



# The Priory Church of England Primary School

***Inspiring all to learn, flourish and achieve***

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## WHOLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

**Spring 1 - Friday 9th February 2024**

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## HEADTEACHER UPDATE

We were extremely lucky last week to meet Trevor Sterling, a lawyer who became the first black senior partner at a top 100 law firm in England. Trevor is also the chair of the Mary Seacole Foundation and works on a number of legacy projects including its education and diversity programmes. Having studied Mary Seacole during Black History Month back in November, we were offered this wonderful opportunity to meet Trevor in person. Class 3 had a short workshop session with Trevor and were also able to present him with letters they had written about what they had learnt about Mary Seacole. During his visit, he showed all the children a special coin that has been designed to celebrate the life and achievements of Mary Seacole. In our worship at the end of the day, Trevor inspired us with his message of 'being a Gamechanger and the ladder' that helps and supports others. Our special visit will be remembered for a long, long time and he has inspired us all to keep demonstrating a Made to Flourish Mindset to bring positive change.



*Mrs Richardson*





## WORSHIP

In worship over the past two weeks, we have been exploring our Made to Flourish Mindset and how we can use our resilience to 'Bounce Back'. There were lots of gasps of joy in watching some eggs 'SPLAT' whilst some very special eggs 'BOUNCED BACK'. We read a new version of Humpty Dumpty and how he used his resilience to climb back up on the wall. We can all learn a lot from Humpty. Next time your child faces a setback, remind them not to go SPLAT and instead BOUNCE BACK! With God all things are possible.



## GAMECHANGERS



We looked at another inspirational Gamechanger last week in worship. Kelvin Doe is a young boy from Sierra Leone who has used his gift of invention to make a difference in his community. He has demonstrated Resourcefulness by collecting junk and creating lights, radios and other gadgets and giving these to families in his village. We had a go at making our own electrical circuits to reflect on how important his skills are.



## FOUNDERS' DAY CHARITY EVENT

Every year, on **February 22nd**, the Scouting movement celebrates the birthday of Lord Baden-Powell and his wife, Olave, who was the first Chief Girl Guide. This is known worldwide as Founders Day.

We will be celebrating Founders' Day this year by inviting the children to wear their Beavers, Scouts, Brownies etc uniforms to school on **Thursday 22nd February**. If your child does not attend one of these clubs, they are still able to participate by wearing the uniform or bringing an accessory for a club they attend out of school. We hope that this is an opportunity to celebrate the different passions and interests of all the children.

**A voluntary £2 donation per child will be collected for taking part in this event. The total amount raised will be shared equally between the children's chosen charity and Friends of Priory School.**





## HANDBALL EVENT

Last week, a Year 5 and Year 6 team took part in the Dorset Games Handball Tournament. It was a fabulous opportunity to collaborate as a team and demonstrate a Made to Flourish Mindset.



## CHRISTCHURCH SCIENCE QUIZ

Last week, a team of 12 children from Priory attended the annual Christchurch Science Quiz. Once there, we split into age group teams for three rounds: Kahoot Quick Fire Quiz, Picture Round and Multiple Choice. Everyone in the team showed their Made to Flourish Mindset to embrace challenges, be resilient and encourage one another. Overall, Priory came third out of the 8 schools taking part. Well done to the 2024 Science Quiz Team.





## Staffing

I would like to share with you that our School Business Manager, Mrs Brown, will be leaving us at the end of the Spring Term. Mrs Brown has been at Priory School for over 5 years and in which time has worked alongside the Senior Leadership Team and played a pivotal role in enabling our school and the pupils to flourish. Her commitment, knowledge and creativity have all helped along the way to ensure that our school premises, finances and opportunities for pupils are of the highest standard. I would also like to personally thank her for all the support she has given to me in my first two terms as headteacher of Priory School. As she begins a new journey, we would all like to wish her well.

Mrs Wise, our finance assistant will also be leaving at Easter. Although Mrs Wise has only been with us for a short time, we would like to thank her for all she has done to support the financial running of the school and support she has given as part of the Admin Team.

After half term, we welcome our new Teaching Assistant, Miss Evie Platts. She is very excited to be joining our team here at Priory and working with children and classes across the school.

## Key Dates Academic Year 2023-24

Date	Event
<b>Spring Term 2024</b>	
Monday 12th Feb - Friday 16th Feb	Half-Term Holiday
Thursday 22nd February	Founders' Day Charity Event - £2 donation
Friday 23rd February	#Teach and Learn Priory Celebration 2:40pm
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



<b>Summer Term 2024</b>	
Monday 15th April	<b>INSET day (school closed)</b>
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	<b>INSET (school closed)</b>
Tuesday 23rd July	Final day of Summer Term <b>School closes early at 1.15pm</b>