



# The Priory School Newsletter

Summer 9 - Friday 16th July 2021

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## HEADTEACHER UPDATE

The children have really enjoyed their week of Olympic-themed art activities! Lots of learning has taken place about the history of the games, the importance of celebrating diversity through the Paralympics and about the culture of host country Japan. We have seen Ancient Greek laurel wreaths, Olympic torches and medals, posters promoting the Paralympics, bunting celebrating the competing nations and Japanese street scenes/landscapes.



The grand finale has been the creation of Japanese maple blossom leaves, one by every child, which have been added to our whole-school tree in the hall!

A huge thank you to Mrs Clapcott for working so hard to plan this week and producing the quality video demonstrations.



*Mr Ruffle*

## Worship Value: Dealing with disappointment

Ephesians 4 v32 "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."



Father Charles led our worship on Wednesday. Following the Euro final on Sunday night and the racist abuse suffered by the penalty takers, he focussed on how we can deal with disappointment.

1. Don't pretend it doesn't matter and the hurt isn't real
2. Don't give up
3. Don't take out your anger on others

## School Mission Statement

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



## Staying Safe this Summer

As we approach the summer holidays, we always remind the children of some key safety messages. We've already had our road safety workshops, so here's what we're focussing on this year:



### Sun Safety

- **Sunscreen** – slap on factor 30+ waterproof sunscreen every 2 hours
- **Sun hat** – slap on a broad-brimmed hat that shades your face, neck and ears
- **Shoulders** – slip on a T-shirt or UV protective suit for children and remember to keep your shoulders covered
- **Shade** – seek shade, particularly during the hottest time of the day between 11am and 3pm when the sun is at its strongest
- **Slurp** – drink lots of water so that you stay hydrated during your time in the sun.

### Rail Safety

We heard this week that 2 young people ran across the railway tracks at Christchurch station. These are live tracks, carrying up to 750 volts—which is lethal and is the mainline to London. Children must never play near railway lines.

<https://nrwessex.co.uk/communitysafety/>

### Water Safety

Again, we had news this week from BCP Council that young people in our area have been jumping off bridges into local rivers to cool off. Children must always tell a responsible adult where they are going. If they are planning to swim, they should always be supervised. We will talk to children about being safe on a paddle or body board.

<https://rnli.org/youth-education>



### Online Safety

We've seen a sharp rise in the number of children accessing inappropriate content. Before the holidays we'll be reminding the children of our Google 'Be Internet Legends' safety programme.

[https://beinternetlegends.withgoogle.com/en\\_uk](https://beinternetlegends.withgoogle.com/en_uk)

I've been researching this whole issue, while I've been updating our Acceptable Use Policies to keep pace with the impact of remote learning. The most consistently useful website I've found for parents is the NSPCC.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/b/#>



### E-scooters

Dorset Police have seen a large rise in the number of young people using e-scooters (and, unfortunately an increase in the number of accidents).

They have issued advice to all BCP Schools to remind children that it is currently against the law to ride an e-scooter on public land i.e. any pavement or road.

It's going to be a long but very important assembly!





## COVID-19 Update Step 4 - Monday 19th July Information on Contact Tracing and Self-isolations



## Test and Trace

The crisis in schools continues to worsen, with more local schools facing closure due to staff self-isolating and pupils testing positive for COVID-19. Based on the latest PHE data there are now 320 daily cases of COVID-19 in BCP and 50% of pupils testing positive are in the primary phase.

The DfE hastily released guidance yesterday relating to contact tracing for pupils still attending school next week. From **Monday 19th July, NHS test and trace are now responsible for identifying close contacts of children who have tested positive. Those identified will need to self-isolate for 10 days as normal (until the guidance changes again on the 16th August).**

All parents will be sent a letter explaining how the new test and trace arrangements will work from Monday 19th July.

Unfortunately, there are still concerns about how young children will be able to identify 'close contacts' and what criteria will be used. It is a chaotic and uncertain situation at the end of term and, as you are aware, Priory School is continuing to operate under 'step 3' control measures.

Having taken advice from BCP Council, from Monday 19th July, at Priory School, we will take the following actions until the end of term:

- If a child displays symptoms of Coronavirus, they and their household will need to self-isolate until a PCR test is taken. No-one else in school is required to do so. If the PCR test is negative, the child can immediately return to school, if well enough to do so.
- **If a child tests positive for Coronavirus (PCR test) and was in school in the preceding 48 hours, then the whole class bubble will immediately close and move to a remote learning model.** Only those identified under the test and trace system as being 'close contacts' will need to officially self-isolate for 10 days, but to protect the rest of the school community from possible infection, the whole class (staff and children) will learn off-site.

