

Priory School Headteacher's Newsletter

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We are delighted with the positive OFSTED letter (see first item in the newsletter). As a school we are continually seeking to improve, so will now aim to take the school to the next level.

We have had a number of significant student successes in a variety of different areas of school and community life. Due to the new GDPR requirements we will be seeking your permission to name students and/or include photographs. If you are aware of a success and can alert us, providing permission to this, it would help with our publication of the newsletter.

Finally please be aware that Mrs Clinton, as Head of School, is now taking on a number of roles I previously had responsibility for; please note Mrs Clinton will make decisions on absence requests.

Ofsted Inspection Findings

Wednesday 9 May 2018

We received the final OFSTED letter on 4 June. We are delighted that the Inspection Team reported so positively about our school. There are many highlights in the report but given the focus since the last inspection, it is pleasing that the team reported that 'There is a stimulating and challenging ethos in the school, which enables pupils to make strong progress and achieve well'.

We are pleased that the strong progress made in English, Mathematics and Science is clearly identified in the letter as well as the promotion of the Creative Arts, Technology and Physical Education.

We are very grateful to all the parents who took the time to write in support of the school and complete Parent View with positive responses. The complete letter can be found on the website: <http://www.priory.e-sussex.sch.uk/index.php/statinfo>



Student Athletic Success

Sussex Schools Events

We are delighted that Emilie Oakden achieved gold in the pole vault at the Sussex Schools event on Saturday 9 June. Emilie achieved a height of 3.05m.

Natasha Clarke also competed and achieved a Personal Best (PB) at the event, both girls posting the qualifying height for English Schools.



Royal Academy of Engineering STEM Stop Motion

Competition success

Congratulations to Alex Massie who won the STEM Stop Motion competition. Alex, along with two other students, Ella Marcovitch and Sam Wallis have been invited to the Royal Academy to spend the day participating in STEM activities. Alex will have his animation showcased at the event.



Plumpton College Most Improved Student

Lois Cruttenden

Congratulations to Lois Cruttenden who was awarded 14-16 Most Improved Student for the academic year 2017-18. Lois received her award at the College presentations on Friday 15 June.



Outside Gym Equipment

East Sussex Health Improvement Grant

We are very fortunate to have a number of pieces of outdoor gym equipment which have been purchased as part of the East Sussex Health Improvement Initiative. Thanks to Friends of Priory, we were able to match fund the grant and provide a good range of equipment. The equipment purchased is high quality and similar to that found in many parks and recreational areas across the country. The equipment is designed to be simple and safe to use – each piece of equipment has simple instructions and safety advice on it.

At break time and lunchtime we do have a member of staff supervising the equipment. I am disappointed to have to report there have been two serious accidents due to students misusing the equipment. On both occasions staff had warned students of the dangers and requested they use the equipment as intended and on both occasions staff were ignored, resulting in accidents. Please can you support us by talking to your son/daughter about this and stressing the need to follow instructions. Thank you.

Parent Governor

Radha Stuart

Radha Stuart has been reappointed as Parent Governor after the latest recruitment. Radha has been a key member of the Governing Body, providing strong support for the school. We are delighted that Radha has been re-elected.

Beat the Street

6 June to 25 July 2018

We have a large number of students and staff who are participating in the 'Beat the Street' initiative. If you are keen to be involved you still can:

<https://beatthestreet.me/eastsussex>



Railway Land Trust Summer Holiday Camps

Opportunity to take the John Muir award

'Want to build dens, take on our fire lighting challenge, observe wildlife (you may see our grass snakes or peregrines!), play games, use tools in green woodwork, have adventures and more?

Come to our new Holiday Clubs at Lewes Railway Land Nature Reserve. Our clubs run Monday – Thursday the first two weeks of the summer holidays. Those attending for 4 days+ also have the opportunity to take the John Muir

Award. Make new friends or bring some with you! Ages 6 -13 years - we will ensure older participants are given challenging and activities appropriate to their ages!

Booking for 4 days £130 / £150 or the first two or last two days of each club £70 / £80.

www.railwaylandproject.org/holiday-clubs, email education@railwaylandproject.org or call 01273 477101

Dates for your Diary

For your diary

1. **INSET DAY** – Friday 29 June
2. **Year 11 Prom** – Friday 29 June
3. **Art/Photography Exhibition** – w/c Monday 2 July
4. **BHAVIC, Varndean, Brighton Met and Plumpton Taster day (some Y10)** – w/c Monday 23 July
5. **Sports Awards Evening** – Tuesday 3 July
6. **Year 9 Immunisations** – Monday 9 July
7. **KS3 Awards Evening** – Wednesday 11 July
8. **Year 6 Parents Meet the Tutor** – Monday 16 and Tuesday 17 July
9. **Last Day of Term** – Friday 20 July: **School finishes at 12.15 pm**

Further Information

Contact us

Should you want to comment on articles in the newsletter please contact: info@priory.e-sussex.sch.uk



Let's keep plastic out of our river –
and keep everyone safe at this
year's Ouseday Raft Race.

- Make flour bombs using paper bags NOT plastic bags, which can choke wildlife.
- Swap plastic water balloons for EasyOusey Jelly bombs – see the Ouseday website for details!
- Leave hard objects at home – and please clear up ALL rubbish at the end of the day.

Visit the Plastic Free Lewes stand on the day to learn more – and go to www.ouseday.com

Keeping our river plastic-free – Ouse in?

