



The Priory Church of England Primary School

Inspiring all to learn, flourish and achieve

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WHOLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Autumn 1 - Friday 15th September 2023

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

In my first newsletter, I would like to celebrate the outstanding start all of the children and staff have made this term. I have been really impressed with how the children are demonstrating our school values through their behaviour, attitude to learning and kindness they show one another.

During my first week, I took the opportunity to spend some quality time with each class to learn the children's names and find out a little about each of them. I shared a few of my passions with them too; family, running and knitting being my favourites.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you all for attending our Headteacher and Meet the Teacher sessions last week. We hope that you found this both informative and inspirational. A copy of the presentation is available on your child's Google Classroom platform for you to refer back to. It has been a pleasure meeting you at the gate over the past two weeks; all your friendly faces are becoming so much more familiar.

Our #Team Priory - Made to Flourish board has been circulating around the school. We hope you have enjoyed sharing these moments posted on our school Twitter page: @PrioryCEPrimary.

As you know, I strongly believe in our school vision and values being the heartbeat of our school and I am looking forward to encouraging this to blossom this term.

Mrs Richardson



WORSHIP

#Team Priory - Made to Flourish

In whole school worship we have been exploring the theme of God as the master gardener who helps everything and everyone to flourish. We have explored how, like plants, we are nourished and through love, support and encouragement we can each find our talents and grow. Each class has planted up a pot for our courtyard garden to remind us that God delights in watching things grow. We have also reflected on how teams flourish because of how the individuals are connected. As you know, we have taken our inspiration from Geese.

"I am the vine and My Father is the Gardener." John 15:1



Made to Flourish Friday Award

I have introduced a new award each Friday to celebrate learners of the week and for those who have displayed our Team Priory attributes. It is called 'Made to Flourish Friday Award'. The children, chosen for the award by their class teacher, meet me in the library for a round up of their achievements and are given a special biscuit. I find this a really useful time to listen to the children's voices and to gain an insight into the impact our vision and values has on them. The children are also brilliant at coming up with new ideas. At the moment I am meeting with 5 children per class each week so that I can see them all in the first 30 days and they will receive a certificate to bring home. Moving forward, each teacher will only be able to nominate two children per week and those children will receive both a certificate and their Headteacher Badge.

Welcome Dolphins

It has been lovely to welcome Dolphin Class children into Team Priory this week. The children have attended either a morning or afternoon session and they have impressed us with their independence already. We are looking forward to helping them to flourish this year.



Team Priory - Parent 30 day pledge



If you haven't already responded to our parent survey, please scan the QR code and submit your ideas. Remember there are just a few questions; What aspects of The Priory do you value most?; What challenge could you and your child work on over the next 30 days to help them flourish?; What skills or resources do you have that you could contribute to Team Priory? We would love to hear from you.




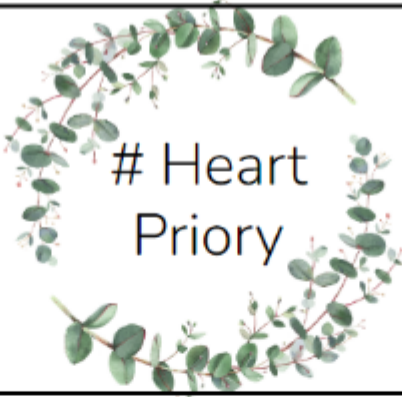
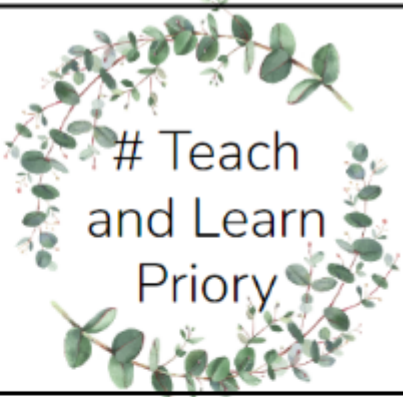
Rugby Training Camp

To celebrate the start of the Rugby World Cup, our Year 6 leaders have organised a Rugby Training Camp on both playgrounds at morning play and lunchtime. They have worked in teams to decide on the activities and are supporting the younger children with completing them. This has given our playtimes a new lease of life. I am incredibly proud of Year 6 for demonstrating our values and showing service to our school. What amazing role models!



