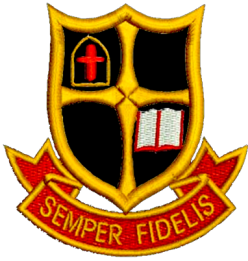


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Dear Parents/Guardians,

6th March 2020

This has been a tremendous week for the school with triumphs at the Festival; and in the Spelling Bee.

IWMDDF – ISLE OF WIGHT MUSIC, DANCE & DRAMA FESTIVAL 2020

We have had numerous individual and pair winners and awards – the school facebook has many of the pictures – and we will be doing an overall list when the festival is over, but there have been two signal achievements this week. In the first competition on Monday last – boys aged 6-7 verse speaking – where 23 children entered from a multiple of schools, Priory's team took the first four places with Sebastian Y3 taking the cup in 1st place. Then on Friday our Junior Choir under Mrs Willey's direction won the Primary Choir Shield against 8 other choirs! Report below. Chris Hartley IWMDDF will present the Shield to the Choir in Monday's Assembly.

Spelling Bee Ventnor This is an all island competition with 15 schools involved. **Jessica Y5 was crowned best speller on the island!** This is a superb achievement and there is a lovely picture on the school facebook.

Invoices & Reports These will start to come out for end of term and early settlement is appreciated.

Reports:

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| 1. Monday 2 nd March | IOWMDDF begins |
| 2. Monday 2 nd March | S1 – Fossil Hunting Trip, Yaverland Beach |
| 3. Mon 2 nd March-Thurs 5 th | Y6 – Residential Trip, York A great success by all accounts! |
| 4. Tuesday 3 rd March | Y5 – Spelling Bee, Ventnor Jessica Smith Y5 won outright!! |
| 5. Tuesday 3 rd March | S5 – Presentation of Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Awards-see below |
| 6. Wednesday 4 th March | S3/S4/S5 – Hockey Match, Free School, Ventnor Report below |
| 7. Thursday 5 th March | World Book Day "Book Drive" Thank you to all who donated books |

Future Dates & Events:

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| 1. Monday 9 th March | IOWMDDF continues |
| 2. Wednesday 11 th March | PSHE Day "Respect" All school in PE Kit except S5/6th Form |
| 3. Friday 13 th March | Mufti Day/Cake Sale "Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital"
Theme-book character. Prizes for best costumes. Poster attached |

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Awards Presentation

Congratulations to Harrison, Louise & Phoebe in S5, who all received their Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award. Mrs Akers was presented with her long service certificate for 37 years, supporting & guiding young people through the D of E Award. She was originally presented with this at St James' Palace, London.

Junior Choir Results (IOWMDDF):

1st Priory (86 marks), 2nd Niton (85), Ryde (85), The Bay (85), Carisbrooke (85), Newport C of E (85), Queensgate (85), Ryde Chamber Choir (85), 3rd Lanesend (84). Judge's assessment: "Very lyrical with warm harmonies. You gave a lovely pointing of the lyric and it was commendably tight with strong projection and energy. Well done Priory School."

Sports: Mixed Hockey Match at the Free School – Wednesday 4th March. S3 – Freya, Francesca, Grace, Ella. S4 – Athena, Daisy, Matthew. S5 – Arthur, Gideon, Oliver, Archie. Bravely played on a very wet day!

Trips & Coronavirus: The policy is to book trips but if these need to be cancelled full refunds will be given.

E J Matyjaszek, Principal