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Inspiring all to learn, flourish and achieve

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WHOLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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HEADTEACHER UPDATE

It has been such a successful term and I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge well done to all the children for their hard work and positive learning behaviours. I would also like to thank you, as parents and carers, for the continued support and encouragement you give to your child to help them flourish.

We have had a wonderful end to our term with two spectacular Easter Events. Our Easter Bonnet Parade was colourful, joyous and an opportunity for our youngest children in school to really show the #Team Priory spirit by coming together to entertain us with their Easter Songs. The range of Bonnets demonstrated each person's individuality and creativity. Photographs have been uploaded to Google Classroom for parents to see.

Our Easter Service at Priory Church on Wednesday was a moment of reflection and celebration as we retold the events of Easter week. All the children who performed a reading, drama or dance did a wonderful job of creating an atmosphere filled with love and hope. We hope that you all enjoyed participating in our special service.

Our Easter message of Love Grows is one which we hope can be spread to others in our community this Easter. Your child will have brought home 4 copies of our Love Grows Easter card which we would like you to give to family, friends and neighbours.

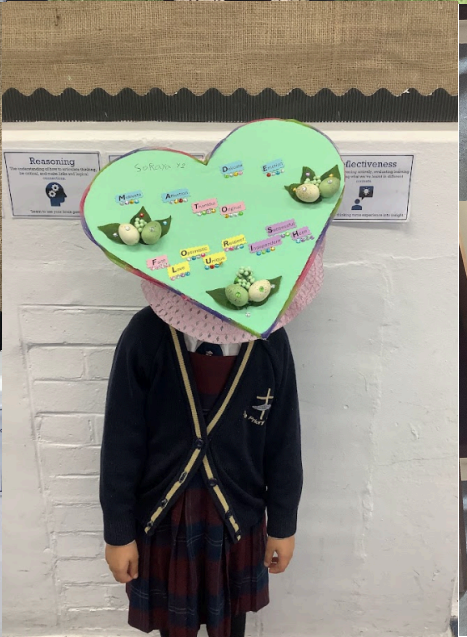
May I take this opportunity to wish all Priory School families and staff a Happy Easter. I hope that we all have some sunshine and the chance to relax and rejuvenate for the next term.

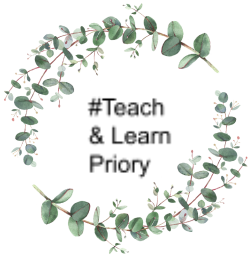
Thank you

Mrs Richardson



Easter Round Up





WORSHIP

In worship, we retold The Parable of the Talents to show that we are all unique and should not waste our talents. We can grow our talents and prosper like the servants in the story; God delights in watching things grow. We are going to use our talents to run our enterprise event over the Easter holidays to raise money for our new playtrail. Everyone has brought home £1 to grow. We hope that this is an opportunity for the children to use their talents and give back to their community.

GAMECHANGERS



We were also very lucky to have another Gamechanger visitor this week. Lt Col Steve Preston, who is a family friend of one of our parents, has been visiting from overseas and dropped into Priory School to share how his Made to Flourish Mindset has allowed him to accomplish great things. He served in the American Airforce flying fighter jets before going on to fly Airforce2. Over the years, he has flown some very important politicians. The children were excited to ask Steve some questions about his career and the skills he has needed to flourish in his chosen career. One of the key messages was about the word

'Fail'. Steve told us that it stands for First Attempt At Learning. We will be encouraging the children to think of this motto next time they find something difficult. I am sure he will have been an inspirational Gamechanger we will remember for a long time to come at Priory School.



#HEART PRIORY

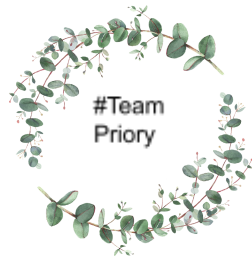
Next term, our vision 'Made to Flourish' will focus on #Heart Priory. This part of our vision is designed to help all children and adults to develop healthy habits (physically, mentally, spiritually) that will allow them to flourish to their fullest. I am really excited to be introducing a few new initiatives and events which will take place in the summer term and give everyone the opportunity to develop a better understanding of what #Heart Priory means. **I will be holding a #Heart Priory Presentation for parents on Tuesday 23rd April at 2:45pm.** I look forward to seeing many of you there.



NAME IT

I am putting out a plea to parents to help us by clearly naming their child's jumper/cardigan, coat, water bottle, lunchbox. At the end of lunchtime every day we have a large number of items brought to the office which are not named. This wastes a lot of time trying to find the owners in order to return their belongings. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

PLEASE NAME ALL ITEMS READY FOR THE SUMMER TERM.



PE UNIFORM SALE

As you already know, we will have a new PE uniform being phased in from September 2024. Some parents have approached us as their child has grown out of their current top and therefore would like to purchase a new Priory PE T-shirt/sweatshirt sooner.

QUDOS, our new supplier, will be holding a PE Uniform Sale on Tuesday 23rd April at 3:15pm in the school hall. **PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS DATE IS PROVISIONAL AND WE ARE AWAITING CONFIRMATION. WE WILL UPDATE YOU AGAIN ON THIS EVENT AFTER THE EASTER HOLIDAY.**



STAFFING NEWS

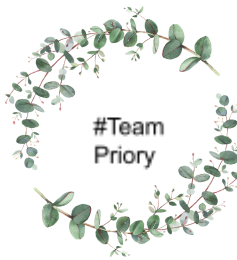
Earlier this term I shared the news that our School Business Manager, Mrs Helen Brown, will be leaving us at the end of term. I am pleased to inform you that we have appointed a new School Business Manager who will be starting with us after Easter. Mrs Teresa Casserley, currently in the admin team at Stourfield Junior School, is very excited to be taking up the position and joining our Priory family.

You may be aware that we are currently advertising for a permanent Assistant Headteacher from September 2024. Mr McLean and Miss Field have shared the role between them this year on a temporary basis. Moving forward, the school will have only one Assistant Headteacher who will work closely alongside myself to develop our Made to Flourish vision as well as bring about continued school improvement. I will share further updates with you in the summer term.



KEY DATES

Please see our Summer Term dates below which we hope you find helpful to plan ahead this term.



CLUB SPACES

- Running Club Y5-6 (Mondays - 4 sessions , details on flyer sent out)
- Global Neighbours Y3-6 (Wednesdays) (An opportunity to explore how children can make an active difference not only in their local community but also in the wider world)
- Creativity Club YR-2 (Thursdays)



Key Dates Academic Year 2023-24

Date	Event
Summer Term 2024	
Monday 15th April	INSET day (school closed)
Tuesday 16th April	First day of Summer Term
Tuesday 23rd April	#Heart Priory Parent Session 2:45pm
Tuesday 23rd April	New Priory PE Uniform Sale with QUDOS in the hall from 3:15pm TBC
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	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