

## NEWSLETTER FOR PRIORY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers

We would like to start by thanking you for your support since we returned to school in September - your kind comments are appreciated more than ever at this time. Although Parents' Evening was very different it was good to talk to you on the telephone and share news of your child's progress in learning.

As we entered the second lockdown yesterday and our schools stayed open, we all know how important it is to support one another to keep as safe as possible over the coming weeks. I am sure that you will agree that Miss Stoddart and Mrs Cole, who have been at the end of the phone in the school office, have been doing a brilliant job of responding to your queries. Please do not hesitate to call or use the year group email addresses to communicate with us whilst we are unable to engage in prolonged conversations with you face to face.

Your children very quickly settled into the new routines in school and even though school is a little different at the moment they continue to enjoy, engage and work hard in their learning.

Staggering the start and finish of the day has enabled us to reduce the amount of adults on site and yesterday's request that you wear facemasks and continue to socially distance is a further measure to help keep our community safe. It has been more important than ever to have the children at school on time not only so that they do not miss learning time but also to ensure that we can safely get children into their bubbles keeping both the children and staff safe.

We are prepared in school for if we have to close and isolate a bubble in order to keep children and staff safe. Your child's teachers have worked hard to be as prepared as possible to deliver online live and recorded learning for the children. We plan to use Google Classroom to do this and will provide you with clear instructions on how to access and use this at home if your child's bubble closes.

We continue to offer exciting learning opportunities for your children and this has included Year 5 and 6 enjoying learning to play the Steel Pans and Year 3 and 4 have been supercalifragilisticexpialidocious during in their Dance & Drama Workshops which have been supported by Hull Children's University. Our EYFS and Year 1 children have loved playing and learning outside and Year 2 are becoming excellent programmers in computing. Do remember to follow us on Twitter @priory\_primary to keep updated on the learning in school.

Later in this newsletter we have included information about Growth Mindset and the Learning Muscles language that we use with your children in school. Please do have a read of this and ask your children about how they use their Learning Muscles in school to help them to learn.

We are currently discussing and planning for Christmas in school. We will make sure that this continues to be an exciting celebration for the children. We will update you ASAP with our Covid safe Christmas plans.

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## What have we been learning about ?



Rowan Class have enjoyed their geography theme and can now find where they live on the globe

Ash class enjoyed a spooky Halloween morning. They carved a pumpkin and enjoyed making potions.



## New School Nurse

We have a new School Nurse, Rachael Ramage who has started working with us this week. Melanie is working alongside Rachel for the next few weeks to help her get to know our school, families and children.

Rachel will be in school every Wednesday and can be contacted via the school office on 509631 or on her mobile 07718 579733

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you need any support or advice.

We would like to wish Melanie all the best as she starts a new role within School Nursing.

## Roast Dinner Day Wednesday 11th November

For the past couple of years, Priory has been part of the Food for Life programme. This is a programme that aims to make healthy, sustainable meals the norm for everyone and to reconnect people with where their food comes from by teaching about how it is grown and cooked.

Many of our Grow It and Cook It activities do of course support these ideas. This year, we are once again taking part in 'The Great Roast Dinner Day' on Wednesday 11th November.

The menu will include a carvery style roast dinner complete with Yorkshire puddings and a choice of mashed or roast potatoes.

If your child normally stays packed lunch, but would like to stay for Roast Dinner Day please email [admin@priory.hull.sch.uk](mailto:admin@priory.hull.sch.uk) to book.

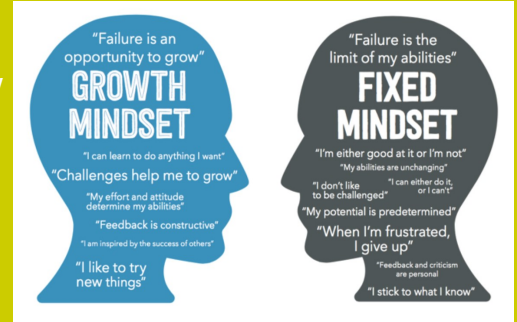
Please note that we will be serving pizza on Thursday 12th November instead of Toad in the Hole so that the children are not eating two similar meals consecutively.

# Growth Mindset Guide for Parents

*At Priory Primary we are on our growth mindset journey.*

The aim of this guide is to explain an approach we take towards learning at Priory Primary School called GROWTH MINDSET. We encourage our children to develop a Growth Mindset.

