



Priory News

December 2019

Dear Parents,

We are now approaching the final part of a busy Autumn term – with much to look forward to in the final days of this term.

There are many exciting events to look forward to, including our Christmas performances. The children are busy rehearsing in preparation for these at the moment, and we look forward to you joining us to enjoy these.

On the final afternoon of term, we will end with our Christingle assembly – it is always a wonderful occasion and a beautiful way to end the term. We will post photographs of this on our website for you all to enjoy.

*The Autumn term ends on **Wednesday, 18th December.***

*Spring Term starts on **Monday, 6th January.***

Diary Dates

<i>Y3/4 Christmas Performance</i>	<i>11th December</i>
<i>Y5/6 'Carols by Candlelight'</i>	<i>12th December</i>
<i>Science Day</i>	<i>16th December</i>
<i>Parents' Coffee Morning</i>	<i>17th December</i>
<i>Christmas Jumper Day</i>	<i>17th December</i>
<i>Christmas Lunch</i>	<i>17th December</i>
<i>Music Assembly</i>	<i>18th December</i>
<i>Christingle</i>	<i>18th December</i>

End of Term

18th December

Spring Term Starts

6th January

Years 3 and 4 Christmas Performance

The timings for the Year 3 and 4 Christmas performances will be 1.45pm and 6pm on 11th December. Don't forget to bring your ticket!

Years 5 and 6 Carols by Candlelight

The timings for the Year 5 and 6 Carols by Candlelight will be 1.45pm and 6pm on 12th December. Don't forget to bring your ticket!

Coffee Morning – 17th December

We will be holding a festive coffee morning for parents on 17th December, between 9 and 10am.

Please drop-in to enjoy a mince pie and a drink, and be entertained with carols – sung to you by the children.

Music Assembly

We are looking forward to our Music Assembly on Wednesday, 18th December. If your child is taking part in this assembly, you will receive a letter in the near future to tell you about this, and invite you to attend.

*The assembly will start at a slightly later time on this morning – **at 10am.***

Thank-you for....

Your support on Children in Need Day.

Together, we raised £243.99 for the charity.

Christmas Jumper Day

*Children are invited to wear their Christmas Jumper to school on **Tuesday, 17th December** for a 50p contribution to the charity of Save The Children.*

Proud to be Priory:

- *SH5 and DR6's fantastic class assemblies.*
- *The enthusiasm and dedication shown by our children who volunteered to help at our Open Morning and the FOPJS Christmas Fair.*
- *Our Year 5 children – we were inundated with children applying to become a peer mediator, and were delighted to hear the lovely comments made about our children from the trainers. Well done to our new Peer Mediators!*
- *The continued commitment to achieving pledges in our Aspirational Me!*

e-Safety

Have you seen the Thinkuknow website? This site is a great place to find information, advice and support for parents about the risks children may face as they grow, and how to support them. It covers a broad range of online safety issues from nude selfies to what to do if you think your child is being groomed online. Find it at www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents

We hope the site will provide you with some of the information you need to help you keep your child safe online.

Attendance

We are delighted to share with you that our school attendance is currently 97.4% - this is great!

*You will be aware that any leave of absence can only be authorised by schools if this is for an exceptional circumstance, and as such, **holidays are not considered within this. Any unauthorised holiday is very likely to be issued with a penalty notice.***

Should you feel there is an exceptional circumstance that requires your child to be absent from school – please use our 'request for absence for exceptional circumstance' form – available from the school office.

In addition to this, if attendance is recorded as unauthorised for 8 sessions (4 days) or more within an 8 week period, there is a case for a penalty notice (fine) or a prosecution to take place. Similarly, action could be taken if attendance falls to 90% or below over a longer period. Attendance at 90% or below is classed as persistent absenteeism.

Our school doors open at 8.40am each morning – with children taking part in learning activities from this time. Registration is at 8.50am, and any child arriving after this time is recorded as late. Should your child arrive after the register is officially closed, this is then recorded as an unauthorised absence (1/2 day).

Aspirational Me

Well done to all our children who have been working hard on their pledges for Aspirational Me.

We are enjoying the pride children are taking in gaining this award – and hearing about the many ways they have achieved their pledges.

Thank-you for your support with this; we have enjoyed hearing from you during the term about how much the children have enjoyed this award.

Well done to all the children gaining their badges this term, and well done to our Priory Junior School Ambassadors in Year 6.

National Anti-Bullying Week

The school marked National Anti-Bullying Week, by exploring the national theme of 'Change Starts With Us'.

We also reminded children of the importance of telling an adult. Should your child report to you that they are experiencing bullying, please contact your child's class teacher.

Through regular contact with you, we will work together to resolve this as quickly as possible.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!