



The Priory School Newsletter

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HEADTEACHER UPDATE

There are many quotable lines in our Ofsted report and the comment that we are once again at the centre of our local community stands out. It's certainly felt that way recently, as we've fully opened the school to children and parents. The children loved the 'Dance into Spring' FPS school disco and their behaviour was exceptional. At one point a number of teachers were even leading the Macarena.

The **Priory Science Fair** has been another great success. A parent emailed their response after attending the Friday afternoon event. *"It was so lovely to see and hear parents in our amazing school again but, most importantly, it was impressive to see the children's projects and the passion and pride they all had. I actually managed to get to every classroom and the hall and was absolutely blown away by all the children...it felt like the school was alive again."*

From the children in class 6 keen to show their friends and classmates work, to the children in class 4 who wanted to make sure we didn't miss out on a particular project because their friend wasn't there and then to the excitement and general energy in both Dolphins and Class 1 –which you could literally feel as you walked into their rooms." I think most children will say their highlight was seeing Sophia's rocket launch.

Finally this week we've also had our new style 'Learner Centred' Consultation evenings. Again, the feedback I've received suggests that the new format and timings have been well-received - and that it was really valuable to see your child's books, latest NFER tests and meet their class teacher face to face. From my perspective, I really enjoyed being able to celebrate every child's achievement with a certificate linked to one of our key learning behaviours. I'm also very glad that Mrs Fidge kept us all to time!



Mr Ruffle

School Mission Statement

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



Ofsted Inspection - Final Report



Inspection of The Priory Church of England Primary School

Wick Lane, Christchurch, Dorset BH23 1HX

Inspection dates: 2 and 3 February 2022

Overall effectiveness	Good
The quality of education	Good
Behaviour and attitudes	Good
Personal development	Good
Leadership and management	Good
Early years provision	Good
Previous inspection grade	Requires improvement

I was delighted to share the final report from our Ofsted inspection and the wonderful news that Priory School is no longer 'Requiring Improvement' and is officially a 'Good' school. It has taken a huge amount of hard work and commitment to bring the school back up to where it needs to be and there are so many people to thank. As I wrote in my covering letter to parents, the report is testament to the positive difference a community can make when it works together.

Of course, while we will take a moment to celebrate, there are things that we need to work on to make the school even better. I would like to share more information with you about our future plans in an **Ofsted feedback meeting on Monday 4th April at 6pm in the school hall**. This event will last for one hour, with an opportunity for questions at the end.

We can certainly look forward with confidence to an exciting new chapter in the life of the school.

Record Breaking - Highest Ever Weekly Total of Hot Lunches

Children are loving the hot dinners, which are freshly cooked on-site each day by Kathryn and Laura. This week was our best week ever with 550 hot dinners ordered. The meals still represent incredible value at £2.30 and they can be ordered via your online account at www.scopay.com.



Sports Update Netball Taster Tournament

Our Priory Netball team continued our winnings ways by performing strongly in this friendly tournament. The results were:

- Burton 4 - 0 Priory
- Priory 10 - 0 Christchurch Junior
- Priory 3 - 0 Somerford
- Priory 1 - 0 Tywnham Primary

The real test will come at the official netball festival, which has been postponed until next Wednesday 23rd March. Good luck!



Y2 Marwell Zoo Trip

Despite torrential rain for most of their trip, Year 2 still enjoyed a fabulous time at Marwell Zoo last week. We are very proud of their exemplary behaviour and conduct.

The learning intention for the trip was to find out more about how animals have adapted to living in different habitats.



Worship Value - Justice

Matthew 7 v12 "Treat others as you want them to treat you. This is what the Law and the Prophets are all about."

We enjoyed another really helpful assembly from the Priory ministry team last week on the subject of 'justice'. Father Richard reminded the children that there is more good in the world than bad, that in the end justice will be done and that we should all play our part to seek social justice. I spoke to the children about an important part of our new positive behaviour policy which is the restorative conversation that must take place after a red card. This is to help the child think about how they could do things differently next time.



The children enjoyed watching the 'Where in the world is Matt' on YouTube which is a fantastic reminder that we have so much in common with our neighbours around the world - everyone loves to dance!



Bike Bus

A bike bus is a group of people cycling or wheeling together along a set route.

From Friday 1st April the Barrack Road Bike Bus will ride every Friday morning for the children and families of Christchurch Infants, Christchurch Juniors, and The Priory School.

By travelling as a group we can work together to keep the children safe while they have fun riding to school with their friends and travel to school in a sustainable way.

The Bike Bus will depart from River Way, Christchurch at 8:10am, with 3 stops on the way before arriving at The Priory School at 8:40am.

There is plenty of space for parents and children to join in and we'd love to welcome you aboard the Bike Bus. For more information including a map of the route, meeting points and joining details please email barrackroadbikebus@gmail.com



Whole School Attendance

Week Ending
18.03.22
95.04%

Year to Date
92.97%

Well done to all the staff team!





Diary Dates

Date	Time	Event
Monday 21st March	1:30 - 3pm	Start of the Walk and Wheel to school event Year 3 Water Safety - pupils bring clothes to swim in
Tuesday 22nd March	All day All day	Year 5 & 6 Outdoor Adventure day at Moors Valley (<i>by invite only</i>) Let's Think in English workshops for children
Wednesday 23rd March	AM 10am - 2.30pm 2.30pm - 5pm	Year 4 Relax kids Year 4 Tag Rugby Festival, Wimborne RFC (<i>by invite only</i>) Bee Netball tournament (NEW DATE)
Thursday 24th March	1.20pm-2pm	Year 2 Druitt Gardens walk
Monday 28th & Tuesday 29th March	60min sessions	Easter reflections in the Priory Church - all year groups
Wednesday 30th March	All day 1:30 - 3pm 5:30 - 7pm	Priory School Ukraine Day - wearing blue and yellow colours to raise money for the emergency appeal Priory Spring Gala afternoon dress rehearsal (with grandparents) Priory School Gala Concert
Friday 1st April	All day	Year 6 trip to Lulworth Coastline
Friday 8th April	9:45am 10:45am 3:15pm	Easter Service at Priory Church Easter Bonnet Parade (Dolphins, 1 and 2) School Closes for Easter