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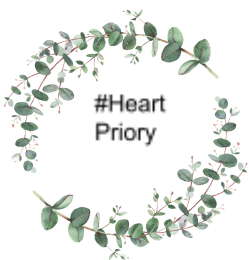
WHOLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Summer 1 - Friday 26th April 2024

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HEADTEACHER UPDATE



Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our #Heart Priory Presentation on Tuesday. I hope you found it useful to know 'Why' and 'What' we are focusing on this term to enable all of your children to flourish. A copy of the slides is available on Google Classroom if you were unable to attend.

As the weather becomes warmer and the trees and flowers around us come into bloom, we are taking inspiration from this and being thankful for all that we are given. The essence of #Heart Priory is JOY and we are celebrating all the WOWS we see and hear around us.

An important part of flourishing is having a healthy body and mind and this term we are going to embrace all the wonderful opportunities that can help improve our physical and mental wellbeing.

We have also been redecorating our library area in school to reflect the values of #Heart Priory. The children have already engaged with this area and have lots of ideas about how to make it even better. Thank you to FPS who have kindly agreed to purchase some new shelving for this area.

Summer Term is a very busy term and there are a lot of events going on. Please take a moment to go through the Key Dates at the end of this newsletter.

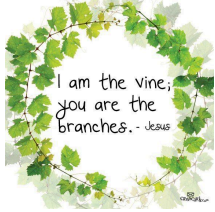
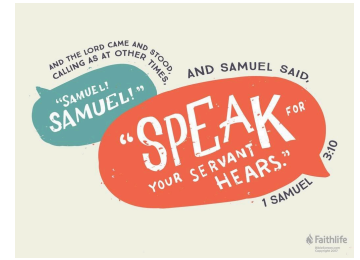
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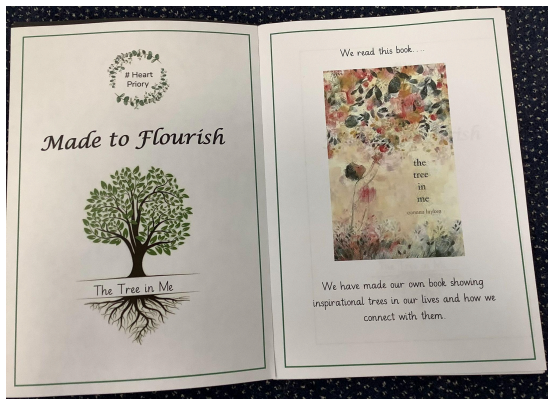
WORSHIP

In worship, we have looked at the significance of the number three in the Bible. We retold the story of Samuel who God called out to on three consecutive nights. On the third time, Samuel replied to God and stated that he was ready to be His servant and do good works.



We have had worship beside our lit eucalyptus tree this week and it has helped us to think about Spirituality. A tree is made up of different parts that are all connected; the roots, trunk, branches, leaves, blossom, fruit. This reminded us of the Bible verse:

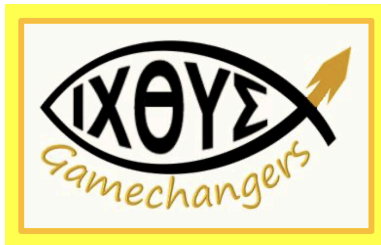
"I am the vine; you are the branches." John 15.



Likewise, Spirituality is about being connected; we can connect to ourselves, others and the world around us. We read *The Tree in Me* this week and have started our own Priory School book called *The Tree in Me*. If you find fabulous trees on any walks or have a special tree, please send in photographs that we can add to the book. We already have pictures from our local area as well as in Norway and Japan.



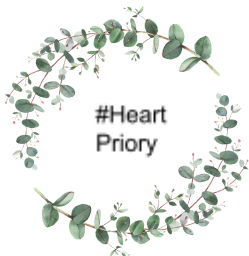
GAMECHANGERS



We are exploring how Words and Prayer can be a Gamechanger. Prayer is a spiritual way of connecting with God and it can be done in so many ways.

Mrs Richardson went on a walk to Old Harry Rocks and found out that there are three special words linked with this location: Happy, Butterfly, Fence. We reflected that these words really help to show how wonderful this location is.

