



The Priory School Newsletter

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HEADTEACHER UPDATE

The Friends of Priory School (FPS) held their Annual General Meeting on Thursday. We are so grateful to the committee, led by the Chair, Hazel Hill (Marlie-Rose in Y5), for their hard work in raising money to benefit all the children who attend Priory School.

We reviewed last year's spending, which included:



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| Teacher walls in Year 3 and 5 classrooms  | Whole school panto 'The sword in the stone'  | 30 new chromebooks and charging trolley  | Jubilee ice cream van  |
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We agreed our spending plans for the Autumn term, including:

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| New microphones and stands  | Whole school panto 'The wind in the willows'  | Den building kits for playtime, chosen by school council  | Basketball and soft ball sets for playtime  |
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The FPS also agreed the fundraising events which will take place this term. With some trepidation, after a gap of 3 years, we are delighted to announce the return of the Christmas Fair! Please save the dates (details to follow nearer the time) and get involved if you are able!

FPS Disco—Thursday 10th November
FPS Quiz—Friday 18th November
FPS Christmas Fair—Friday 2nd December

Mr Ruffle

School Mission Statement

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



Celebrating Learning

Learners of the Week

Congratulations to our learners of the week:
Esme, Lily, Mabel, Pixie, Jessie and Daniel.
Lars, Billy, Toby, Mika, Ilsa, Daisy, Eleni

Housepoints (week ending 07.10.22)

| York | Salisbury | Canterbury | Winchester |
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| 91 | 70 | 71 | 84 |

Attendance

Attendance for the school year to date is **97%**. (above average)

Attendance Cup Winners

Well done **Class 5 with 99% last week.**

Worship Value - Community

“God of the poor
Friend of the weak
Give us compassion we pray
Melt our cold hearts
Let tears fall like rain
Come, change our love
From a spark to a flame”



Following harvest, we've returned to our theme of community. In particular, we've been thinking about how we can support our global community.

We started by reminding ourselves about how fortunate we are to go to a school where there is a chair, a pencil and a book for every child. A school where the building is cleaned every day, where every class has a qualified teacher and where we can have clean water to drink whenever we want! We realised that we are the lucky ones in a world where this is often not the case.



Mr Ruffle shared his experience of teaching in a school in Uganda, many years ago and then, using a Christian Aid resource, we looked at a school in La Paz, Nicaragua. Here, some children have to learn outside because there are not enough chairs in the classroom and they stay behind at the end of the day to clean the school themselves.



Yesterday, in our first prayer buddy worship of the year, children brought these concerns to God in prayer and thought about what we could do to help.

As our first action, we have signed up to the shoebox appeal again.



Sports update

Both our girls and boys' football teams have enjoyed participating in development tournaments at 2 Riversmeet leisure centre in recent weeks.

These are great opportunities to experience a competitive match before the cup competitions later in the year. Thanks to Mrs Miller and Mrs Colebeck for supervising the children.



My Time sessions

Children in all classes have enjoyed a session learning more about the important role young carers play in our society. Thanks to the charity, My Time for providing such quality resources.



Priory busk

On the first Friday of every month we're going to hold a 'Priory busk' at home time.

While parents are waiting to collect their children, a number of our pupils will perform a couple of songs or musical items to entertain the crowds. Any money raised will go to the work of FPS. We are grateful to Sia Markland in Y5 for coming up with this idea and helping to prepare the first small group. Today we had volunteers from Y5.

Thanks also to FPS for upgrading our outdoor PA system - so we can finally get to hear the children playing!





School Tours for Prospective Parents (for early years admission Sept 2023)



We believe that Priory School has something unique and special to offer Christchurch families, as a one form entry Church of England school, with a long tradition of serving the local community. After our 'Good' Ofsted in February last year, we are keen to promote ourselves and recognise that you, the parents, are our best advocates.

If you know anyone who is looking for a school place for next September 2023 (even across the river in Southbourne / Tuckton area), please encourage them to consider Priory School and come to one of our Open Days. We feel that prospective parents need to see Priory in action, during the school day, so they can make an informed choice.

The good news is that our open days are filling up fast, but there are still 1 or 2 places available.

Tuesday 18th October 2022 1:30 – 2:30pm OPEN AFTERNOON
Wednesday 16th November 2022 10 – 11:30am OPEN MORNING
Monday 9th January 2023 10 – 11:30am OPEN MORNING

Y3 Trip to Winchester Science Museum

Class 3 had a fantastic trip to the Winchester Science museum last Friday. Thanks to Mr Swain for organising the funding for this trip and Mr Hall, Mrs Colebeck, Miss Bryan, Miss White and a number of parent volunteers for supervising the children. A fantastic time was had by all, and a particular highlight was the planetarium.

I've received feedback that our pupils behaved wonderfully and were a credit to the school.

Well done.





Parent Consultations using SchoolCloud Monday 17th (3:30pm—7pm) Tuesday 18th October (3:30pm—6:30pm)



I would like to invite you to attend our Parents' Evening. This is an important evening and provides you with an opportunity to meet virtually with your child's teacher and to find out how your child is settling in to their new class. We received overwhelmingly positive feedback last year about the convenience of the virtual meetings for the October parents' evening. In Spring, we are planning to hold face to face appointments, when your child's work will also be accessible.

