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Inspiring all to learn, flourish and achieve

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WHOLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Spring 2 - Friday 1st March 2024

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HEADTEACHER UPDATE



Thank you to everyone who managed to come to our Made to Flourish Mindset Celebration last Friday. It was a wonderful occasion, coming together as a school community to share more about our Made to Flourish vision and the powerful techniques we have developed to enable us to grow as learners in the classroom and beyond. The children did a fantastic job of performing our school song which has two new verses written by Class 5. If you were unable to attend, we have posted our film on Google Classroom which we hope you will enjoy watching.

As we head towards Easter, we have a busy term ahead with several school trips planned. Class 1 had a fantastic time at the Aviation Museum on Tuesday and Class 6 visited the Houses of Parliament on Thursday. Dolphins are looking forward to their trip later this term.





When I started at The Priory School in September, one of the key events staff, children and parents talked about was the Easter Bonnet Parade. I am very much looking forward to carrying on this Priory tradition - more details will be published this coming week along with details of our other Easter events.

Mrs Richardson



WORSHIP

In worship, we have continued to focus on our Made to Flourish Mindset. We have been reflecting on how stepping out of our comfort zone can enable us to achieve things we didn't believe possible. Being in the season of Lent, we have retold the story of Jesus going into the wilderness for 40 days. Jesus showed us how to flourish by stepping out of his comfort zone and overcoming challenges, proving he was the son of God. This Eastertide we can all go out of our comfort zone and embrace challenges.

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GAMECHANGERS

We looked at another inspirational Gamechanger last week in worship. Dave Cornthwaite is an adventurer whose motto is "**Say yes more**". He has shown how stepping out of his comfort zone has enabled him to become a world record breaker.

His project **Expedition1000** is a long term quest to take on twenty-five journeys, each 1000 miles long using different forms of non-motorised transport.



2006 SKATE PERTH TO BRISBANE 1611 MILES 136 DAYS	2012 SAIL CABO TO HAWAII 3134 MILES 12 DAYS	2014 WHIKE ATACAMA DESERT 1000 MILES 29 DAYS	2017 HASE PINO DANUBE PATH 1000 MILES 17 DAYS
2009 KAYAK MURRAY RIVER 1470 MILES 70 DAYS	BIKECAR MEMPHIS TO MIAMI 1000 MILES 28 DAYS	ICE TRIKE GERMANY TO UK 1100 MILES 23 DAYS	WATERBIKE NORWAY EAST 1243 MILES 61 DAYS
2011 TANDEM VANCOUVER TO VEGAS 3300 MILES 14 DAYS	SWIM MISSOURI RIVER 1001 MILES 58 DAYS	PED KAYAK OSLO TO HELSINKI 1001 MILES 48 DAYS	2019 RECUMBENT ROCKIES TO RIVER 1430 MILES 34 DAYS
SUP MISSISSIPPI RIVER 2404 MILES 82 DAYS	2013 ELLIPTIGO L'POLOL TO NICE 1970 MILES 48 DAYS	2016 SCOOTER JAPAN 1000 MILES 13 DAYS	



WORLD BOOK DAY

Last week you will have received details of our World Book Day event taking place next Thursday 7th March. Please refer back to this letter for further details.



FOUNDERS' DAY CHARITY EVENT

Last week we held our charity day event, celebrating the clubs that we belong to. Your donations have helped to raise £257.65 will go towards a new playtrail.

Thank you to Mr Rice for visiting us in worship and telling us a bit more about this special day. We can all be Gamechangers by sharing our passions with others.



ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Our current whole school attendance is 94.6%. I appreciate that some absence is unavoidable due to seasonal colds and illnesses.

I thought it would be useful to share how arriving late can also have a significant impact on your child's attendance figure.

Morning registration is from 8:35am - 8:45am. Children who arrive after this time will be registered using either of the two following codes.

Time	Code	Meaning
8:45am - 9:05am	L	Late before registers closed
9:05am - 1:00pm	U	Late after registers closed Unauthorised absence Out for whole session

Priory School follows the Registration Coding Guidance set Nationally.

PLEASE NOTE EACH SCHOOL DAY HAS TWO ATTENDANCE SESSIONS (MORNING AND AFTERNOON REGISTRATIONS). Arriving after 9:05am will result in your child only achieving 50% of their attendance for that school day despite being present for practically the whole day. This is why punctuality every day is so important.

Our morning activities from 8:45 - 9:30 is called Core Skills Time. These activities are a vital part of your child's learning and development. Our Teaching Assistants also deliver a number of interventions during this part of the day. Arriving late will mean that your child misses out on these key skills and learning.

Class	Core Skills Activities 8:45am - 9:30am (Every day)
Dolphins	Phonics, guided reading and Fine Motor Skills
Class 1	Phonics , guided reading
Class 2	Handwriting, Phonics and Reading
Class 3	A mix of Grammar, Spelling, Punctuation and Maths Fluency
Class 4	A mix of Grammar, Spelling, Punctuation and Maths Fluency
Class 5	A mix of Grammar, Spelling, Punctuation and Maths Fluency
Class 6	A mix of Grammar, Spelling, Punctuation and Maths Fluency

If you have any questions about attendance or punctuality, please speak to Miss Field, our Attendance Lead.



Staffing - Exciting Baby News!

We were delighted to hear that Mrs White, Dolphins Teaching Assistant, gave birth to a beautiful and healthy baby girl during half term. I am sure that they will visit Priory school in the near future. We would like to wish Mrs White and her husband many congratulations as they start their new journey as a family.

Key Dates Academic Year 2023-24

Date	Event
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Spring Term 2024	
Monday 12th Feb - Friday 16th Feb	Half-Term Holiday
Monday 4th March	Parents' Evening
Tuesday 5th March	Parents' Evening
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day 2024
Friday 22nd March	Easter Bonnet Parade (Time TBC)
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

Summer Term 2024	
Monday 15th April	INSET day (school closed)
Tuesday 16th April	First day of Summer Term
Monday 6th May	Bank Holiday
Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May	Half-Term Holiday
Monday 3rd June	INSET (school closed)
Tuesday 23rd July	Final day of Summer Term School closes early at 1.15pm