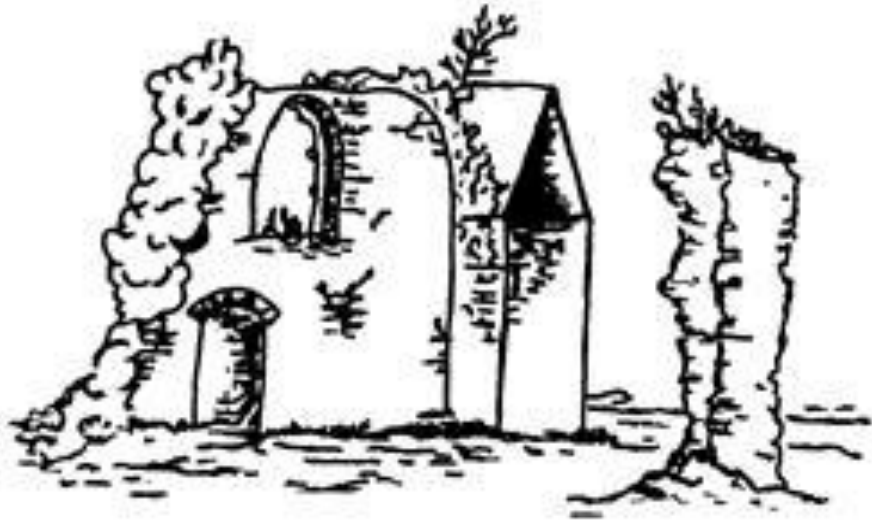


The Priory Catholic Voluntary Academy



Newsletter May 2024

IMPORTANT DATES: Summer/Pentecost

Term 5: Monday 15th April 2024 to Friday 24th May 2024

Class Photographs: Thursday 23rd May 2024

Term 6: Monday 3rd June 2024 to Friday 19th July 2024

Sports Day: Monday 10th June.

INSET DAY: Monday 22nd July 2024 – school staff only to attend.

Catholic Life

Weekend Mass: Our Lady of Good Counsel Eastwood – Sunday 11am (live streamed).

Eastwood Food Bank: Please do send tinned and dried food into school as we continue to collect it in the main entrance. We wish for upper Key Stage 2 pupils to visit the Food Bank; to take our donations before we break for the May half term.

Virtues to live by: The virtue to live by that we have had at the forefront of our minds as we journey through May is **Courage** (*standing up for what is right, even in the face of pressure*). As we move into June, **Community is our virtue to focus upon:** *Being loving to the entire family of humankind. This can also be called beneficence, which means helping the greater community for the common good. Colleges often look for service hours when reviewing applications because a well-rounded person is someone who gives of himself/herself and recognizes the need to share their love towards the needs of the greater community.*

Monday 20th May: Gospel from Pentecost Sunday (JOHN 20:19-23): Go and spread God's love and peace around the world. Virtue to live by: **Courage.**

FS2/KS1: I have courage to bring peace and love to everybody.

KS2: I have the courage to spread the good news by bringing peace and love to everybody I meet.

Monday 3rd June: Gospel from Corpus Christi (MARK 14:12-16, 22-26): We are one body in Christ. Virtue to live by: **Community.**

FS2/KS1: I welcome everyone in school with a happy smile.

KS2: I welcome everyone, equally into our family here, at The Priory.

Monday 10th June: Gospel from the tenth Sunday in ordinary time (MARK 3:20-35): "Whoever does the will of God is my brother, and sister and mother".

Virtue to live by: **Community.**

FS2/KS1: I belong to The Priory family.

KS2: I am part of a wider family; The Priory School Community!

A prayer for Peace: God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine, Israel, and Palestine. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment, and compassion to guide their decisions. **Amen.**

Dear Parents, following the very sad news about Mr McDaid (Owen) and his mum, Rachel, a service will be held at school – led by Canon Paul, where a remembrance bench will be installed into the school grounds along with a cherry-blossom tree that has kindly been donated by Rueben Shaws Garden Centre in Moorgreen. The bench will be purchased from the donations that came into school on the day of our school pilgrimage to Beauvale. I am pleased to report that we managed to raise the £650.00 which we set as our target. Thank you for your continued generosity. The service will take place in the school grounds on Wednesday 26th June at 6pm. All are welcome to join us on this evening.

