

St Nicholas Priory C.E.V.A. Primary School School in Lockdown Newsletter



Our Vision Statement

We aim to welcome and celebrate the diversity of all God's children and provide a safe, caring space in which they can achieve their best academically, spiritually and pastorally whilst learning to serve others.

A word from Mrs Grimmer

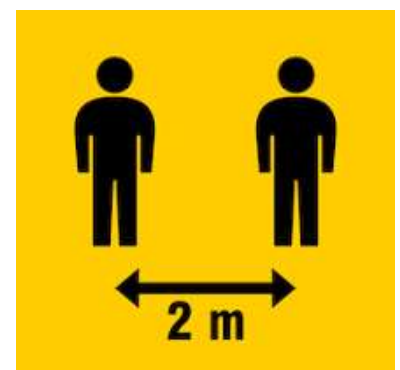
All of us here at Priory do hope that everyone is keeping safe and well. It has been absolutely lovely to welcome back some of the children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 as well as continuing to look after our key worker children. The children seem very happy to be back in school and have behaved extremely well in following the new routines. All of the staff are delighted to see them again. It has also been fantastic to hear about the great learning that has been happening at home so a huge thank you to everyone for your support.

The safety of everyone in our school and community is extremely important to us and as such we have put lots of measures into place in order to follow government guidelines as we welcome back more children. We are also carefully and regularly reviewing procedures as we want parents and children to feel confident that school is a safe place to return to as we move forward.



The children have been put into year group 'Bubbles'. Bubbles are taught by the same staff and in line with Government guidance, there is no mixing of Bubbles and children are not allowed to move from one Bubble to another. Each Bubble has its own start time/finish time, entrance gate/exit gate to the school, class space/play space and toilets. Classes have been cleared to ensure that only a few resources are available for the children to use, so that they can be cleaned thoroughly. Children have their own resources to use and we have close monitoring of hygiene procedures in school. All children are being encouraged to wash their hands regularly and to observe social distancing. We are also trying to reduce the amount of things children bring in to school to reduce the spread of infection. Therefore they should NOT bring any bags, books, food or other equipment to school.

Social distancing is in effect as is the use of PPE on the school site. Please can parents and carers support our safety measures by adhering to the social distancing measures whilst



waiting to drop off and collect their children. We appreciate that we are asking parents to drop off and pick up children at different times but this is in line with government advice and is in place again to support the safety of all members of our school community.

Surviving well

Over the next few weeks, we will be looking carefully at how we can safely bring back more children into school, when it is possible to do so. Parents will be contacted to discuss whether or not they wish their children to return. We will be continuing to provide home learning resources for those parents who choose not to send children back to school.



We are also very aware of the need to support children who are moving on to high school and have been communicating with our colleagues in other schools to ensure that the best possible arrangements are put in place. Similarly we are looking forward to welcoming some new children into our reception unit from September and are busy preparing information for parents. Reports have been prepared and will be with you shortly.

It is my intention that of the staff and governors at Priory to consistently strive to do the best we can to serve our community. Thank you for all the positive comments you have made about members of staff who have supported both families and children during this time. It means a great deal to them and we have very much enjoyed having increased contact with parents and carers. It is essential that we take forward into the future the positive working relationships that we have developed and to continue to recognise how important your contributions are.

Take care and stay safe

Maria Grimmer

Head Teacher

This summer Priory were expecting results in line with national averages at key stage 2 and key stage 1 tests show not only high numbers of children on track but also a high proportion of our children achieving greater depth and then everything changed. To expect that adversity happens is a characteristic of people and schools that are resilient. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you and all our staff for working so hard during lockdown for the benefit of our children. The school has worked hard to provide home learning and open in a safe manner to our pupils. We have exciting ideas for the future, which we hope to tell you about shortly, and we are impressed that many of our children have learned how to work independently during the last 12 weeks.

I know it has been a difficult time for many families. The Government has just announced that the free school meals voucher scheme will extend over the summer holidays. If your circumstances have changed or you have not thought about applying, you may be entitled to free school meal vouchers to spend in local supermarkets. If you are uncertain how to apply Mr Rust or Mrs Hazell can help. In addition you will help the school finances.

Thank you in advance

Dr Harry Taylor

Chairman of the Governors



Key worker children

Our key worker children have created some beautiful sunflower collages as part of the Safer Schools Partnership with Norfolk Constabulary. They will be receiving some sunflower seeds in the post as a reward for their efforts! We are so proud of all our key worker children and how hard they have been working during this tricky time.



