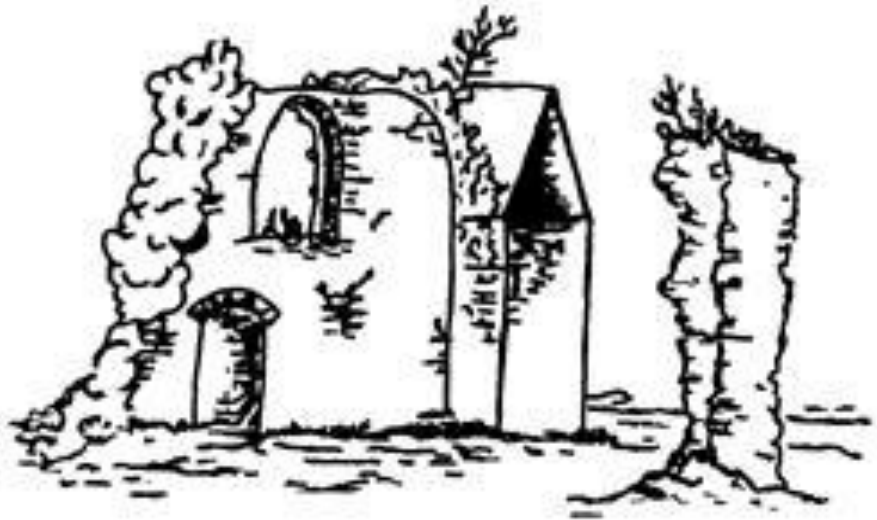


The Priory Catholic Voluntary Academy



Newsletter June 2024

IMPORTANT DATES

Summer/Pentecost Term

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

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

Autumn/Advent Term

INSET DAY: Monday 2nd September 2024 – school staff only to attend.

Reception Class begin school: Tuesday 3rd September 2024.

All pupils return to school: Wednesday 4th September 2024.

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 summer.

Virtues to live by: The virtue to live by that we have had at the forefront of our minds from mid-way through June was **Faith (Faithfulness):** *Having a clear, strong focus, and concentration on our end goals and desires. Faith is ideal for parents who would like to take their children on a journey through the virtues that build greater purpose in family life. Faithfulness means having a clear focus and a vision, which all of us can benefit from when what we pray for, and desire becomes reality.*

The virtue of Faith continues into the month of July:

Monday 1st July: Gospel from the thirteenth Sunday in ordinary time (MARK 5:21-43): Jairus' daughter raised to life. (JOHN 20:19-23): Virtue to live by: **Faith.**

FS2/KS1: I have faith in Jesus to do his work.

KS2: I have faith in Jesus to carry on his work – even if others laugh & poke fun at me.

Monday 8th July: Gospel from the fourteenth Sunday in ordinary time (MARK 6:1-6): A prophet will not be believed in their own town or village. Virtue to live by: **Faith.**

FS2/KS1: I have faith in Jesus to do his work.

KS2: I have faith in Jesus to carry on his work – even if others scorn, laugh or poke fun at me.

Monday 15th July: Gospel from the fifteenth Sunday in ordinary time (MARK 6:7-13): Jesus sends out the disciples to do his work.

Virtue to live by: **Faith – Missionary Discipleship.**

FS2/KS1: I build God's kingdom by being a disciple.

KS2: I have been sent out into the world to spread the Good News!

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, sincere thanks to the school community in raising funds to purchase a memorial bench for Mr McDaid's mum, Rachel. We held a service last week in the school grounds which was attended by Mr McDaid's family and friends. A tree was also planted as part of the service – which was kindly donated by Rueben Shaws Garden Centre in Moorgreen. During the service, Canon Paul, blessed Rachel's bench and Cherry Blossom Tree in what was a beautiful service on a beautiful evening – fitting for such a beautiful lady – through and through! May Rachel's soul rest in peace as she dances through the fields of heaven. Amen.

Staffing: The team of staff here at the school have been bolstered by the appointments of Ms Sarah Leith and Mrs Indre Smith – both are parents of pupils at the school. They join us as Teaching Assistants. From September, we also welcome Ms Nena Hare as our new breakfast club assistant; Nena will be taking over the role of Mrs Susan Clowes who has been working at the school since October 2021. We will miss Susan greatly, as she has been instrumental in helping make our breakfast club such a welcoming and fun part of the school's wider provision. We wish Susan all the very best as she retires from her post at school to enjoy more relaxing times away from the hustle and bustle of daily school life.

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 \(srscmat.co.uk\)](#)

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.

Sun Cream: In the hope for more bright sunshine, 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.

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.

Reports: On Monday 15th July your child will be issued with his or her end of year report. Overall, we feel that the reports are very comprehensive. However, if you feel that there is something you would like to discuss, then please make an appointment to see your child's class teacher via the school office. Any meetings can be scheduled to take place between Tuesday 16th and Friday 19th July.

SEND Reviews: If your child has been assessed as having a special educational need, then parents of our pupils who are on our special educational needs register must ensure that they have met with their child's current class teacher in order to review their child's individual education plan, before we break up for the summer. If this has not yet taken place, please contact your child's class teacher to arrange a meeting. Progress will be reviewed, and objectives agreed on your child's education plan, which will help in the transition to your child's next class teacher.

Lost Property and PE Kits: There is a lot of lost property in school. If this is not claimed by Wednesday 10th July, then a stall will be set up at the summer fair so that items of clothing can be recycled for pupils in school. Likewise, if your child has grown out of items of uniform, then you can always donate these to be recycled. All PE kits must be taken home from Thursday 18th July. Please also wash and return all school team kits before the end of term.

Food for thought: "I would like to run and dance through the fields of heaven. I would like to run in its fields where the grass doesn't crumble, where there are beautiful flowers which never fade, and beautiful children who are little angels." St. Therese of Lisieux (the Little Flower) 1873-1897

God bless, Anthony Harrison