Teaching Assistant Appointment: My congratulations to Mrs Indre Smith who will be joining the staff team soon as our new Teaching Assistant. This follows interviews which took place last week. We wish her all the best during her time here as she joins us in working for the good of the pupils and wider parish/school community.

Parent and Toddler Group: My thanks to Debbie Lane, Shelley Dunleavy and Gemma Charlesworth-Hazard who run the group every Tuesday – term time only – in the church social centre from 9 -11.00am. We ask for a small donation each week to cover the cost of snack-time and craft activities. The group offers a very relaxed atmosphere where your child can happily interact with other children. Please pass this information on to family members and friends who have toddlers or babies.

Safeguarding our Children: In accordance with our Safeguarding Policy, from time to time we may need to make a referral to Children & Young People Services at Nottinghamshire County Council. The school's Designated Safeguarding Leads are Mrs Smith (Family Liaison Lead) Mr Harrison (Headteacher) Mrs Grimes (Deputy Headteacher) and Mrs Symonds (SENDCO). You can contact our DSL team at ANY TIME by emailing directly to: Safeguarding@pri.srscmat.co.uk Your concerns and correspondence will be treated in the strictest confidence. Our safeguarding policy can be accessed on the school website or by following this link: [The-Priory-Safeguarding-Child-Protection-Policy-2023-2024.pdf \(srscmat.co.uk\)](https://www.theprioryeastwood.srscmat.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/28/2023/12/The-Priory-Catholic-Academy-Pupil-Premium-Strategy-2023-2026-2022-2023-review-of-provision.pdf)

Medicine: If your child has a minor ailment and needs medicine, please remember to complete a medical form. If not, then the medicine cannot be administered; also include advice on how much medicine is needed and when. We do all we can to support children who have minor ailments in order that they are able to stay at school and continue to learn –we know to keep you informed and contact you if we see that a child needs to go home to rest and recoup.

Sun Cream: In the hope for a brighter and warmer summer; it is the school's policy that we do not apply sun cream to pupils. Instead, we ask that a high-factor sun cream is applied at home before your child comes to school. If you know that your child is able to apply their own sun cream, then it must be clearly labelled with your child's name. Your child must not share their sun cream with others.

Pupil Premium and Free School Meals: For each pupil who receives free school meals, the government send the school a sum of money to help pay for resources and in-school provision. For more information about how this money is spent, please take the time to read our Pupil Premium Report posted on the school website. You can find the report by following this link: <https://www.theprioryeastwood.srscmat.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/28/2023/12/The-Priory-Catholic-Academy-Pupil-Premium-Strategy-2023-2026-2022-2023-review-of-provision.pdf>

Dogs: Unless a guide dog, under no circumstances are dogs allowed onto the school premises. Thank you to all for your cooperation in this matter.

PE Kit: Recently some children have come to school not ready to do their PE lessons – they are lacking either part of, or all of their kit. Here is a reminder of the kit as set out in the prospectus:

Plain red shorts, plain white t-shirt or white polo shirt (with or without school logo), and black plimsolls. Throughout each year, Key Stage 2 pupils will require tracksuits, football boots or trainers for outdoor games (Class teachers will inform you as to when these will be needed as part of their half-termly class newsletters). Tracksuits should be black or navy.

Please check that your child's PE Kit is in school as Office staff have been inundated with children recently, asking for spare kit. The kit that is kept in the office is there as an emergency, on the very odd occasion when a child cannot find theirs. Kits only need to be taken home for washing during half-terms and holidays; please ensure that it goes home next week and washed ready for the final term before we break up for the summer holidays.

Food for thought: “The lifetime of a human being is measured by decades, the lifetime of the Sun is a hundred million times longer. Compared to a star, we are like mayflies, fleeting ephemeral creatures who live out their lives in the course of a single day.” Carl Sagan

God bless.
Anthony Harrison