

Newsletter



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New Year New Team Member

Just before Christmas we held interviews and appointed Jane Reis to the role of Education Officer. We are really excited to be expanding as a team and also in what we can offer as Jane has lots of experience and qualifications which will see us able to really develop our Forest School and Outdoor programme.

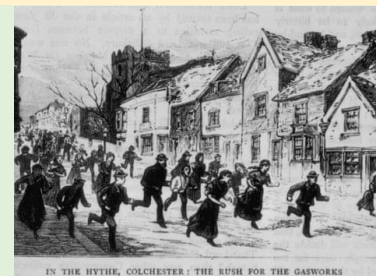
Intro from Jane

I am so excited to be joining the amazing team at The Priory Education Centre. I am looking forward to using my teaching skills to assist in the running of the educational programme in this enchanting and historical site. The Priory grounds offers so much scope for interactive and immersive educational experiences catering for all ages and abilities. I am especially keen to engage more children in the wonder of learning outside through nature and the elements, I can't wait to get started. I look forward to meeting many of you soon.



Trips and Visits

This month the Home Educators Day topic is the Essex Earthquake, looking at primary and secondary sources and impact



in the local area. So many booked for the session (40 young people and their parents) that we made the decision to offer an extra day to accommodate everyone so these sessions will now run on a Wednesday and a Thursday every month.

Year 4 students from Frinton Primary are visiting to kick start their topic on Anglo-Saxons and Vikings.

Education Centre staff are going into The Colne Community School to teach the GCSE History classes about Medieval Medicine to support their learning for their module on Health and People in Britain.

Volunteers

We are starting a programme of training our wonderful team of volunteers, this includes the important areas of Safeguarding and DBS checks as well as learning the subject matter and schools programmes so they can support staff on school trips, especially for the bookings for 90+ children. It is great to have this team and it is hoped we'll be able to network with other heritage sites across Tendring to support one another.

Looking ahead...

As well as having schools engaging with us on site we are keen to support their teaching of local history and are creating resources that can be used in assembly and the classroom on St. Osyth particularly for International Women's Day. It is great to celebrate this inspirational woman from our area. If you know a school or children's group that would like these free resources please get in touch.

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