We looked at what three words we could use to describe the location under our Spirituality Tree. Please see our Twitter feed to find out more.



GROW A POUND

Thank you to EVERYONE for their support with our Easter Fundraiser. Families have shown phenomenal creativity, ingenuity and determination to help raise a staggering £2400. We have enjoyed hearing about all the wonderful crafts, stalls, activities and ideas you have had to take your £1 and grow it, whether that be doubling, trebling or quadrupling the amount. Every penny raised is greatly appreciated and will be put towards the funds for a new climbing wall/playtrail. Thank you again for fully supporting this event.

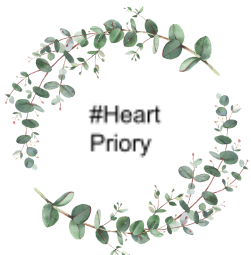
If you still have some money to send in, please return it to school by Monday 29th April.



SCHOOL GAMES AWARD

Last Friday, Dan Moody visited our school to present a very special award. Dan works for the Christchurch PE Partnership and is responsible for organizing all the school games and tournaments our pupils take part in. This year alone, so many of our pupils from Year 1 through to Year 6 have had the opportunity to take part in events at Grange School and further afield. Our consistent participation and excellent sportsmanship over the past 5 years has resulted in Priory School being awarded the Platinum Award. These are very rare awards and demonstrate

Priory School's commitment and dedication to developing quality physical education opportunities within our own school and beyond. I would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Colebeck, Mrs Miller and all the staff who have contributed to running clubs and raising the profile of sport in our school. Also, this award reflects the resilience, enthusiasm and commitment of all of our pupils who take part in these events.

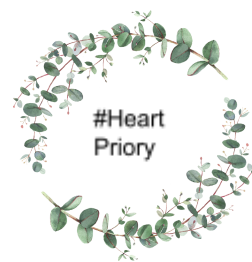


FOREST SCHOOLS

You will have received a letter yesterday with further information about our Forest School Sessions this term. Each class will have three sessions over this term which will not only build collaborative skills with others, but will also allow every child to connect with the nature around us. **If you are able to help on your class sessions, please speak to your child's class teacher.**

The staff had their very own Forest School session this week after school and we very much enjoyed being outdoors and making mini dens.





FREE SCHOOL MEALS - IS YOUR CHILD ELIGIBLE?

If you think your child may be eligible for Free School Meals (this is in addition to the universal free school meals that all Key Stage 1 children receive), please apply online at:

<https://www.bcpCouncil.gov.uk/Schools-and-learning/Free-school-meals/Free-school-meals.aspx>

For other information, please contact the BCP at fsm@bcpcouncil.gov.uk or telephone: 01202 123222. If your child is eligible for 'free school meals' we will receive extra funding called 'pupil premium'. We use this extra money to improve the educational provision and resources at the school and you would be helping us, if you are eligible and register.

Key Dates Academic Year 2023-24

Date	Event
Summer Term 2024	
Monday 13th - Thursday 16th May	KS2 SATs week
Thursday 16th May	FPS Disco
Friday 17th May	Skateboard Workshop
Friday 24th May	#HeartPriory Celebration (TBC)
Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May	Half-Term Holiday
Monday 3rd June	INSET (school closed)
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 School closes early at 1.15pm



SCHOOL TERM DATES 2024-2025

Please find below our term dates for the academic year 2024 -2025. We hope that by publishing these dates in advance, families are able to plan in advance to avoid absences during term times.

Monday 2nd September 2024	INSET Day
Tuesday 3rd september 2024	INSET Day
Wednesday 4th September 2024	Term Starts
Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November 2024	Half term
Monday 4th November 2024	INSET day
Friday 20th December 2024	Term Ends School finishes at 1:15pm
Monday 6th January 2025	Term Starts
Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February 2025	Half Term
Monday 24th February 2025	INSET day
Friday 4th April 2025	Term Ends School Finishes at 1:15pm
Monday 22nd April 2025	Term Starts
Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May 2025	Half term
Monday 2nd June 2025	INSET Day
Tuesday 22nd July 2025	Term Ends School Finishes at 1:15pm