



The Priory Primary School

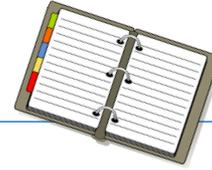
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24th	Guitar Lessons 3.15pm—4.15pm GOL Football Drumming Club
25th	Guitar Lessons 3.15pm—4.15pm STEM Club Drumming Club NO AFTERNOON BUS SERVICE
26th	NO BUS SERVICE Yr 5 & 6 Science Zoom Drumming Club Drama Club
27th	Flute Lessons
28th	RockSteady Yr 5 Thames Water Zoom Break up for Half Term
7th June	Guitar Lessons 3.15pm—4.15pm GOL Football Drumming Club
8th	Guitar Lessons 3.15pm—4.15pm STEM Club Drumming Club
9th	Yr 1 trip to The Gordon Brown Centre Drumming Club Drama Club
10th	Flute Lessons
11th	RockSteady

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
(v) Homemade Cheesy Pasta & Bread Roll	(v) Quorn Sausages & Bread Roll	(v) Homemade Mediterranean Slice & Roast Potatoes	(v) Homemade Cheesy Potato Pie & French Bread	(v) Homemade Vegetable Bean Cake
Fish Fingers & Diced Potato	Sherfield Sausages & Bread Roll	Roast Turkey, Sage & Onion Stuffing & Roast Potatoes	Honey Roast Gammon & French Bread	Breaded Fish & Chips
Sweetcorn	Baked Beans Broccoli	Carrots	Broccoli	Peas
White Chocolate & Raspberry Sponge	Homemade Muffins	Ice Cream	Jelly	Chocolate Cake

What happened to the weather this week?

Despite some rather blustery and showery drop offs and pick ups, the children have managed to have a rather uninterrupted week with lunches, breaks and PE lessons still going ahead as planned.

Our new curriculum focus on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) continues with the children engaging in projects as varied as the construction of buoyant paper rafts, to the perfect fingerprint system to catch out cunning 'criminals'. We are excited to be having a range of parents and members of our community linking with the school to provide us talks on careers in the STEM world. More news on this to come!

Mrs Coe, has also arranged a Science on Stage event for Y5 and Y6, where the children will get to see some exciting experiments and demos. All of which highlights how much importance the school is placing on science at the Priory School.

Updated COVID Guidance

There has been a slight loosening of the school's COVID guidance and staff no longer need to wear masks in school (for travel or direct teaching with the children in their bubble), masks also do not need to be worn during drop off and pick up (all outside education). However, some staff will still opt to wear a face covering / PPE.

The children can return to bringing in their bags, however we are still promoting a minimised amount of equipment and we have returned our classrooms to include group tables instead of individual tables / rows.

Much of the guidance is still in place and continues to be important to safeguarding our staff, pupils and parents. We continue to use a drop off process, staff test twice weekly (PCR tests) and we maintain our class bubbles and two-year group hubs.

More information on the current guidance can be viewed at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/guidance-for-schools-coronavirus-covid-19>

Health Eating / Birthday Treats

The Priory Primary school continues to promote health eating. We select nutritious and balanced ingredients for our school dinners and encourage the children to come to school with a healthy packed lunch, including a fruit snack.

With the slight relaxing of COVID guidance children have begun to bring in items to share with their class when its their birthday - this is fine however please review the points below:

- ◆ The items need to be individually wrapped (small bag of sweets)
- ◆ No fresh food items that need to be handled (cake)
- ◆ The items should be small - please consider that many parents do not want their children to have too much sugar.

- ◆ We wish to cut down on plastic use - so whilst non food items are great (pencils are always a great idea) - small plastic toys are discouraged.

Ignoring these guidelines could result in your child not being able to hand out their birthday treats - please help us to avoid any disappointment.

IDL

We are waiting for IDL to upload the children's missing data for Years 4-6 from a recent backup. This should be completed by Monday.

Value of Unity

Our current focus in school is the value of Unity. Reverend Daniel Newman has produced the linked video on Unity and the importance of Unity to the Christian faith.

Thank you as always to the ever supportive Reverend Daniel.

<https://youtu.be/LBqqdRiJvUo>.

The Big Ask

As part of a governmental drive to understand the impact of COVID lockdown on the pupils of England, the Children's Commissioner (Rachel de Souza) has asked all pupils in England to respond to a national survey called the Big Ask. We are currently working on this at school, but if you wanted to view the survey or know more about the process - please review the website below:

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/>

PTA News

April 200 Club Winner

Congratulations to Nikki Marianos who won £25 cash in the latest 200 Club draw. Her lucky number 30 was drawn during the Star of Wonder assembly on Friday 14th May. Good luck to everyone who's in it for May!

'Covid Couldn't Stop the Priory' Book

As we approach the end of the academic year and what we hope will be the end of a challenging 18 months for the entire world, we are planning to put together a book to commemorate the amazing way in which the Priory children have demonstrated resilience and positivity through adversity.

There are few of us who haven't discovered a new interest in the past year, learnt a new skill, or reignited a passion for something we once loved to do.

Our children are no different. They have learned to ride bikes, taken zoom art lessons, joined Joe Wicks for a morning fitness class, discovered a love of baking... They have learned their alphabet, or how to recognise all their numbers, become a whizz at their times tables... They have discovered that there are plenty of adventures to be had at home – watching a film in a cinema set up in the garden, spending the night in a makeshift tent on the trampoline, making smores on the firepit late at night...

Our book – **Covid Couldn't Stop the Priory** – will be a celebration of how, though devastating for the world, Covid did not stop our children from doing all of these wonderful things. The book, which will resemble the recipe book produced at the end of last year, will be available to purchase before the end of term.

Our goal is to include every priory child in the book. We would be grateful therefore if during the half term break you could encourage your child/children to write a short story or a poem, or draw a picture, illustrating something they have done during the last year that they are proud or happy about. Submissions can also be in the form of a captioned photograph.

Please send your submissions to ptapriory@gmail.com by Friday 11th June.