



The Priory School Newsletter

Summer 1 - Friday 29th April 2022

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HEADTEACHER UPDATE

It's hard to believe we're at the start of the summer term already. Many of the children have returned from the Easter holidays with renewed energy, which is really encouraging after all those viruses which have been circulating recently. Let's hope this beautiful sunshine continues to recharge everyone's batteries.



In our staff meeting and whole school assembly this week, we had a visit from 'My Time' which is a local charity supporting young carers. As a result of this training, we better understand some of the ways that being a young carer can impact a child's day to day life:

- Maybe you're late to school sometimes
- You don't get all of your homework in on time
- You spend a lot of your day worrying about what's happening at home
- You can't always go out to play with your friends

Through our connection with 'My Time', we are determined to help our amazing young carers in school. The message we heard over and over again is that we simply need to **be kind**.

If you think your child is a young carer, please contact **Mrs Fidge via the school office** plus, 'My Time' are keen to offer free advice. You can contact them by: www.mytimeyoungcarers.org or email at enquiries@mytimeyoungcarers.org and telephone: 01202 710701.

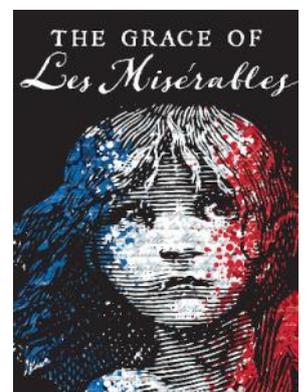
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Worship Value - Grace

"Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound..." John Newton, converted slave trader

In our worship this week, I introduced the Christian value of grace. C S Lewis once wrote that if you had to describe what was unique about Christianity, you would talk about grace.

By way of helping the children to understand that grace means 'God's goodness or kindness to those who do not deserve it', we looked at a story from 'Les Miserables'. When Jean Valjean steals from the Bishop and is caught, the Bishop pretends that the silver was a gift and, in an act of grace, even offers him 2 more candlesticks.



School Mission Statement

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



Everybody Read!

Sharing books makes a big difference to your child's education.

When you read to your child you are making a positive impact on your child's reading ability and their love of reading. **Attached to this newsletter we have included a 'Little Wandle' leaflet on supporting reading at home.** Many parents can become concerned about the 'Book Band' level their child is reading and feel that rapid progression through the colours is an indicator of success. The latest research suggests that children make the best progress when they are 90% to 95% fluent with a book i.e. when they can easily decode nearly every word.

We're teaching every child to read with Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised
A complete SSP validated by the Department for Education



Rather than the level of difficulty of the text, simply sharing and chatting about a book everyday has the most positive impact on your child's ability. This will help them to:

- understand words and sentences
- use a wide range of vocabulary
- develop listening comprehension skills

In Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 as well as their 'decodable phonics book' which is set by the school, we also encourage the children to choose a 'reading for pleasure' book, which they can enjoy at home with you.

A love of reading is the biggest indicator of future academic success!

Summer Uniform

Girls are allowed to wear striped blue summer dresses from Easter. These are to be purchased from Stevensons uniform shop. Boys (and girls if they choose) are to continue to wear a short or long-sleeved white shirt and navy tie and charcoal shorts or trousers. Our children look so smart when their top button is done up and their tie is neat at the top of their shirt.

For safety reasons, please remember that **open-toe sandals/shoes should not be worn in school.** Recent allowances made during COVID are coming to an end and trainers are not permitted, unless it is a PE day. Black and navy school shoes or closed-toe sandals are permitted.

A reminder that jewellery should not be worn, other than simple stud earrings for those with pierced ears. Earrings must be removed by pupils for PE and swimming lessons. Small discrete watches are allowed, as are 'fitbit' wristbands, although these expensive items are the responsibility of the owner.

Our policy on mobile phones is that Year 5 and 6 are permitted to bring them to school, but they have to be handed in to their class teacher at the beginning of the day and collected at home time. **They should never be used on the school site without the express permission of a member of staff.**

£40 Uniform voucher

Children who are eligible for free school meals, are offered an annual £40 uniform voucher. Please visit the following website and apply online to check eligibility: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>
If you find you are unable to access this website or are having difficulty, please come and see us in the school office and we will help you complete it.

