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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	
14th	Yr 6 to Osmington Bay Guitar Lessons 3.15pm—4.15pm GOL Football Drumming Club	
15th	Guitar Lessons 3.15pm—4.15pm STEM Club Drumming Club	
16th	Year R Life Education Bus Drumming Club Drama Club	
17th	Flute Lessons	
18th	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

It has been great to have made it through the last half term without any impact on the children's learning. As a school, we have avoided any further lockdowns, closures or even individual cases of COVID. This has allowed a sense of normality to return to the school and the children and teachers have been able to teach, learn and progress uninterrupted - long may this continue.

Whilst the guidance for education has loosened slightly, we must never forget the potential impact of letting our guard down as a community and some aspects of this newsletter are focused on our continued need for restrictions and a cautious approach.

Sports Day

Whilst, normally an important community event at the Priory - I have made the difficult decision to go ahead with the sports days 'behind closed doors'. Not having parents attend a whole school event (such a sports day) is very much in line with other schools in our cluster group and across Hampshire. It is our hope that we may be able to broadcast aspects of the event in a similar way to our weekly Star of Wonder assemblies. As a school, we feel it is important to allow the children the opportunity to take part in a sports day and hope you understand the need to not mix our class bubbles, especially as we have not yet been given updated guidance on public events in schools.

Star of Wonder Assemblies

We will continue to hold our successful and well attended Star of Wonder assemblies via Zoom each week until the end of this school year. One really positive aspect of the using Zoom as part of our assemblies has been that more parents have been able to virtually attend - opening up the opportunity to share your child's achievements even if you are at work.

Drop Off and Pick Up

Regardless of changes to guidance to schools, The Priory will continue to operate the Drop off and Pick up service on the rear playground (Y1 - Y6) until the end of the year. This system, whilst staff intensive, has allowed our community to remain isolated, whilst picking up and dropping off your children in a fast and effective manner. I hope you will join me in thanking all those members of staff and the governing team who make this system work so efficiently.

An important reminder - if you require another adult / family (included in your support bubble) to pick up your child from school then you **MUST** inform the office. Word of mouth is not acceptable. For obvious security reasons, we would have to park the adult / family in the car park and make a call to you before letting your child leave with a different adult.

Summer Community Event

Sadly another heavily restricted aspect of our final term will be the summer community event - a highlight of the PTA year and a wonderful opportunity to come together as a school. Again, for the reasons mentioned above any open community event (where class bubbles may cross) would be logistically demanding and would ultimately lose the spirit of what makes the Summer Fayre so special. Therefore, instead of the whole school community event we are planning to present an end of year assembly for each class - parents will be invited in to share this outdoors assembly, during which there will be an opportunity to have a picnic with your child and share some time with them. The PTA are planning a range of events both separate to this event and to run concurrently - more details to follow.

IDL

Following some technical issues, IDL is now operational and some teachers may set your child the task of working on IDL as part of their home learning.

COVID Grant

As with all schools in England, the Priory has gained a small grant that is to be used to support pupils and reduce the impact of the COVID lockdowns. All children to some extent have been impacted and their learning / progression and attainment has been affected by the continued home learning process. Therefore, as a school we have utilised the grant to purchase a range of resources, assessments and intervention programmes (IDL) that will support our wider school population. We have also purchased additional hardware to support our classes and learning hubs. The full allocation of the grant can be viewed on our school website. A very small number of pupils will be offered 1:1 and small group tutoring. These children, identified through Pupil Progress Meetings, will be offered short term boosters outside of school time. It should be noted that these pupils are not necessarily the children with specific learning difficulties - who may already get adult support on a more regular basis. If your child has been selected for this short term provision you will be contacted by phone and a confirmation letter will be sent to you.

Wrap Around Care - Questionnaire

We are looking at the possibility of developing wrap around care at the Priory - adding in an after school club alongside the breakfast club. This would involve recruiting for additional staff or getting in an external company to lead the provision. Therefore before committing to this type of wrap around care we need to have a clear indication that there is enough interest to make the decision viable. Please complete the separate questionnaire (emailed) to provide us with your opinion. Also access this questionnaire via the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/r/saHvBpXwDf>

Dip And Do

The new Dip and Do sheets that support the learning for the next half term have been emailed to you. Whilst this home learning is optional, we do advise that your children engage in some of the activities to maximise their learning for their new topics.

STEM from Mrs Marzetti

Exciting times ahead for STEM at The Priory. After half term we welcome the first ever speaker for our all new real-world STEM assembly series. We are especially delighted that this initiative will be launched by one of our school parents - Mr Fiedotow, father to Darcy in Year 2. Mr Fiedotow's field is engineering and he is joining us from DeBeers to tell us all about diamonds. We have been lucky enough to get a sneak preview of his talk and it will definitely get children excited about STEM opportunities and careers, not to mention diamonds! We have a number of special guest speakers lined up to continue this exciting new assembly series, so watch this space for more details. In the meantime, if you work in STEM and would like to get involved we would love to hear from you.



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/LBgqdRiJvUo>

Leavers from the Priory

It is never nice to have to say goodbye to any pupil from the Priory, however if you are considering, or have decided to move your child to a new school for the 2021/22 academic year please let the office know your plans, equally I am happy to have a personal and confidential conversation with you via phone. This information will allow us to better determine our school placements for next year.

PTA News

'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 include your child's first name (no surname) and year group with your entry.

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