Research by American psychologist Professor Carol Dweck, of Stanford University, has shown that how we view ourselves as learners has a huge impact on what we are able to achieve. She suggests that people broadly fall into one of two categories: those with a **fixed mindset** and those with a **growth mindset**.



Those of us with a **fixed mindset** believe that we have a predetermined amount of intelligence, skills or talents which cannot be changed, whereas those of us with **growth mindset** believe that we can develop our abilities, intelligence or talents with persistence, effort and a focus on learning.

## Learning Muscles at Priory Primary School



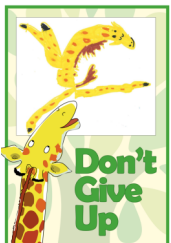
**Concentrate**  
**Don't Forget the Bacon**  
*by Pat Hutchins*

I don't get distracted  
I don't distract others  
I do one thing at a time  
I plan and think things through  
I draw diagrams, jot down thoughts or things, which help me to learn



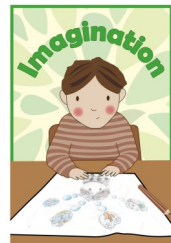
**Have a Go**  
**Incy Wincy Spider**  
*by Kate Toms*

I have growth mind-set  
I don't worry if things go wrong  
I learn from my mistakes  
I'm excited to try new things



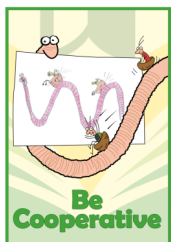
**Don't Give Up**  
**Giraffes Can't Dance**  
*by Giles Andreae*

I work hard  
I practice lots  
I keep going  
I try new strategies  
I ask for help  
I take a brain break



**Use Your Imagination**  
**The Wonder**  
*by Faye Hanson*

I'm creative  
I let my imagination go  
I think up new ideas and questions  
I think 'outside the box'



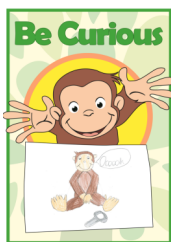
**Be Cooperative**  
**Superworm**  
*by Julia Donaldson*

I listen to others  
I say when I don't understand  
I'm kind when I disagree with someone  
I explain things to help others  
I'm tolerant



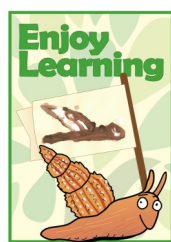
**Keep Improving**  
**Zog**  
*by Julia Donaldson*

I keep reviewing my work  
I can identify the best bits of my work  
I improve one thing at the time  
I don't compare myself to other people, only to myself  
I take small steps



**Be Curious**  
**Curious George**  
*by Margret Rey & H.A.Rey*

I ask questions  
I notice things  
I look for patterns and connections  
I think of possible reasons  
I research  
I ask, "What if..."



**Enjoy Learning**  
**The Snail and the Whale**  
*by Julia Donaldson*

I feel proud of my achievements.  
I imagine my intelligence growing and my neurons connecting!  
I can use what I learnt in life  
I know I can do it if I keep trying

# Term Diary Dates for 2020

Date	Event
Wed 11th Nov	Roast Dinner Day in School
<b>Fri 17th Dec</b>	<b>Last day of the Autumn Term</b>
<b>Tue 5th Jan</b>	<b>Children return to school</b>
<b>Fri 12th Feb</b>	<b>Close for the half term</b>
<b>Mon 22nd Feb</b>	<b>Children return to school</b>
Tue 2nd March	School Photographs - Individual Portraits & Class photos
<b>Fri 12th Mar</b>	<b>INSET Day - School closed to pupils</b>
<b>Fri 26th Mar</b>	<b>Last day of the Spring Term</b>
<b>Tue 13th Apr</b>	<b>Children return to school</b>
<b>Mon 3rd May</b>	<b>Bank holiday</b>
<b>Fri 28th May</b>	<b>Close for the half term</b>
<b>Mon 7th June</b>	<b>Children return to school</b>
<b>Fri 23rd July</b>	<b>Last day of the Summer Term</b>

Oak Class have been investigating air resistance in science



Silver Birch class had a supercalifragilistic time creating kites for their Mary Poppins themed dance

Year 6 have been developing their accuracy with throwing and catching

