



# Priory Primary School

December 2<sup>nd</sup> 2022

## NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very busy term so far with so many interesting activities that the children have been involved in. We have had Anti-Bullying week with Odd Socks Day as part of this theme; there has been fund raising for Children in Need as well as the Poppy Appeal. This term we also had the inter-faith week and the children learnt about the 'Golden Rule'.

### Inter Faith Week - the Golden Rule

Since our last newsletter, the school took part in Inter-Faith Week. A highlight for KS2 was a visit from Father Luke who showed us pictures of the big inter faith celebration he had been to a few days earlier. There were eight different faiths represented, and I was very proud of how the pupils could name six of them without any clues! Each class used their RE lesson that week to divert from the usual curriculum and think about the Golden Rule - a thread that runs through all religions, expressed in different ways but with the same message of respect, love and service to be shown towards each other, and in doing this we will experience respect, love and service from others. Please look at the next page about how this is expressed across many world religions, and please talk to your child about how you see it working in your family life.

### Staffing News

With great sadness, we are announcing that Mrs Stent will be leaving Priory Primary School at the end of this term. You may have known her first as Miss Beauchamp when she joined the school in 2018, and what a joy it has been to have her care, skill and expertise over those years. We wish her well in her fantastic new job!

Have a good weekend

Kind regards,  
***Mrs Fraser***

(Head Teacher)

# SHARED VALUES: THE GOLDEN RULE

Exploring differences and commonalities and working together on the basis of shared values is a vital part of living together well in a diverse society.

Each faith tradition has teachings about the importance of treating others as we ourselves would wish to be treated. These teachings inspire and underpin engagement of people of different faiths with others and their social action for the wellbeing of society. These teachings are sometimes called the Golden Rule. There are equivalents in non-religious belief writings.

The Inter Faith Network for the UK has worked with its member bodies since 1987 for inter faith understanding and cooperation in the UK. The Golden Rule quotations here were drawn together by it, with the assistance of its Faith Communities Forum. The Act of Commitment by the Faith Communities of the UK, developed with the Inter Faith Network, reflects other values that the faith communities saw as held in common

[www.interfaith.org.uk/resources/act-of-commitment](http://www.interfaith.org.uk/resources/act-of-commitment)

## Baha'i faith

*Lay not on any soul a load which ye would not wish to be laid upon you, and desire not for any one the things ye would not desire for yourselves.*

*This is my best counsel unto you, did ye but observe it.*

*Baha'u'llah, Gleanings, 128*



## Buddhism

*Just as a mother would protect her only child with her life, even so let one cultivate a boundless love towards all beings.*

*Khuddaka Patha, from the Metta Sutta*



## Christianity

*Do to others as you would have them do unto you.\**

*Luke 6.31*



## Hinduism

*This is the sum of duty: do naught to others which if done to thee would cause thee pain.*

*Mahabharata 5.1517*



## Islam

*No one of you is a believer until he desires for his brother that which he desires for himself.*

*Al Hawawi's Forty Hadith, 13*



## Jainism

*I forgive all beings, may all beings forgive me, I have friendship towards all, malice towards none.*

*Pratikraman Sutra 35: 49*



## Judaism

*What is hateful to you, do not do to your fellow man.*

*Talmud: Shabbat 31a*



## Paganism

*The wholeness of nature is experienced as unconditionally sacred.\*\**



## Sikhism

*No one is my enemy, and no one is a stranger. I get along with everyone.*

*Sri Guru Granth Sahib p.1299*



## Spiritualism

*We are all part of the universal creative force and therefore one family in God. [...] Spiritualists try to understand the needs of others and help all people regardless of race, colour or creed.*

*Brotherhood of Man, Spiritualists' Second Principle*



## Zoroastrianism

*That nature only is good when it shall not do unto another whatever is not good for its own self.*

*Dadistan i Dinik 94.5*



\*The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints also uses this 'golden rule'.

\*\*There are many paths within contemporary Paganism. This example above reflects principles of modern Paganism as practiced by members of The Druid Network.

