



The Priory Primary School

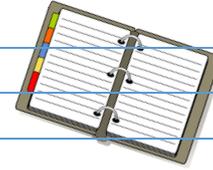
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3rd Jan	Bank Holiday
4th	INSET Day
5th	Return to School
6th	
7th	Star of Wonder Assembly
10th	GOL Football
11th	
12th	
13th	
14th	Star of Wonder Assembly

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Bank Holiday	INSET DAY	(v) Homemade Vegetable Pie & Roast Potatoes	(v) Homemade Roasted Vegetable Pasta Bake & Homemade Bread Roll	(v) Homemade Vege Bean Cake & Chips
		Roast Turkey, Sage & Onion Stuffing & Roast Potatoes	Chicken Wrapped in Bacon with Mashed Potato	Breaded Fish & Chips
		Carrots, Honey Roast Parsnips	Broccoli, Sweetcorn	Peas
		Homemade Apple Crumble & Custard Or Ice-cream	Homemade Flapjack Or Ice-Cream	Homemade Chocolate Cake Or Ice-Cream

Merry Christmas Everyone

We have reached our final day of the Autumn term and I do not believe it is possible to feel any more Christmasy!

This term we have, seen snow, met Father Christmas, sung carols and eaten a delicious Christmas lunch. And now I think the school is ready for a well-earned break. Before signing off, it's important to thank quite a large number of people who have made this last week truly special.

Firstly, I would like to thank Ali Elmore, Ellie Candy, Cara Rogers, Anne Crane, Jo Hughes, Katerina Mingacova, Charleen De Mendonca, Julia Rooth & Prubie Payne-Sahota, who all helped to come and release the staff on Wednesday so that they could enjoy their own Christmas lunch - we are all so grateful for this time together which would not have been possible without your help.

Secondly, to all of the PTA helpers who made our Christmas Party so exceptional. The arrangements ran like clockwork and the children all had an amazing time. Events like this are only possible due to the hard work and dedication of a committed team - and you all give so much to the school. A special mention to Simone White - who co-ordinated, organised and brought everything together - another PTA party event that owes so much to Simone's hard work.



Thirdly, to Stan Gibson who provided some special magic inside the Grotto. Stan was fantastic in his special role at the Priory. He was truly a natural and I know how incredible the children found the grotto experience thanks to his involvement. Also bringing out the magic of the moment were our Year 6 elves, who read, sang, told jokes and stories and made the the younger children's time in the grotto even more special. We are all very proud of our Y6 for their involvement.

Next up to thank is all those in the community who made our final week special, including John and Jane Philp at Elm Park for donating our Christmas tree; Mr and Mrs Nagalewski for their generous donation towards the Enterprise Cup; Mr and Mrs Dillow for their work on the Christmas calendar, which has gone out this week and which looks amazing; and of course Mrs Swali, for her tireless work on the PTA website.

Away from Christmas for a second, I also wanted to thank Mr and Mrs Sraw for an incredibly generous donation to the school which was used to purchase outdoor equipment and games for our playground. We will be using this equipment from January and I am sure the children will take huge benefit from the wider range of choice during their lunch and break times.

A more general thank you to all parents - you have been incredibly generous in supporting the school - the PTA events (raffle, bottle tombola and party) have all had a huge response and people have donated and supported the PTA with humbling generosity - it is greatly appreciated.

I must also give a thank you to my staff, they have worked tirelessly and many gave up their time to help with the Christmas Party, a special mention must go to Mrs Clitheroe and her team who outdid themselves once again to make a beautiful Christmas lunch which everyone enjoyed. Simply delicious!

And finally (phew!) a massive thank you and merry Christmas to all of the children of the Priory. Their behaviour this festive week has been wonderful and to see them enjoy the party, the Christmas lunch and the fun of a finally week at the Priory makes everything worthwhile.

The Oaks

On Monday, we were joined at the school by members from the Oaks, who we are planning to partner with to provide after school provision next term.

A number of parents joined us via Zoom and live and the team answered the questions posed. You can view the recorded meeting at the link below. Please note the initial meeting may be quiet, turn your speakers up at this point, however the problem was rectified approximately half way through the meeting, when some of the key points were discussed again.