The Priory School - what we value

As we started the new year, the staff and governors worked together on creating a list of words which capture the essence of each of our Hashtags that will form part of our vision for the year ahead. We want all children and adults, parents and carers included, to be able to relate to these words and live them out in order to flourish. As you will notice, this list of words includes our four core values and some of the words from our school vision.

 # Team Priory	 # Heart Priory	 # Teach and Learn Priory
belonging	love	opportunity
respect	family	resilience
trust	spirituality	doing your best
forgiveness	reflection	lifelong learning
communication	uniqueness	creativity
servicing	courage	flexibility
honesty and integrity	valuing our world	aspiration
happiness and laughter	finding our thing	aiming high

Parent Volunteer Meeting

We are holding an information meeting for those of you who would like to volunteer some time in school. It is really beneficial having extra support from adults to help our pupils flourish.

Friday 22nd September at 9:00- 9:30 am

If you would like to register your interest as a volunteer, please use the link below to share your availability each week.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeXcbzu-gD0s5P_e4X1nOQ5TjZ3C_f-e3i04Pg5ujmDZ-3RQg/viewform

Uniform

The children have made a smart start to the term. Please can we remind you of these expectations in place.

- Black school shoes - no trainers (except for PE days)
- No bracelets, wrist bands
- Hair accessories should be in school colours and discrete.
- All hair tied back, if long enough to do so (both boys and girls)
- Nail varnish is not allowed

PLEASE CAN ALL JUMPERS AND CARDIGANS BE CLEARLY NAMED SO THAT WE CAN RETURN THEM TO THEIR OWNERS.

Numbots - Class 1 and Class 2 Parent/Child Session

We aspire for all our children to engage with numbers and to see patterns and sequences right from the start of their learning journey. All children have a Numbots account which they can use both in school and at home to develop this skill and help them to increase their fluency. We would like to invite parents of Class 1 and Class 2 children to a Numbots session on **Monday 2nd October at 2:45 - 3:15**. During this session, you will be able to log on and work alongside your child as they complete some challenges. (Laptops and logins will be provided.) We hope that this will help our home/school partnership grow.

Job Vacancy



#Team Priory - Made to Flourish

JOB VACANCY

A fantastic opportunity has arisen for a well-organised and efficient finance assistant to join our happy school.

For full details of the vacancy and an application form, you can visit our website
<http://www.prioryschool.dorset.sch.uk>

Key Dates Academic Year 2023-24

Date	Event
Autumn Term 2023	
Monday 2nd October	Class 1 and 2 Numbots parent and child session 2:45pm
Wednesday 4th October	Individual School Photographs SCHOOL UNIFORM ONLY
Friday 6th October	Harvest Festival and Reception Class Welcome at The Priory Church 9:45am start
Thursday 19th October	FPS Disco 4:30 - 5:30 & 6:00 - 7:00
Friday 20th October	SAVE THE DATE - Team Priory Presentation 2:45pm
Monday 23rd Oct - Friday 27th Oct	Half-Term Holiday
Thursday 2nd November	Open Morning - Tour for new Reception class 2024 9:15am
Monday 6th November and Tuesday 7th November	Parent Consultation Meetings online
Monday 13th November - Friday 17th November	Anti-bullying Week - Make a Noise about Bullying
Tuesday 14th November	Open Morning - Tour for new Reception class 2024 9:15am
Friday 17th November	FPS Quiz Night
Thursday 23rd November	Open Morning - Tour for new Reception class 2024 9:15am
Friday 1st December	Priory School Christmas Fair
Tuesday 12th December	Carol Service at The Priory Church 6pm
Friday 15th December	Final day of Autumn Term School closes at usual time 3.15pm
Monday 18th Dec - Monday 1st January	Christmas holiday

Spring Term 2024	
Tuesday 2nd January	INSET (school closed)
Wednesday 3rd January	School Term begins
Monday 12th Feb - Friday 16th Feb	Half-Term Holiday
Thursday 28th March	Final day of Spring Term School closes at usual time 3.15pm

Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April	Easter holiday
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Summer Term 2024	
Monday 15th 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