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WHOLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER Spring 1 - Friday 26th January 2024

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HEADTEACHER UPDATE

We are all working really hard to show a Made to Flourish Mindset to help us grow as learners. It is wonderful to see the children embracing challenges and working collaboratively with their talk partner to deepen their thinking and learning. I have had many visits to my office with children sharing their work and I am immensely proud of their effort. To see a child achieving their personal best shows that they are living out our vision: Made to Flourish.

This week we were very lucky to have a visit from the Dog's Trust. The day started with an engaging assembly followed by each class receiving a workshop to explore the two key themes: Responsible Dog Ownership and Safe Behaviour Around Dogs. It's clear from the comments below that it was a brilliant experience; thank you to Miss Field for organising this.

"I found the workshop great because I learnt how to be safe around dogs"
Camille Year 3

"I loved the workshop yesterday and it has given me more confidence with my own dog. I learnt the superhero stance and I know how to act around dogs that I do not know." Isla Year 3

"It was nice and I learnt some things that I did not know before." Reese Year 3

"I found the workshop helpful, especially if you own or know a dog. I found the most interesting / insightful part being knowing when to pet a dog - safely!" Holly Year 6

"I thought the workshop was good. It taught me how to behave well around dogs. We learnt about the emotions a dog might have and how to spot them. This will help me in the future." Jonah Year 6





WORSHIP

In worship we have been exploring our Made to Flourish Mindset through learning about People of God in the Old Testament. First, Mr Jewell shared the story of David and Goliath with David defeating the terrifying giant Goliath. I then shared the story of Daniel in the Lion's Den and how Daniel's unwavering faith protected him from the gnashing lions. We reflected that the giants and the lions are like challenges we face and that we need to hold onto our faith in order to overcome them.

GAMECHANGERS



We are very much enjoying learning from everyday Gamechangers who also demonstrate a Made to Flourish Mindset. We learnt about Bear Grylls and his fantastic achievements such as being the youngest man (at the time) to climb Mount Everest. Bear Grylls says that we can all be 'extraordinary' by doing that little bit EXTRA. The teachers have been challenging the children to do a little bit extra in their learning this week.

I am also searching for Gamechangers within Priory School. We have a Gamechanger in Year 2 who spoke in Worship about their enthusiasm for rugby and wanting to encourage their team mates to be the best they can be. It was an inspirational talk from someone so young. I can't wait to find more Gamechangers in our school.



PARENT AND CHILD MATHS CHALLENGE

We will be hosting a parent and child maths challenge on the morning of Friday 9th February 8:55 - 9:30. To celebrate our Made to Flourish Mindset we have planned a short session for parents and children to tackle some maths games and puzzles together. This is a brilliant opportunity to work alongside your child in their learning. Those attending will be asked to wait at the end of the playground (by the bike sheds) until all the children are safely through the gates and registered in their classrooms. At 8:55, parents will then be invited into classrooms.

FPS COFFEE MORNING

FPS will be hosting a coffee morning after the Maths Challenge session (9:30 - 10:30) so if you have time, please pop along to the school hall for some refreshments. All donations for refreshments will go towards the school.



FPS Disco

A school disco has been organised for Thursday 8th February. There are two sessions available to book.

4:30 - 5:30 Dolphins, Year 1, Year 2

6:00 - 7:00 Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6

You should have received an email earlier this week regarding this event.



ONLINE SAFETY WORKSHOP

Thank you to Mr McLean for delivering an online safety talk for parents this week. We hope that those of you who attended found this useful to help support your child now and in the future. It is an aspect that changes so quickly and with wellbeing such a priority it is useful to have this knowledge to enable your child to develop healthy online habits.

If you were unable to attend, a copy of the slides can be found [here](#).



PARENTS' EVENINGS

We will be hosting face-to-face parent meetings on Monday 4th March and Tuesday 5th March following the same format as in the Autumn term. Whilst in the past we have hosted online meetings once a year, this is no longer financially viable and there are many added benefits of meeting face-to-face. The booking information will be sent to you in due course.



Key Dates Academic Year 2023-24

Date	Event
Spring Term 2024	
Tuesday 6th February	Safer Internet Day
Thursday 8th February	FPS Disco
Friday 9th February	Parent/Child Maths Challenge 8:45 - 9:30 am
Monday 12th Feb - Friday 16th Feb	Half-Term Holiday
Friday 23rd February	#Teach and Learn Priory Celebration (Timings TBC)
Monday 4th March	Parents' Evening
Tuesday 5th March	Parents' Evening
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day 2024
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



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