Home Learning Shared

Children across all year groups have been involved in all types of indoor and outdoor learning. Teachers are very proud of the things the children have been actively involved with. The year group teachers would like to share a few of the things the children have been up to ... maybe it will inspire you to try something new

Year 2

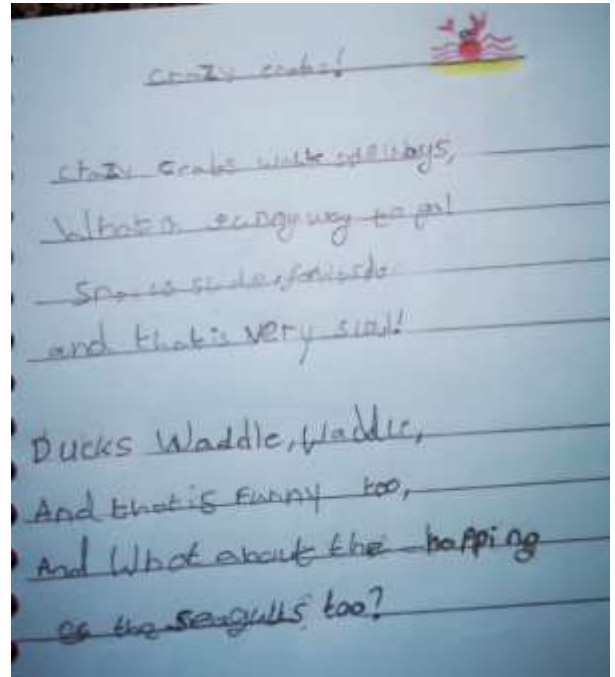
Zaneta has been picking litter on the beach being an amazing Priory citizen. She collected 3 bags of rubbish



Ugne entered the GYBC competition #GYTogether and won with her picture of her mum who she said was her superhero



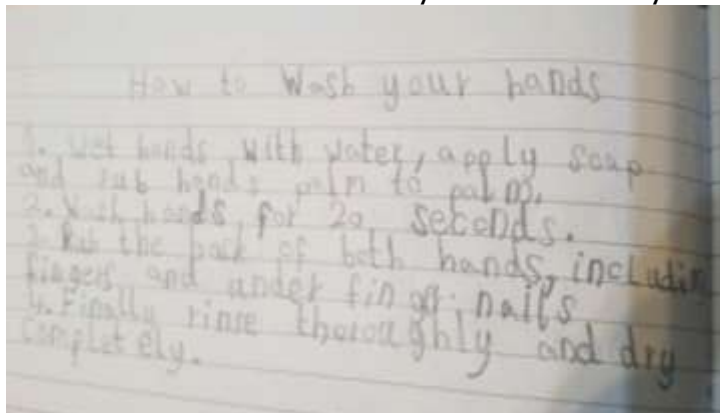
Daisy won GYBC competition #GYTogether. Daisy went strawberry picking and then decided to have a go at growing her own strawberries. As part of a writing lesson Daisy wrote a poem about her favourite animals.



Pascal is making a giant tank in his garden out of cardboard. It's big enough for him to get into!



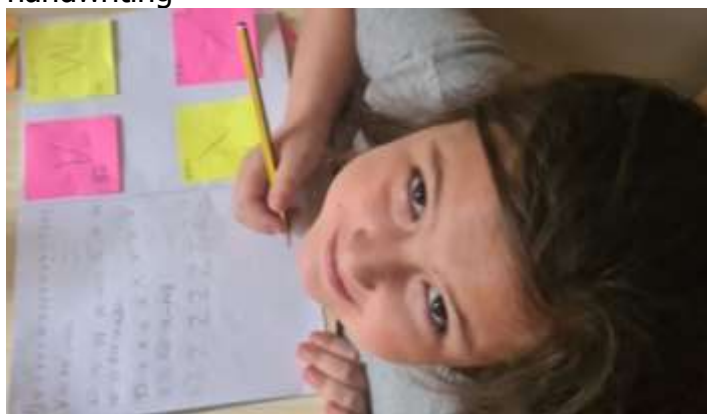
Raminta has also written a beautiful set of instructions for how to wash your hands safely



Allorah has been learning to cook and has also been working on creating a picture made fully of sequins



Erika has worked incredibly hard on her handwriting



Rabia made a booklet all about different animals



Mariella has sent me videos of her doing science experiments and magic tricks she learnt from our lessons and has also been reading stories to her grandma over the internet



Junior did a beautiful drawing of the Eiffel Tower



Owen has been on a nature hunt around Breydon Water



Elijas has learnt how to make himself a healthy snack. Elijas has also been doing some beautiful reading and achieved an incredible score on Numbots



Kaydience created a 5D diamond picture and took her 3 weeks to complete it, showing great perseverance



Vanessa has made fantastic posters about Dr Martin Luther King and Emily Pankhurst, following on from our history lessons



Millie has grown plants from seeds and they're now about 2 feet tall



Erlandas created his own Easter basket, using a wide range of materials.