Pre-Loved Uniform

Second hand school jumpers and dresses can be collected from Emily Sutton (Coby in Y1) and she also has a facebook page. Not only does this save money but it is also better for the environment and any donations are given to the school.



The Priory CE VA Primary School

QUAVERS
Priory School's new choir for years 2-3

Fridays
at 12.30

COME AND BE PART OF PRIORY SCHOOL'S
NEW CHOIRS!

CROTCHETS
Priory School's new choir for years 4-6

Fridays
at 1.00

TRINITY CLUB

PRIORY SCHOOL
WEDNESDAY LUNCH TIME
CLASSES 5 & 6

Y2 'I am Enough' Project

Dear Parents and carers,

On Tuesday 24th May at 1:30 PM, we will be raising money in order to create an inclusive quiet playground area.

We feel it is right to change this as a quiet area ~~to~~ because some people might want to be alone.

We have decided to raise the money by completing a sponsored run. please support us by pledging to donate an amount per lap completed. we will be handing out sponsorship forms in the coming weeks.

Thank you for your support.

class 2.





Sports Update

Please find attached our Spring term sports review, written by Mrs Miller.

Y3/4 Commonwealth Activity

On Wednesday 27th April a group of Y3 & 4 children enjoyed a Commonwealth Games experience at the Grange, with a gold medal gymnast. Once again, our children's evident enjoyment, participation and behaviour impressed the organisers.



End of the Day Reminder

It would be greatly appreciated if children stay with their responsible adult when they have been collected from their classroom and exit school as quickly as possible.

Despite the myths of being home by 3:30pm, staff have much work to do once the children have gone, including speaking to parents. We can't get on and do this if children are still playing on the school site. The park is the place to burn off steam if we haven't managed to tire you out.

Summer Term Head Boy and Head Girl

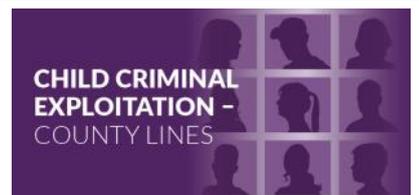
Congratulations to Stanley and Billie who have been selected as Head boy and girl for the summer term. They have both been incredible role models, not only this year but throughout their time at the Priory School. I can't think of anyone better to represent our school.



Safeguarding County Lines

One of the key priorities for the Pan-Dorset Safeguarding Children Partnership is to focus on tackling child exploitation.

Through partnership working with BCP Council, Dorset Police and the Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group, the partnership carried out some survey work to review understanding and concerns in relation to 'county lines'. This is a form of criminal activity in which drug dealers establish networks for the supply of drugs using other people (typically those who are young or otherwise vulnerable) to carry, store, and sell the drugs. It is a rapidly growing problem in BCP. **As a result of the survey, we have been asked to pass the attached information leaflet to all our parents.**





Summer 1 Diary Dates

Date	Time	Event
Monday 2nd May		Bank Holiday. School closed.
Thursday 5th May	All day	School Council Charity Day - Superhero Day All children wear a cape or superhero outfit. Donations to Mind.
Monday 9th - Thursday 12th May	Mornings	KS2 SATs Week. Pupils in Y6 sit statutory assessments. Special Breakfasts from 8:20am (Y6 only)
Monday 9th May	1:30pm	Catch-up Swimming Programme. KS2 pupils, by invite only.
Friday 13th May	All day	Y6 Hengistbury Head Cycle and Picnic
Monday 23rd - Thursday 26th May	Mornings	Whole School Assessment Week. Children in Y1 - Y5 take NFER end of year assessments in reading, writing and maths. Y2 complete KS1 SATs assessments
Friday 27th May	All day	Jubilee Celebration All children wear smart clothes for our grand tea party.
Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June		Half Term Holiday. School Closed
Monday 6th June	All day	INSET Training. School Closed
Tuesday 7th June	8:40am	Start of Summer 2. All children return.

Superhero Day - Thursday 5th May

As part of our work on the Christian Aid 'Global Neighbours' programme, School Council have planned their own fundraising event. They would like all children to wear a superhero costume next Thursday (a real hero such as a key worker or a fictional character) to raise money for Dorset Mind.

£1 per child is the suggested amount. If you want an easy option, go for the simple cape.

School Council will be doing a presentation of the chosen charity in class worship.

Christchurch Bike Bus - Join in!

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. For more information including a map of the route, meeting points and joining details please email barrackroadbikebus@gmail.com