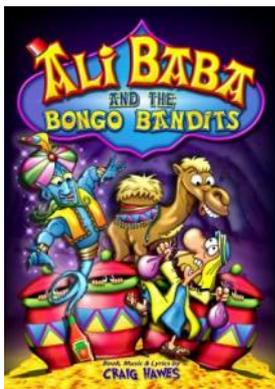
KS1 Sports Day

We are very grateful to Mr Moody (Christchurch School Sports Coordinator), Mrs Tabor (Active Dorset) and our own hobbling Mr Major for organising and running our KS1 Sports Day without the help of our Year 5 & 6 Bronze Ambassadors. Following advice, we felt it was necessary to keep class bubbles separate during the event and so we needed to rework the activity stations.

Our children are so positive that they had great fun despite these changes. We are sorry that we were unable to invite you, but class teachers have taken lots of photos and these will be uploaded to the class blog.



Y6 Production Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits



It is certainly a busy time for our Year 6 as they've been straight back into full rehearsals for the end of year show. At this stage we are hoping that we will be able to perform this to Y6 parents in the school hall on Tuesday 6th and Wednesday 7th July 6:15pm. **Dates and ticketing arrangements will be communicated on Monday 28th June, please look out for the email.**

We are hoping class bubbles will be able to see some of the dress rehearsals.

Worship Value - Heartsmart 'No Way Through' Isn't True!

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.” Galatians 6v9

This week's worship was definitely aimed at the adults as much as the children, as a number of us are feeling fairly exhausted at the end of term and there is still so much important work to do. I went back to a Bible verse that I have personally found so helpful this year.

We looked at the example of Sasha and Seyma as they worked together to climb to the top of PGL's hardest challenge 'Jacob's ladder'. They needed resilience but they also needed each other to provide a helping hand.

When we feel that there is 'no way through', we must not give up. We can overcome huge obstacles with the help of our friends.

Our loving Heavenly Father is always with us and we can ask Him for help whenever we feel stuck or we don't know what to do.





Summer Dates

See Revised Summer events email (sent 22.06.2021) for more details.

Tuesday 29 th June		Class R trip to Weymouth Sealife Centre Class 4 River Sketching at the Quomps
Wednesday 30 th June	All day	Transition Day (<i>children, including our new Reception Class, spend time with next year's teacher</i>)
Tuesday 6 th July Wednesday 7 th July	6.15 - 8pm	School Production
Thursday 8 th July	All day	Class 6 Picnic and cycle ride to Hengistbury Head
Friday 9 th July	pm	KS2 Sports Day
Monday 12 th – 16 th July	-	Olympic Arts Week
Friday 16 th July	-	End of Year Reports to Parents
Monday 19 th July	3.30 - 6pm	Open Evening to view work, Arts Exhibition and discuss report
Wednesday 21 st July	tbc	Summer Fair (during the day) and R/1 Country Dancing 2:30pm
Thursday 22 nd July	tbc	Leavers Award Ceremony
Friday 23 rd July	tbc	Leavers' Service at The Priory Church
	1.15pm	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.