I do not want to send any child home unnecessarily, but I believe this is a reasonable and cautionary way to navigate a potentially very challenging last week. It is the best way to reduce the risk of families and staff starting their summer in self-isolation.

We are learning from other Christchurch schools that classes can close at any time, so we will make the most of each day and hope that we remain COVID free.

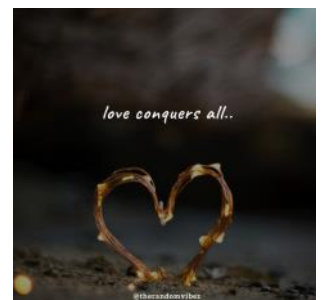
## School Vandalism

Just a short note to express our gratitude to our parent community for your support this week, following the graffiti incident. It was extremely upsetting to think that anyone would spoil a learning environment for children, but we are living through strange times.

The way our community rallied round was a reminder that kindness is stronger than hate.

A child's bike and helmet left on-site was, unfortunately, targeted by the intruders. Please do not leave anything valuable in the bike or scooter racks. We currently have 6 CCTV cameras covering key areas of the school and we are looking at increasing this. We do have footage of the 4 individuals as they entered the site at 3:30am on Thursday 15th July and this is currently with Dorset Police and local secondary schools.

We are also hoping this incident may expedite a site visit from BCP planning as we look to replace our perimeter fencing!





## Summer Dates

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
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	9:45am	Leavers' Service at The Priory Church (including presentation of Bibles and leavers' candles) <b>Year 6 pupils and parents only</b>
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	2:30pm	Summer Picnic  Reception Country Dancing <b>Reception pupils and parents only (outside)</b>
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	2:30pm	Year 1 Country Dancing <b>Year 1 pupils and parents only (outside)</b>
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	10:30am  1.15pm	Moving On - Whole School Final Worship <b>(pupils only)</b> School Closes for the summer

## Wednesday 21st July - Summer Picnic Lunch

Gaynor has offered to do a special summer picnic on Wednesday. If the weather is fine, the children will be able to sit outside to eat in their class bubbles. The main meal that day will now be a ham sandwich, sausage roll, mini sausage, scone, jam, cream & small cake. The vegetarian option that day will be a cheese sandwich, vegetarian sausage roll, mini vegetarian sausage, scone, jam, cream & small cake.



Please update your lunch order via your online account at [www.scopay.com](http://www.scopay.com) to take advantage of this delicious summer treat.

## FPS Ruffle's Raffle - Summer Grand Draw

**Ruffle's Raffle Summer Raffle!** Thank you to everyone for their generosity. The draw will take place today, **Friday 16th July at 7pm** and can be viewed by dialling into this zoom meeting link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7042646779?pwd=dE9SMHFpR1dLOG8xU2R5ZVBBN0ZhZz09>

Meeting ID: 704 264 6779

Passcode: feCtN1

We have a fantastic set of prizes generously donated by local businesses including:

- Facial Phototherapy Treatment (£169) from Laser Skin Solutions
- 1 years Lawn Care from Greensleaves
- £100 from Richard Godsell Estate Agents
- Restaurant vouchers incl. a kids party package!
- **and many more**

You have to be in it to win it, good luck!

**The FPS Committee**



## End of Year Reports

End of year reports have been sent home today. We've kept them as 'hard copies', so you have a permanent record of child's learning during this exceptional year.

We are incredibly proud of the children this year and I hope the reports reflect how pleased we are with their resilience and attitude to learning.

My accompanying report letter explains the approach we have taken and what the various attainment levels and effort grades mean. Pupils' learning has been significantly disrupted during the last 2 academic years and this should be taken into account when judging your child's performance.



### ACTIONS

- Please return the reply slip to the school office so we know the report has been safely received.
- Please complete the parent survey, giving constructive feedback on the issues highlighted.

If you would like to discuss the report with the class teacher, please contact the school office by 2pm on Monday 19th July - leaving your contact telephone number. **Teachers will call you back between 3:30pm and 5pm on Monday afternoon.**



Back to school appointments are now available at Mathews Shoes in Christchurch and New Milton. No appointment is necessary but if you'd like to avoid a possible queue, then please book via our Facebook page, website [www.mathewsshoes.com](http://www.mathewsshoes.com) or phone 01202 482231 for Christchurch or 01425 613102 for New Milton.

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