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1_9-QBkl6gqkh8H2XeboUcHOYvguup9lFz

Enterprise Cup

The Enterprise Cup has been so successful this year, the children have expanded their knowledge of creating a business, making profits and even about marketing / advertising. The competition between the year groups has been fierce, however our eventual winners this year was Year 3. Congratulations Year 3, you will now have the Enterprise Cup glistening in your classroom for the next year.

See below for the final results.

Class	Sales - units	MAX units	Sales - £	Costs	Dog Trust Donation	Margin	Ranking
YrR	64	70	£ 275.00	-£ 45.96		£ 229.04	2
Yr1	89	108	£ 112.50	-£ 29.16		£ 83.34	7
Yr2	62	-	£ 129.50	£ -		£ 129.50	5
Yr3	128	180	£ 320.00	-£ 13.98	-£ 64.00	£ 242.02	1
Yr4	100	120	£ 208.00	-£ 19.98		£ 188.02	4
Yr5	48	-	£ 85.00	£ -		£ 85.00	6
Yr6	131	-	£ 220.00	-£ 21.88		£ 198.12	3
Total	622		£ 1,350.00	-£ 130.96	-£ 64.00	£ 1,155.04	

Christmas Party / Seesaw

Take a look at your child's Seesaw account for photos of yesterday's party - most importantly the grotto experience for the children as they got to meet Santa and our wonderful Y6 elves.

COVID

Unfortunately, we cannot ignore the rising number of cases of COVID / Omicron that have been reported nationally. Predictions are that this could continue to rise over the holidays. Firstly, I wish you all a safe and well Christmas and hope you and your families manage to avoid the virus entirely.

We of course support the government's booster campaign and hope that you will manage to get your booster arranged over the holiday, if not already completed.

You may have heard in the press, the first mentions of a possible third lockdown - whilst this has in NO way been confirmed, we shall ensure that if a lockdown involving schools was called we could switch to remote learning as soon as possible. If this were to occur, full details of live daily English and Maths lessons with the class teachers and LSAs will be sent out to you and arrangements will be made for anyone who struggles to access a device at home.

Of course, we all strongly hope that this will not be the case and we will all be back together from the 5th January.

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THE ENTERPRISE CUP 2021



A HUGE well done to year 3 who are the winners this year! They also raised a wonderful £64 for the Dog Trust.

A massive well done to all the children for their efforts this year with the enterprise cup. A thank you to all who purchased their products. A humgous thank you to Jo Swali who has organised the cup this year and put everything on the website.

Class	Sales - units	Ranking
YrR	64	2
Yr1	89	
Yr2	62	
Yr3	128	1
Yr4	100	
Yr5	48	
Yr6	131	3
Total	622	

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Wow, what a party! We absolutely loved seeing the children have so much fun...although it was hard to tell if it was actually Mr Stewart and Mrs Marzetti, or the children, having the most fun in the D.I.S.C.O.! There was dancing, loud music, glue and glitter, the most magical grotto, amazing elves, over 200 presents wrapped for under your trees and bouncy, happy children everywhere! A huge shout out to the Year 6 Elves who were just fabulous in the Grotto and super helpful getting all the children to all the right places through the party! And a massive thank you to Mr Stewart and his Priory team for their support and determination for the party to go on - such lucky children!

A massive thank you to everyone who has donated, purchased tickets, given time and resources to make this all happen. Our PTA team have been wonderful at putting this event together and so much time and effort has been put into it. We want to especially thank Simone, Jennie and Charlotte for the Christmas party organising – they have been absolute stars and have done so much. A big thank you also to Cara who manages the PTA finances, she has been working so hard with all the purchases.

PTA CHRISTMAS

In total we are set to raise just over £7.5k for Christmas activities!! This is a massive achievement so a big thank you to everyone who has helped raise this incredible amount.

£2,800 for the calendar – company sponsorship and sales

£2,000 for the Grand Raffle and Bottle

£1,500 for the Christmas Party

£1,350 for the Enterprise Cup - A huge thank you to the Nagalewski family who covered the costs

Help needed!

We are looking for someone to take over the new school uniform sales. If you are able to help please do get in touch. Thank you. ptapriory@gmail.com

Amazon Smile

By using Amazon Smile we can raise money for the school with no extra cost to you

WISHING YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

WEDNESDAY 12TH JANUARY – PTA meeting on zoom, everyone welcome