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ST. NICHOLAS PRIORY NEWS

May 2017

‘There is no finish line to learning’

Dear Parents and carers

Welcome to our first Summer newsletter!

We are almost half way through an action packed Summer Term already! We wish all our children well in making further progress this term and look forward to celebrating with them and awarding the progress badges which children are now collecting.

I would like to reassure parents that if you have any concerns, the staff at Priory are very interested in hearing them and would like to work together with you to resolve any issues. The first action is to contact the school; there are many people in school that you can speak to including your child’s class teacher, Dee Kirk for behaviour and safeguarding; Roz Hazell, Family Support Worker; Alison Little, Pastoral Support; senior members of staff such as Mrs Alex Clarke who is our SENDCO or myself. There is also a member of staff available in ‘Drop in’ which is held in the Dining Room from 8.30am until 9am each morning.

We are happy to welcome Sue Sengupta to the Priory team who is available by appointment to discuss with parents any concerns the might have around autism.

Mrs Maria Grimmer
Head Teacher



Feedback Project

We are delighted to announce that the school is participating in a project on how to help pupils to provide information on their learning. Parent guidance on how you can give quality feedback to your child will be sent out to you this week. Each week, teachers and children will select other children who have done particularly well in using or giving feedback. These children will receive a postcard or certificate so look out for these. We believe using feedback can make a significant difference to the progress all children make, in school and at home too.



Safeguarding Reminder

Please note that the Designated Safeguarding Leads are Ms Dee Kirk & Mrs Maria Grimmer. The Safeguarding Governor is Mrs Carolyn Cliff. The Child Protection Policy is on the School Website and it includes the policies and procedures, including those for reporting a concern.

Song School

A number of children have now started to attend the Minster Monday to Thursday before school to develop their singing talents.

If your child is interested in joining the Song School, please speak to Mrs Goffin or Rev Jemma Sander-Heys.

Lateness

We are disappointed that there are some children who arrive late on a very regular basis. These children miss the first ten to fifteen minutes of their first lesson every day and it also disrupts other children’s learning by arriving late. Please can parents bring their children to school on time. All children should be in the playground by 8.40 am. Thank you for your cooperation.

Security

We regularly look at the security of the building in order to ensure that all of our children are as safe as possible. We ask all visitors and staff to report to the main reception and thank parents for their cooperation with this. Staff are present at the end of the day to ensure that all children are dismissed safely.

Reading

Thank you to those parents/carers who have signed up to the reading challenge. We strongly encourage parents to listen to their children read every day.

I pledge to read with my child (name).....
in class, for 10 minutes every day .

Signed

Many thanks for you cooperation in making us a great school

Please return this slip with your child for reading



News from Reception

We are looking at 'growth' through Jack and the Beanstalk this half term. We will be planting our own seeds and learning about what plants need to live and grow. We will also be thinking about ways to keep ourselves healthy and strong.

News from Year 1

This term we are learning all about space. Our big question is "What makes space ace?" We will be learning all about the planets, the sun, the stars, the moon and more. The story Whatever Next by Jill Murphy will be our Talk4Write text when we return after half term.

Our final project will be an art gallery of space themed art. The art will be on display in Great Yarmouth library for the town to see and then will be placed permanently on one of the fences at school so the children can admire their work for years to come.

Our home school project is going to be rocket based. We are asking the children to design, draw, make, bake or create a space rocket. More information to follow.



News from Year 3

This term we have been learning about heroes.

These heroes are everyday superheroes and the children have been writing explanation texts to tell us who their heroes are—they have ranged from parents to police dogs!

We are hoping to arrange a super event for those heroes to receive something extra special from the children..

Classes are decorated with a range of super hero capes and masks which the Children and staff have enjoyed wearing.



News from Year 6

During the first half of this term year 6 worked extremely hard on their National Curriculum tests in Reading, Grammar, Spelling and Mathematics. All their teachers and Priory staff are extremely proud of how hard they worked and the effort they put in during this week to achieve their very best. The children enjoyed watching Boss Baby at the cinema to celebrate.

Next half term, in preparation for high school, year 6 will be completing the Science and RE curriculum for Key Stage 2. They will have the opportunity to visit their high school during their transition days and experience high school life. Also year 6 will be planning their leaver's assembly and party to celebrate their time at Priory.



News from Year 4

Our project this term is 'What secrets do the walls of Great Yarmouth hold?' As a launch to our project, we had an informative visit to the Time & Tide Museum. The children had an opportunity to find out about life in the 'Rows' in wartime. We also learnt about how we kept the lights out and what to do during a gas attack!

