



## NEWSLETTER FOR PRIORY PRIMARY SCHOOL



## **Dear Parents and Carers**

Firstly we would like to thank you for your ongoing support as we continue to keep our community as safe as possible during this time. We will be reopening the Nursery on Tuesday after a period of closure due to staffing shortage and we hope that we will be able to continue the remainder of this term without having to close any further bubbles in the school.

The rest of this news letter will hopefully give you all the information you need about how we will be celebrating Christmas with your children in school.

## **Priory's 12 Days of Christmas!**

Celebrating Christmas in school is a time of great fun and excitement for the children and this year it is more important than ever that the children have a great experience. We have had to plan our celebrations differently this year, ensuring that we continue to keep everyone in school safe.

On the next page is our 'Priory's 12 Days of Christmas plan!' For the 12 day period from the 7th December until the day that we close, we have an activity which all children across the school will be involved in within their bubbles and sometimes we will be joining together remotely too.

We will not be running our usual Christmas performances this year. This is because we cannot guarantee that everyone will be in school; if a child was unable to be part of their performance due to having to isolate or indeed if we had to close part of the school it would be disappointing for everyone. And of course, we could not have a live audience in school which is essential! Next year our current Foundation Stage children will get their opportunity to perform a Nativity so that no one misses out and we hope that our usual Christmas events and celebrations will happen.

We know that the children love to write Christmas cards for their friends. If your child wants to send cards this year, we are going to give these out on the final day of term but they must be in their classroom post box by Tuesday 8th December so that we are able to safely sort and distribute them after a period of quarantine.

We know that many families like to buy our teachers gifts at Christmas. This year, we know that for some money may be tight and we would like to suggest that money you may have spent on a gift is used for a special treat for home or that you use it to make a contribution on our Christmas Promise day (see below for more details).

Please do look out for a google form early next week. This will need completing for every child for the events to ensure we order enough Breakfast with Santa food, Christmas dinner and Party food! We will of course share as much as we can over the 12 days on our Twitter feed.

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## PRIORY'S TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

MON 7TH DECEMBER	TUE STH DECEMBER	WED 9TH DECEMBER	THURS 10TH DECEMBER	FRI 11TH DECEMBER	SAT 12TH DECEMBER	SUN 13TH DECEMBER
Christmas Books to unwrap	Tree decoration making	Watch 'The Selfish Giant' production (online)	Christmas Dinner	Breakfast with Santa	Christmas Family Quiz	Christmas Film
MON 14TH DECEMBER	TUE 15TH DECEMBER	WED 16TH DECEMBER	THURS 17TH DECEMBER	FRI 18TH DECEMBER	*	#
Christmas Promise	Christmas Cards	Christmas singing	Christingle	Christmas Party		

Day	What's happening?	Extra information		
Day 1 Mon 7th	Wrapped Christmas books	Each class will receive a special Christmas book to share with their class.  Bring Christmas cards for friends in their year group only		
Day 2 Tues 8th	Christmas Decoration Making	Children will all make a decoration to hang on our Christmas Trees in the school halls.  Deadline for bringing Christmas cards for their friends in their year group bubble		
Day 3 Wed 9th	The Selfish Giant performed online by a theatre company	Children will watch the performance in their classroom with their friends. If your child is isolating on this day they will be able to access this from home and we will send a link.		
Day 4 Thu 10th	Christmas Dinner day	There will only be Christmas Dinner including a vegetarian option (see menu at the end of this newsletter) . Please complete the Google form next week to indicate whether your child will be staying for Christmas Dinner		
Day 5 Fri 11th	Breakfast with Santa for all year groups. Wear a Christmas jumper	We are hoping that Santa will be able to visit our school remotely. We are currently contacting his elves to organise Zoom call directly to each classroom.  Please complete the Google form next week to choose the breakfast for your child - cost £1.50 to be paid on School Money.		
Day 6 Sat 12th	Family Quiz	We will text you a link to a Family Quiz which you can complete over the weekend. Prizes for the winners!		
Day 7 Sun 13th	Christmas Film - Drawing competition	Watch a Christmas Film as a family Children draw a picture of the film. Take a photograph of their picture and email to the year group email address. Class friends can then guess the film. There will be prizes in each class for the best drawings		
Day 8 Mon 14th	Christmas Promise	We will be talking to the children about how gifts don't always have to cost money. Children create gifts of Christmas promises to share at home.  If you wish to make a donation to Dove House rather than sending a gift into school please use School Money.		
Day 9 Tue 15th	Christmas Card Making	Children will make a card to bring home for their family		
Day 10 Wed 16th	Christmas Singing	Children will join other classes remotely to sing together and listen to recordings of our instrumentalists playing.		
Day 11 Thu 17th	Christingle	Children will make and learn about the story behind the Christingle and join together remotely to hear a Christmas stor Children will bring home PE kits and bags on this day		
Day 12 Fri 18th	Christmas Party Day	Children can wear their party clothes all day. School dinners will be a party food box .Please complete the Google form next week to indicate whether your child would like the school dinner party food box.		









