



NEWSLETTER FOR PRIORY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers

We have had the most exciting couple of weeks in school celebrating our 12 Days of Christmas. There has been much excitement as the children have made decorations, joined in with singing, met Father Christmas remotely and thought of others through their Christmas Promises. We were delighted with how many of our families joined in with the Christmas Quiz and Drawing competition. The amount of Christmas stockings which will be hung in the homes of our teachers and teaching assistants is 126. Our winner made the very good guess of 125 stockings!

Next year we hope will be different, with our nativities resuming and also opportunities for parents to be part of the festivities in school. Though we have missed having parents share Christmas with us in school, the children have still had a lovely time!

Last week, Mrs Smith, our new Head of School, visited the school and was able to meet the children and staff (socially distanced). She is very much looking forward to starting her role and was made to feel very welcome by your children. I will continue to work at Priory for some of the week and will be working closely with Mrs Smith as she settles into her new role. Mrs Roe will also be involved in this though to a lesser extent.

This term back at school has been like no other with children, staff and parents having to adapt and follow different routines and systems in order for us to keep everyone safe. As we move into the new year, we are all hopeful that next year will begin to look more normal and in order for that to begin happening we all need to take responsibility over the Christmas break for continuing to follow the guidance which is in place over the holiday.

At Priory we have been fortunate, due to the rigour with which staff, children and families have followed the rules, that we have had only two bubble closures and, due to staff shortage, closed the nursery for just over a week. Families have followed isolation rules and had children and adults within families tested when symptomatic. We are extremely grateful for your support, for keeping in contact with us and for asking for support and guidance when you have been unsure.

It is essential that over the Christmas period we continue to follow the guidance so that when we return in January the number of positive cases continues to decline, and we continue to keep the risk of the virus spreading as low as possible. Please remember and follow the rule that only the same 3 families can mix over the 5 day period. Children should not be meeting friends for sleepovers, playdates or be playing out unless their friends are part of your three family bubble.

PLEASE READ THE NEXT PAGE FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT COVID REPORTING

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Reporting Positive COVID-19 cases during the Christmas holiday period

We will be continuing to work with Test and Trace after we close and we would like to make sure that you are clear about who to contact and what to do if your child tests positive for coronavirus over the holiday period.

If, after we close tomorrow (Friday 18th December), your child tests positive for coronavirus, **having developed symptoms on or before Sunday 20th December, you must contact the school nursing team on 01482 336634 or 01482 344301. (They are open Monday to Friday)**

The School Nursing team will then inform us of the positive case and we will be able to organise working with Test and Trace to identify the contacts.

If your child tests positive for coronavirus, **having developed symptoms on or after Monday 21st December, you should follow the contact tracing instructions provided by the NHS Test and Trace and you can also contact the School Nursing team for advice too.**

The children return to school on Tuesday 5th January. On Monday 4th January we will be picking up messages on the school answering machine. If there has been a positive case within your family or you have been identified as contact please do leave a message on the answer machine and we will get back to you asap.

We wish you a very happy and safe Christmas within your three family bubble and look forward to welcoming the children back into school on Tuesday 5th January 2021. We will continue to operate the bubble system, staggered start and finish times and ask that you continue to socially distance and wear masks when you come onto the school site.

Wishing you a happy Christmas

Julia Mitchell
Head of School

Kath Roe
Executive Headteacher

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Below are photos from our Twitter feed.
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The children were excited to receive their class gifts - a Christmas story to read as a class



Silver Birch class have been posting cards to their friends!



Each class made their own Christmas Tree decorations and hung them on our trees!



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We all enjoyed wearing our party hats for our Christmas Dinner!



Santa joined the children online for breakfast! He left a bag of presents for each class!



The children enjoyed watching an online production of 'The Selfish Giant'



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Diary Dates

Date	Event
Fri 17th Dec	Last day of the Autumn Term
Tue 5th Jan	Children return to school
Fri 12th Feb	Close for the half term
Mon 22nd Feb	Children return to school
Tue 2nd March	School Photographs - Individual Portraits & Class photos
Fri 12th Mar	INSET Day - School closed to pupils This INSET Day has been rescheduled for 25th June 2021
Fri 26th Mar	Last day of the Spring Term
Tue 13th Apr	Children return to school
Mon 3rd May	Bank holiday
Fri 28th May	Close for the half term
Mon 7th June	Children return to school
Fri 25th June	INSET Day - School closed to pupils
Fri 23rd July	Last day of the Summer Term
Tue 7th Sept	Children return to school
Fri 22nd Oct	Close for the half term
Mon 1st Nov	Children return to school
Fri 17th Dec	Last day of the Autumn Term
Tue 4th Jan 2022	Children return to school
Fri 17th Feb 2022	Close for half term
Mon 28th Feb 2022	Children return to school
Fri 8th April 2022	Last day of the Spring Term
Tue 26th April 2022	Children return to school
Mon 2nd May 2022	School closed for Bank Holiday
Fri 27th May 2022	Close for half term
Mon 6th Jun 2022	Children return to school
Fri 22nd Jul 2022	Last day of the Summer Term

Please note that we will be planning two further INSET days for 2021-2022 and we will let you know when we have dates for these

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