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WHOLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Autumn 2 - Friday 15th November 2024

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HEADTEACHER UPDATE



This half term has got off to a positive start with some great experiences and learning that has enriched our community.

This week, on Monday, we marked Remembrance Day with a special class worship time. Each class had the opportunity to reflect on being 'thankful' and remembering special people who help them. It is such an important day in our school calendar and the children's generous donations towards the poppy merchandise will go a long way in continuing to provide invaluable support to the Armed Forces community.



This week, all children have been participating in Anti-Bullying Week activities based on the theme of Choose Respect. Respect is the foundation of a positive, inclusive school where everyone feels safe and valued. In our classes, we have been understanding what respect sounds, looks and feels like. During these sessions, the children have reflected on what respectful and disrespectful behaviour looks like and how we can make the right choices at home, in school and within our community.

S.T.O.P

We have reaffirmed what bullying: **Several times on purpose**
and how to respond to bullying: **Start telling other people**

We have taken the 'choose respect' pledge, committing to stand up, speak out and treat others with empathy and respect.



Our Winchester House Day Running Festival was a huge success yesterday. The Priory community put on their running shoes and participated in a running course around the school playground. We were really proud to see the children using their strength, determination, resilience, kindness, encouragement and teamwork. All of these are life skills which help build a Made to Flourish Mindset. Thank you also to the House Captains for organising and supporting the classes with this event; their leadership was key to ensuring everyone finished the event positively. A special thank you also goes to our Winchester House Captains for leading the worship at the end of the day on the theme of Respect.



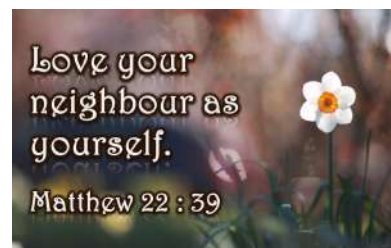
Mrs Richardson

WORSHIP



We have been thinking about 'diversity' and 'respect'. We have been using buttons to represent diversity and using the image of threading them together to show that we value inclusivity. We related this to a verse we have looked at many times: 'I am the vine; you are the branches.'

Mrs Richardson told a special story about the Missing Button which reminded us that everyone is special and unique. We should value everyone in our community. "Love your neighbour as yourself."



We will continue to celebrate diversity in our community for the rest of this half term.



GAMECHANGERS

Each week, we celebrate Gamechangers in our school and beyond. On Friday, last week, Daisy and her mum shared how they are being Gamechangers by raising money for the BEACH Appeal. The BEACH Appeal is one of the biggest ever fundraising initiatives organised by University Hospitals Dorset NHS to help develop their new wing at Bournemouth Hospital.

This new six-storey building is the size of 115 tennis courts and known as the 'BEACH' for Birth, Emergency, Critical Care and Children's Health Department. This building will provide new purpose-built maternity and children's units. We would like to thank Daisy and her mum for inspiring us as Gamechangers and for running a delicious cake sale after school to raise money for this local charity.





CHRISTMAS EVENTS

This half term, leading up to Christmas, is one of the most joyous times of the year. Our countdown to Christmas means that there are several events which will bring us together as a community to celebrate. Please see below the key Christmas events.

Thursday 29th November - FPS Christmas Fayre Donations - please drop off any items at the music room on the way into school. (see attached flyer)

Friday 6th December - Christmas Jumper Day and Panto

Friday 6th December - Priory School Christmas Lantern Parade and Fayre 4pm - 7pm (please see the attached flyer for further information regarding this event).

Tuesday 10th December 1:45pm - Class 1 and Class 2 Nativity - The Angel who was Always Late (details about tickets for this event will be released in the next few weeks).

Wednesday 11th December 5:30pm - Class 1 and Class 2 Nativity - The Angel who was Always Late (details about tickets for this event will be released in the next few weeks).

Tuesday 17th December 6:00pm - Priory Carol Service at Priory Church (this is **not** a ticketed event).

Thursday 19th December - Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch (the menu for this event will be released soon with further details of the menu options).

Thursday 19th December - Secret Present Event - all children will have the opportunity to select a present for an adult at home (further details from FPS will be shared with you soon).

Thursday 19th December - Santa visits the Priory - Santa will visit each class to drop off some special gifts.

Friday 20th December - Festive Friday Zumba 8:35am - 8:45am

TERM ENDS AT 1:15PM ON FRIDAY 20TH DECEMBER



HYMNPACT

Mr Earl, from Priory Church, visited us this week in worship to share a musical event taking place this Sunday. Children are invited to come along to Priory Church to participate in an exciting recording project with the Royal School of Church Music and Christchurch Priory Choir. This is a free event open to children of ages 8 - 14. Please see the attached flyer for further information.

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.

Thursday 21st November	New Reception Starter 2025 Open Morning
Friday 6th December	Treehouse Theatre Panto Christmas Jumper Day FPS Christmas Lantern Parade and Fayre 4pm - 7pm
Tuesday 10th december	Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity 1:45pm
Wednesday 11th December	Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity 5:30pm
Tuesday 17th December	Carol Service at Priory Church 6:00pm
Thursday 19th December	Christmas Lunch Day Christmas Jumper 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
Tuesday 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