



Priory News December 2020

Dear Parents,

The end of the Autumn term is very nearly here - it is hard to believe how quickly the time has gone!

As we approach the end of the term, we have planned some festive activities during the final week for all the classes to enjoy. While our usual Christmas performances have not been able to take place, all classes will be attending a 'virtual' pantomime performance of Robin Hood in their classroom.

The classes have also been exploring the theme of the Twelve Days of Christmas – and involved in creating a video of this for you all to enjoy. This will be placed onto our website on 17th December.

On the final afternoon of term, we always enjoy a special Christingle assembly – while this year, we will not be in the hall together, we are intending to recreate this for the classes and will end the term with this on 18th December. We will also share the assembly on our website for you to enjoy too.

The Autumn term ends on **Friday, 18th December**. We all hope you have a very enjoyable and restful Christmas and will look forward to seeing you all again in January. The Spring Term starts on **Tuesday, 5th January**.

Warm Regards,
Tracy Keefe

Diary Dates

Year 4 / 6 Hot Christmas Lunch	9 th December
Christmas Jumper Day	11 th December
Year 3 / 5 Hot Christmas Lunch	16 th December
Christingle	18 th December
End of Term	18 th December
Spring Term Starts	5 th January

Thank-you for....

Your support on Children in Need Day.

Together, we raised £513 for the charity.

Christmas Jumper Day

Children are invited to wear their Christmas Jumper to school on **Friday, 11th December** for a £1 contribution to the charity of Save The Children.

Please donate through our Just Giving page - <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/cjd200024256>
However, a minimum donation of £2 is required here – we would suggest this would work for families with siblings, and also if you are able to, share the contribution with friends.

Friends of Priory

Friends of Priory's AGM saw a new committee being formed with ideas for events being planned for the year ahead.

The children have enjoyed the Christmas present shopping in class, and a clothing collection is planned for 15th December – keep a watch for the bag coming home this week.

We are also very excited to be planning a virtual run – which will take place at the beginning of May – and we hope many of our families will get involved! More information on this will be shared in January.

Proud to be Priory:

- *The children's enthusiasm for skipping – and their ability to learn new skills!*
- *The children's continued good attitude to learning.*
- *The dedication of our staffing team – greeting your children each day with smiles and kindness.*

Well-Being

We are coming to the end of 2020 now – a year that has brought many changes and challenges to us all. It is a year that has provided us all with many emotional challenges.

As we approach the holidays, we will all experience a different festive period to normal. You may find some of the following resources helpful at this time too.

Mental Well-Being Audio Guides from the NHS: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/stress-anxiety-depression/moodzone-mental-wellbeing-audio-guides/>

These are useful for listening to for support with different topics such as low mood, anxiety, sleep problems.

December Well-Being Calendar: this is produced by Action for Happiness and focuses on acts of kindness for the month of December. By focusing on kindness to others, we can improve our own happiness. A copy is at the end of this newsletter.

Dogs

We enjoy seeing your dogs at the start / end of the day when you are coming to school. However, please help everyone by ensuring that any dog mess is picked up and not left on the school grounds. Thank-you.

Absences / Coronavirus Symptoms

Should a member of your household have symptoms, please do not send your child to school. They should self-isolate until you get the results of the test for the member of the household. If these are negative, they can then return to school. However, if they are positive, your household will need to self-isolate for 14 days. If you are in any doubt, please call the office who will be able to advise you.

Christmas Holidays

Should your child receive a positive test result during the first weekend of the Christmas holiday, please inform us via email or via Pupil Asset. We will be monitoring this communication for the first weekend, in order to be able to advise other families should children need to self-isolate over the Christmas period.

Catch-up Learning Packs

We are busy preparing some additional resources for all the children in school, ready to take home in January to support with homework, and extra practice of key skills. Please watch out for these, along with our webinar to share ways of using the resources too.

Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year!



KINDNESS CALENDAR: DECEMBER 2020



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
 <p>7 Leave a positive message for someone else to find</p>	<p>1 Share the Kindness Calendar with others and spread kindness</p>	<p>2 Contact someone you can't be with to see how they are</p>	<p>3 Offer to help someone who is facing difficulties at the moment</p>	<p>4 Give kind comments to as many people as possible today</p>	<p>5 Make a gift for someone who is homeless or feeling lonely</p>	<p>6 Support a charity, cause or campaign you really care about</p>
<p>14 Share a happy memory or inspiring thought with a loved one</p>	<p>8 Do something helpful for a friend or family member</p>	<p>9 Notice when you're hard on yourself or others and be kind instead</p>	<p>10 Listen wholeheartedly to others without judging them</p>	<p>11 Be generous. Feed someone with food, love or kindness today</p>	<p>12 Buy an extra item and donate it to a local food bank</p>	<p>13 See how many different people you can smile at today</p>
<p>21 Appreciate kindness and thank people who do things for you</p>	<p>15 Contact an elderly neighbour and brighten up their day</p>	<p>16 Look for something positive to say to everyone you speak to</p>	<p>17 Practice gratitude. List the kind things others have done for you</p>	<p>18 Give away something that you have been holding on to</p>	<p>19 Buy locally and support independent shops near you</p>	<p>20 Contact someone who may be alone or feeling isolated</p>
<p>28 Be kind to the planet. Eat less meat and use less energy</p>	<p>22 Congratulate someone for an achievement that may go unnoticed</p>	<p>23 Choose to give or receive the gift of forgiveness</p>	<p>24 Bring joy to others. Share something which made you laugh</p>	<p>25 Treat everyone with kindness today, including yourself!</p>	<p>26 Get outside. Pick up litter or do something kind for nature</p>	<p>27 Call a relative who is far away to say hello and have a chat</p>
<p>29 Turn off digital devices and really listen to people</p>	<p>30 Let someone know how much you appreciate them and why</p>	<p>31 Plan some new acts of kindness to do in 2021</p>	<p>Let's look beyond our differences and help each other. Every act of kindness matters</p> 			

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

#DoGoodDecember



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Learn more about this month's theme at www.actionforhappiness.org/do-good-december

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