



# The Priory Church of England Primary School

*Inspiring all to learn, flourish and achieve*

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## WHOLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

**Spring 2 - Friday 15th March 2024**

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## HEADTEACHER UPDATE - LOVE GROWS

We have had a wonderful couple of weeks celebrating our Love Grows theme. I have been inundated with heart shaped pebbles of all colours and sizes. Year 6 have designed their own Love Grows cards and I have used their ideas to create one school design which will be used to make Easter cards for people in our community. Your child will also receive four copies of this card to give to family, friends and neighbours to spread our Love Grows message to others this Easter. Please look out for the cards in your child's bag next week and help your child deliver these to those you love.



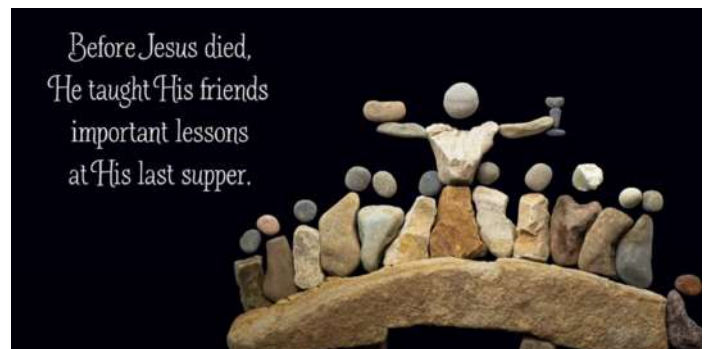
*Mrs Richardson*



## WORSHIP

In worship, we have been retelling the story of Easter through watching artist Patti Rokus bring the events of Easter to life through her rock art. It is truly wonderful to watch how she creates these iconic Easter images

through her carefully chosen rocks and stones. Take a look at her work here. **The Last Supper - Day 5 Thursday of Easter Events in Rocks by Patti Rokus**





We have also brought the Easter story to life through creating a road to Jerusalem and waving palm leaves for Palm Sunday. This week we used Ribena and Bread Sticks to recreate the Last Supper. Through exploring the events of Easter we have reflected on how Jesus courageously faced each challenge because of his love for us. He inspires us to Grow love this Easter in our community.

## WORLD BOOK DAY



Our World Book Day was booktacularous as we were able to express our favourite book characters through our costumes. We really enjoyed taking part in the football / book quiz and saw many inspirational people. During the day, we had time to read and share our favourite books. Thank you to Mrs Rice from Usborne books for coming in and facilitating our library visit. Keep reading!



## FOREST SCHOOL



I am always seeking further ventures that offer enrichment opportunities to help your children flourish socially and spiritually. We have therefore made a link with a well-established local company: Primary Forest School and Outdoor Education. They will be coming into Priory School every Wednesday during the Summer Term to lead Forest School sessions for each class on a rota basis. Druitt Gardens has kindly agreed for us to use a section of their grounds each week to facilitate the sessions. The ethos of Forest School is for children to instigate, test and maintain a curiosity in the world around them. For children it

allows them to explore, be creative, learn about and preserve the natural world in a safe environment. Sessions can range from exploring and identifying trees, plants, flowers, bugs and animals, to learning fire safety and constructing camp fires, to survival skills such as den building. I am sure your children will benefit greatly from these activities and experiences. I would like to thank the FPS team for funding this opportunity for us during the Summer Term. More details will follow nearer the time.





## YOUNG CARERS

Last week, our young carers delivered a worship about how they flourish in their role as Young Carers and how they are supported by the charity MyTime. Within this worship, the children spoke about what a young carer is, discussed some scenarios and how they are supported in school. If you think your child is a young carer, please either speak to Miss Field or Mrs Poulter.



## SOCIAL MEDIA

Please can we remind parents that whilst WhatsApp is a wonderful platform to share helpful reminders, it **MUST NOT** be used to raise concerns or discuss these publicly. It can cause unnecessary distress to both parents and children and often heightens responses. If you have any concerns regarding your child, please raise these directly with the school so that they can be addressed in a timely and appropriate manner. Thank you to parents for your co-operation with this matter moving forward.

## LOOKING AHEAD

Please look carefully at the forthcoming key dates for summer term below.

Date	Event
<b>Spring Term 2024</b>	
Friday 22nd March	Easter Bonnet Parade 2:30pm
Wednesday 27th March	Easter Service at Priory Church 9:45am
Thursday 28th March	Final day of Spring Term School closes at usual time 3.15pm
Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April	Easter holiday



<b>Summer Term 2024</b>	
Monday 15th April	<b>INSET day (school closed)</b>
Tuesday 16th April	First day of Summer Term
Tuesday 23rd April	#Heart Priory Parent Session 2:45pm
Monday 13th - Thursday 16th May	KS2 SATs week
Thursday 16th May	FPS Disco
Friday 17th May	Skateboard Workshop
Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May	Half-Term Holiday
Monday 3rd June	<b>INSET (school closed)</b>
Tuesday 11th - Friday 14th June	Year 6 residential
Thursday 13th June (Reserve 20th June)	Dolphins and KS1 Sports Day (am)
Monday 17th - Friday 21st June	#Heart Priory - National School Sport Week #PlayforfunPlayfor60 All children in PE kit everyday!
Friday 21st June	Summer Fayre
Thursday 27th June	KS2 Sports Day at Twynham School (pm)
Thursday 4th July	Class Photographs
Friday 12th July	Pupil Reports go home
Tuesday 16th July	Open Evening for Parents
Tuesday 23rd July	Final day of Summer Term <b>School closes early at 1.15pm</b>