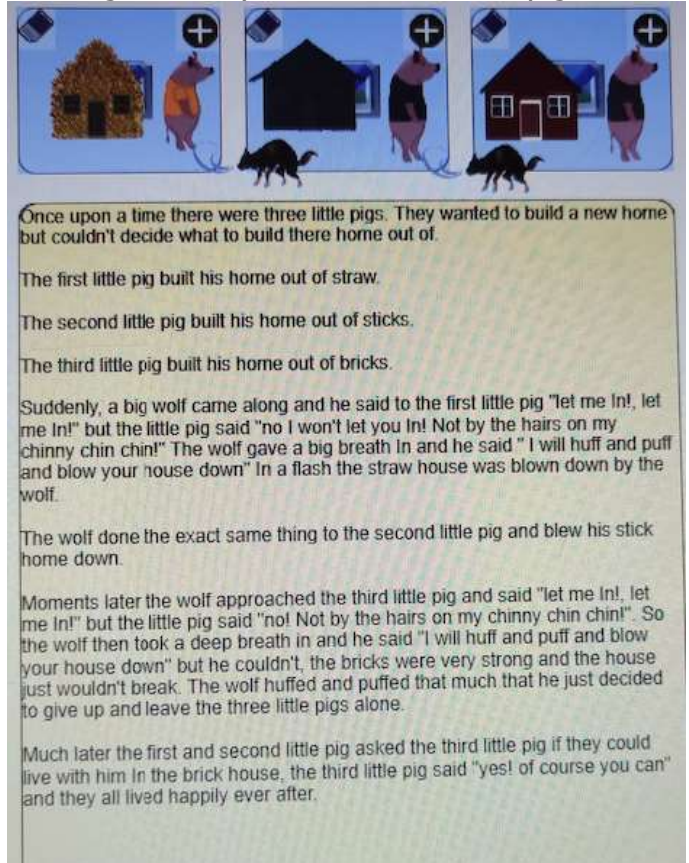
Lola shown a great interest in art, she made plant pots out of recycling materials and is growing her own sunflowers. Lola was happy to share this picture to encourage others to recycle as well.



Cruz has done an amazing amount of practice on his handwriting and maths and has made a giant rainbow as a message of support for key workers



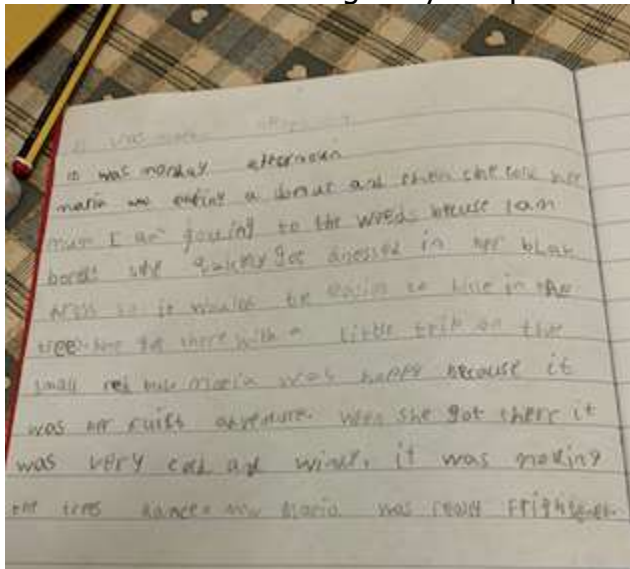
Faye created a beautiful piece of writing, retelling the story of the 'Three little pigs'.



Oliwia has persevered in her reading and made visible progress



Katrina wrote an amazing story independently.



Kallan has been crabbing



Kamile researched about her favourite animals and created a detailed fact file booklet with beautiful, colourful pictures.



Year 3

Chloe Allen

Since setting up Get Epic for year 3 pupils on 23rd April, Chloe has read an amazing 56 books online! Well done Chloe

Year 4

Harry Holliday

Harry has shown himself to be an amazing artist, even when creating art work online! Harry was recreating the image of a building which was related to one of the stories being read, and he developed this fabulous piece of work in the style of an Impressionist painter.