[www.interfaith.org.uk](http://www.interfaith.org.uk)

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### Attendance Cup



Week 3	Year 2
Week 4	Year 3
Week 5	Year 2



### Punctuality Award Winners



Week 3	Year 2
Week 4	Year R & Year 2
Week 5	Year 4

Neil the Sloth is awarded to the class that has the best record for arriving on time each day.

### Christmas Jumper Day -for Save the Children Thursday 8th Dec

Strictly NO NEW JUMPERS to be bought! This year, Save the Children want you to recycle an old jumper, or wear your favourite from previous years. Please donate £1 at the school gate, and if you are from a large family, you can make a single-family donation. We look forward to seeing everyone in his or her fun and festive jumpers. Please wear school uniform for everything apart from the jumper, thank you!





This is a photo of our soloists performing at St Paul's in Bedford when our Priory Choir opened the Christmas Tree Festival on Wednesday 30th November.

## School Choir

We are incredibly proud of our school choir, joined by the whole of Year 6, who opened the Tree Festival event at St Paul's Church this week. The pupils sang with confidence and musicality in front of a large audience, including the Lord Lieutenant, Sue Lousanda, who mentioned the children especially in her speech. Thank you to the parents who were able to join us and support their children - this was a fabulous debut performance by our new school choir. Thank you also to Mrs Wakeling and Caroline for preparing them so well and organising their performances this Christmas.

# BRING YOUR PARENT TO SCHOOL!

## Bring a Parent Day

We all want to say a big THANK YOU to the parents and carers who were able to join us for Bring a Parent Day. It was such a good turn out and we especially enjoyed seeing adults getting involved in the activities with theirs (and other) children. It felt truly like the Priory Family.

Year 1 - thank you for your patience. We have now rearranged your Bring a Parent Day to Thurs 8th Dec at 2 - 3pm. This is also Christmas Jumper Day, so feel free to join in the fun and come dressed in a Christmas Jumper!



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## **Relish – Food Tasting – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December**



Relish will have some food for parents to 'taste test' at school pick up **3.15pm on Tues 6th Dec.** Please do come along and give it a try. Your child can have a hot, healthy meal with choices each day, and we would like more pupils to use this service. It is a cost effective healthy balance meal in the middle of the day, which helps pupils have energy and concentration for afternoon

# The Breakfast Club

Since 2021, the school has been funded to provide a breakfast bagel free of charge to any pupil. We have been doing this with the help of Mrs Turner, Ms Edwards and later Mrs Begum who kindly start their working day early to provide this service. However, the children are no longer eating breakfast with us - they come to spend time with their friends, enjoying the social aspect - but we are not meeting the intentions of the funding. Sadly, we cannot continue to provide this service if it is not actually providing breakfast to children, so we will have to finish at the end of this term. There will be no more Breakfast Bagel club from January 2023, and the school gates will open at 8.50am for all pupils.



**Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Dec 2022 -**  
**Reception class vision screening**

**Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Dec 2022 -** Relish  
**taste testing**

**Weds 7<sup>th</sup> Dec 2022 -** Year 6  
**height and weight checks**

**Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Dec 2022 -**  
**Christmas Jumper Day**

**Tues 13<sup>th</sup> Dec 2022 -**  
**Nativity Performance to parents Year R – Year 6**  
**Christmas Fair**

**Weds 14<sup>th</sup> Dec 2022 -**  
**Pupil's Christmas lunch + Father Christmas**

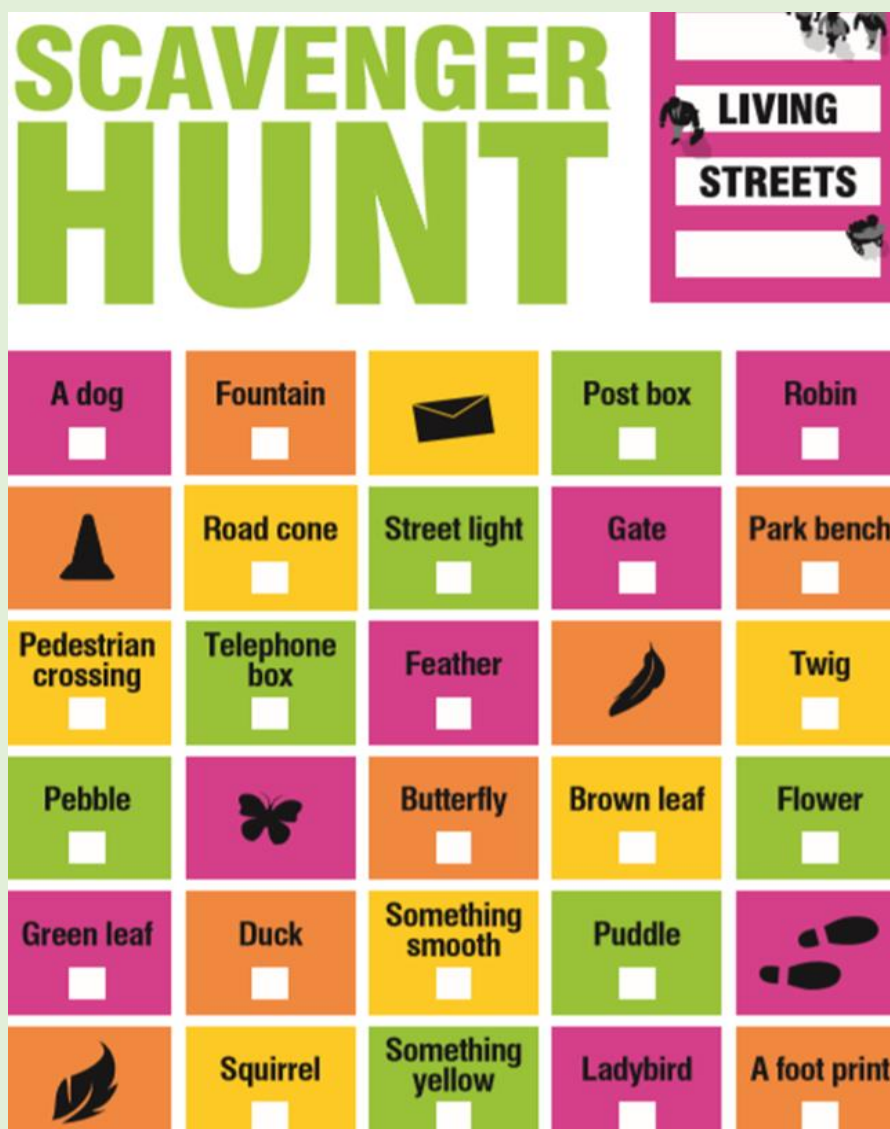
**Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Dec 2022 -** Last day  
**of term**

**Weds 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 2023 -** First  
**day of Spring Term – all the children back to school**

# Meeting Friends

One of the things we have noticed about the Breakfast Bagel Club is how much the children enjoy the social aspect of spending time with friends at the start of the day, and we will be very sorry that we cannot provide this time any more. Here are some ideas for FREE activities your children could do with their friends if you set up 'play dates' - these ideas are all things you can do outside so no need to worry about entertaining at home!

1. Wrap up warm and take them to the park!
2. Go on a Scavenger Hunt - see below for an example for the Living Streets website - try this one first, then make up your own
3. Bedford Library - it is FREE to join and you can go along any weekend (Sat 10am - 5pm, Sun 11am - 2pm) to get a free library card. With this card, you can access the library after school until 6pm as well as the weekends. Children will love to go along with their friends to read books in a warm and safe environment.
4. River walk - ALL the children have walked to the cinema this half term so we know they have stamina to walk to the river and enjoy the bridges, the bandstand, the parks and the famous Archimedes Screw turbine near the boathouses - lots to see and do here, as long as adults are there to ensure children's water safety.



# Our picture gallery

Some pictures from our 'Bring a Parent' day (Year 4)