The rationing talk was very instructive and many of the children enjoyed making and eating carrot sandwiches. We all had fun being drilled by the sergeant of the Home Guard along with bayonet practice!! Afterwards, we had the thrilling enactment of the Minster bombing, complete with sirens—very exciting and just a little scary. We also joined in the acting to put out the incendiary fires!

This term's learning will include our war diaries and radio broadcast. We are also developing our artistic streak in designing herring.

There is also lots of science, geography, Spanish and RE this term to take us up to the summer holidays. It's a jam packed term! We hope to pop down to the Eon Centre to have a look at electricity generation at Scroby Sands.



News from Year 5

Home learning for this term is for the children to design/make tickets and posters to advertise our project finale 'Priory's Got Talent # have you got what it takes?' which will be a showing of the children's talent show and an award ceremony. Further information to follow soon.

We have recently completed some transition activities at Great Yarmouth High School and Trafalgar College where the children got to take part in some taster sessions including science, DT and English.

Lynn Grove Academy came in to talk to the children and gave a science demonstration.

This term we are writing our own raps that we can use in the end of project talent show. We are also looking at Great Yarmouth's history and the local area.

We have watched a travelling theatre show who came in and did a performance of The Jungle Book. They showed the children some performance techniques and had them participating in the play.



RE News

The school's second annual RE Carousel Day will be on Wednesday 7th June. This year, the theme is the Christian belief of 'Creation.' We come off timetable for the day and the children choose five activities that they want to do and move around each lesson to their chosen activity. Activities include: dance, drama, music, sewing and lots more!

As some of you may know, for the last two years Priory School has been involved with a project to celebrate RE which takes place at the Minster. This year will be the third annual event and we will be entering this by producing some artwork, poems, crafts and other things which can be displayed at the Minster. The event is taking place from Thursday 15th June until Monday 26th June and the theme this year is 'Peace and Reconciliation.' This is to mark the 75th anniversary of the bombing of the Minster. We hope to have something from each year group to display this year.

RE ambassadors are now hosting collective worship once every half term on a Friday.



We have new resources to teach Christianity called 'Understanding Christianity.'

Parent Forums

We have some exciting Parent Forum events planned this term—please come along, it will be great to see you! This term, we are offering to help build your ICT skills by offering word processing, email and spreadsheet forums (see below for dates). These will carry on into the new academic year and are intended to build in the chance to take a Function Skills ICT Level 1 or 2 course. We are also considering doing the same for English and maths if parents/carers are interested.

Functional Skills ICT Course:

Word processing with MS word—writing a formal letter: Friday 19th May; 9am to 10am

How to send a formal email with attachment using Google mail: Friday 9th June; 9am to 10am

Basic Spreadsheets 1: Friday 23rd June; 9am to 10am

Other Forums planned are as follows:

Sex and Social Welfare Education for our children: Thursday 25th May at 9am

How to create a new CV: Monday 17th July at 2.30pm

Dates to remember

Help4Heroes 'Beat the Goalie' Challenge: Monday 15th to Friday 19th May

Parent Forum 'Word processing with MS word'—writing a formal letter: Friday 19th May at 9am

Parent Forum 'Sex and Social Welfare Education for our children': Thursday 25th May at 9am

May Half term: Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June

RE Carousel Day: Wednesday 7th June

Parent Forum 'How to send a formal email with attachment using Google mail': Friday 9th June at 9am

Upper School Camp Whitwell: Monday 12th to Friday 16th June

Key Stage 1—Reception & Year 1 Disco: Wednesday 14th June—3.30—4.45pm—more details to follow

RE Celebration Event at the Minster - 'Peace and Reconciliation': Thursday 15th to Monday 26th June

Summer Fair: Thursday 22nd June

New intake parents' evening for children starting in Reception September 2017: Thursday 22nd June

Parent Forum 'Basic Spreadsheets 1': Friday 23rd June at 9am

New intake parents' evening for children starting in Year 3 September 2017: Thursday 6th July

Help4Heroes Picnic: Thursday 6th July—more details to follow

Reports to parents: Friday 7th July

Year 6 Leavers AOW to parents/carers at the Minster: Thursday 13th July at 10am

Parent Forum 'How to Create a New CV': Monday 17th July at 2.30pm

Y6 Leavers Disco: Thursday 20th July, 3.30pm to 5.45pm

Summer holidays: Monday 24th July to Tuesday 5th September (pupils return Wednesday 6th September)