Year 6

Alfie Sherman

SPAG - 100% adding in missing punctuation

Cameron Garrett-Walsh

French - Incredible presentation on traditional foods in France and other French speaking countries

Brooke Jones

Accurate work on angles in maths

Goncalo Raposo

Brilliant reading comprehension work on interesting creatures found across the world

Shannon Burgess and Rosanna Nash

Logging onto Bedrock and completing over and above the lessons required every week

Oniaka Mramba

Brilliant science task involving research into endangered and extinct animals.

Wiktoria Juszcak

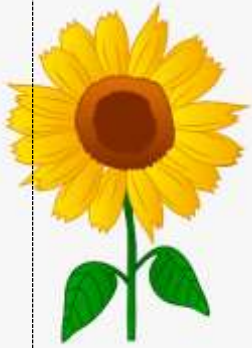
SPAG - Fantastic work improving sentences with adjectives and noun phrases

Jack Stringer

Space picture by Jack



In Mrs Clarke's group this week we've made posters to take home and display in our windows to show our support for our blue light services. We also made a big one to display on our classroom window which looks out on to the market place.



We are looking forward to receiving some sunflower seeds from Norfolk Police to show their appreciation for our support and to create some lovely displays of sunflowers around the county to cheer us all up a bit in this difficult time.

Find out more about this campaign at:

norfolk.police.uk/news/campaigns/grow-your-support

From Mrs Clarke, Eda, Shannon, Alex, Milana, Lily B & Alyssa

Warmer weather

Please ensure your child brings a sun hat to school every day as the weather is getting warmer.



Medical Information

If your child suffers from asthma it is **vitaly important that they have their inhaler in school**. Please check with the main office, if your child has asthma and you are unsure if your child has an inhaler in school.

Diary dates

School Closes - Summer Holiday - Tuesday 21st July at 3.15pm

School Opens – Monday 7 September at 8.40am



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Uniform

Thinking of getting ahead with your uniform purchasing please see below our uniform guidance. If you have any queries regarding the uniform please contact the school prior to purchasing.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 (only)



Yellow



Black –
knee length



Black or
tailored
shorts



Or cardigan with
school logo



White or
black
tights



Black

+ Plain Black School Shoes

School PE Kit – year 1 and 2 (only)



Black



Black Joggers for
winter months



With school logo



Black
football socks

+ Training shoes

Years 3 – 6 (only)



Short sleeved

Clip-on tie



Black – knee length



Black or tailored shorts



White or black tights



Black



Or cardigan with school logo

+ Black School Shoes

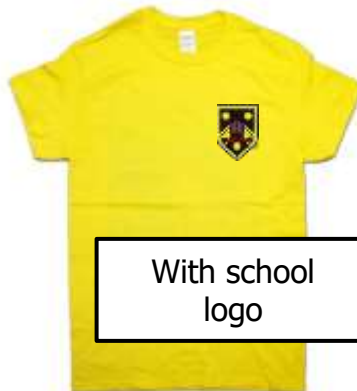
School PE Kit - year 3 to year 6



Black



Black joggers for winter months



With school logo

Black football socks



+ Training shoes

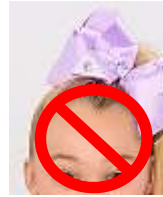
Please note we do not allow the following as part of our school uniform



No training shoes - PE only



No boots to be worn in school



No large coloured hair accessories only small black or yellow bows



No hooped or dangling earrings



No Pinafore or dungaree dresses



No leggings



No black jeans or cargo pants



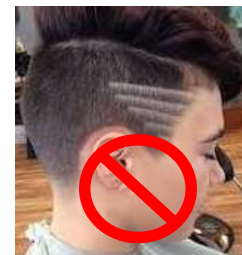
No gingham dresses



No mohawk hair styles



No unnatural hair colours



No shaving patterns

Shopping for Uniform

Black school **logo** jumpers and cardigans are available from Harrison's Schoolwear (£15) on Southtown road, Great Yarmouth or online (£9) at myclothing.com (enter the full school name or postcode – NR30 1NL) alternately can be ordered via the school office (£9) – cash payment required with order.

Clip-on ties (£5) are available via the school office – cash only or Harrison's Schoolwear – Southtown road, Great Yarmouth

PE school **logo** t-shirts (£5) are available from the school office – cash only or Harrison's Schoolwear – Southtown road, Great Yarmouth

Black knee-length skirts, black trousers, black tailored shorts, yellow polo shirts (KS1 only - Sainsbury's are the nearest stockist), short-sleeved white shirts (KS2 only), black tights, white/black socks, black football socks, black football shorts and black jogger bottoms (for winter months PE only) – are all available from, Sainsbury) or may be available at Tesco, Asda, Morrisons, Matalan etc