Appointment bookings can be made, using the SchoolCloud system, from 6:30pm Wednesday 12th October and will close at midday on Friday 14th October.

Please visit <https://theprioryce.schoolcloud.co.uk/> to book your appointments. You will receive a guide alongside this newsletter, about how to navigate the system but for existing parents it is the same as last year.

Each appointment will last eight minutes and please be aware that after this time the appointment will automatically end. If you miss your appointment, unfortunately there will not be an opportunity to rearrange it on the same evening. You will need to contact the School Office the following day. We recommend that you access the website and your appointment slot a few minutes ahead of schedule, as the appointment will begin automatically which means if you are a few minutes late, this will come out of your allocated appointment time.

Who can make an appointment?

The school is keen to avoid, wherever possible, duplicate conversations about a child as this can lead to disputes and different interpretations between the adults. It is also time consuming for staff.

The school recognises that we have a duty to keep parents (or those who have primary care of a child) informed about their child's progress, so we will always endeavour to accommodate separate parent meetings where necessary.

What if I need more time?

For the vast majority of children, the 8 minute meeting is sufficient. If concerns are raised (by the school or parent), which need to be discussed for longer, a follow up meeting can be arranged at a later time.

Parents with children on the special needs register may need more time to discuss their child's Individual Education Plan and an extra 10 minute appointment will be automatically offered at another time, should it be required. Mrs Sibbald is also available on the Tuesday evening and she is free to telephone any parents, if needed.

Online Maths Tutoring Third Space Learning

The Government continues to provide schools with additional funding to spend on targeted academic support with trained tutors. In 2022-23 Priory school will receive £2,700 for the national tutoring programme and we have used this to invest in our 'Third Space Learning' programme, which aims to accelerate maths progress with 1:1 online tutoring. Where children have been motivated to make the most of this opportunity, we have seen a very positive impact.

Twelve children have started on the Autumn 12 week programme.





Upcoming Diary Dates (next fortnight)

The message hub for all year groups is now Google Classroom.

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| Monday 10th October | 2:30pm | Local author talk Warren Glynn talks about his book Ollie and Ellie's outdoor adventure to all the children |
| Wednesday 12th October | 3:30pm—5:30pm 6pm | Y3/4 Dare to believe festival @ The Grange Full Governing Body Meeting |
| Thursday 13th October | 2:30—5pm | Y5/6 Girls' football tournament @ Littledown |
| Mon 17th Oct | 3.30 - 7pm | Parent Consultation Evening This will be online using SchoolCloud. Gardening club is cancelled |
| Tues 18th Oct | am 1.30 - 2.30pm | Dolphins' hearing check Open Afternoon for prospective parents |
| Tues 18th Oct | 3.30 - 6.30pm | Parent Consultation Evening This will be online using schoolcloud. Details to be confirmed. |
| Wed 19th Oct | All day Morning 10—2:30pm | Y4 Hindu Temple visit, Southampton Y2 Bournemouth Aviation Museum trip Y5/6 Bronze ambassador training |
| Thurs 20th Oct | 3:15pm 3:30—5pm | End of Autumn 1 School closes for October half-term Y1/2 Dare to believe festival @ The Grange |
| Fri 21st Oct | All day | INSET - school closed |

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Thanks for supporting our extra-curricular offer this year, as many of the clubs are full. Atorro sports are opening up their Tuesday multi-skills club to Y3 after half term. To book, please visit:

<https://atorrosports.com/school-programme/>

A reminder that our extra-curricular timetable can be [viewed here](#).





Upcoming Diary Dates (Autumn 2)

Our provisional whole year calendar and term dates are available to view on the [school website](#).

A number of dates are still to be added to our Christmas plans, including all the Autumn 2 sports events and class trips.

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| Monday 24th Oct to Friday 28th Oct | | Half-term holiday |
| Monday 31st October | 8:35am | Start of Autumn 2 All children back to school |
| 4th Nov | 2.30 - 3.15 (open to parents) | Home learning exhibition RE - World faith projects |
| 14th - 18th Nov | | Anti-bullying week |
| 16th Nov | 10 - 11.30am | Open morning for prospective parents |
| 2nd Dec | 4—7pm | FPS Christmas Fayre |
| 6th Dec | 1.30 - 2.30pm | Y1 and Y2 Nativity performance (hall) |
| 7th Dec | am | Whole School Panto Image Theatre perform <i>The Wind in the Willows</i> |
| 7th Dec | 5.30 - 6.30pm | Y1 and Y2 Nativity performance (hall) |
| 9th Dec | All day 12 - 1.30pm | Christmas Jumper Day Save the Children fundraiser Christmas Dinner |
| 13th Dec | 6—7pm | Whole school Carol Service The Priory Church |
| 14th Dec | 1 - 3pm | KS1 Christmas party |
| 15th Dec | 1 - 3pm | KS2 Christmas party |
| 16th Dec | 2 - 3pm 3.15pm | Christmas sing-along School Closes for Christmas Holiday |