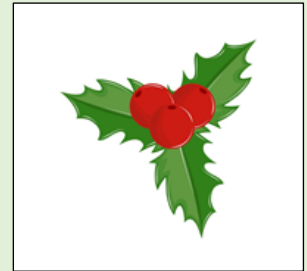




Priory Primary School

Friday, 8th December 2023

NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and Carers,

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The dark mornings and evenings, the cold and the rain... this is a tough time of year even without all the stresses and pressures of a cost of living crisis at Christmas time. I salute each and every one of you.

All the more thanks for your generosity in the charity days, organised by the Useful & Kind School Council. The school raised an amazing £93 just from cakes and votes alone, for Children in Need, and we are still counting the money for Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day yesterday.

As you know, we are very committed to developing our children's empathy and social conscience - you may have heard how the Eco Council and Year 6 are combatting plastic pollution, for example - and how the School Choir is taking their festive songs to older folks in our community - but of course they have been working hard in their learning too. I hope you have seen this progress, while you support them with homework. Please keep talking to your children about what they find exciting in their learning, and share their enthusiasm and interests. Many of you tell us how much you learn from your own children - what a joy this is!

Wishing you a very happy family time this holiday, Christmas greetings for those who celebrate, and hopes, prayers and wishes for peace to you all.

Kind regards

Mrs Fraser

(Head Teacher)



Attendance Cup



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



Punctuality Award Winners



Week	Year R
Week	Year 1
Week	Year 1, 3 & 6
Week	Year 1

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

Anti-Bullying Survey

Anti-Bullying Survey - this will close at the end of this week.

We have 18 very valuable responses - please add your answers to 9 quick questions that take about 2 minutes to complete:

<https://uk.surveymonkey.com/r/XNRHS3C>

Term Dates for 2023/2024

These are now available on our school website and are **different** to the ones published by Bedford Borough.

<https://prioryprimary.co.uk/dates/>

Please make sure you plan any holidays or trips to home countries so that they happen in the school holidays **ONLY**.

Attendance

Attendance this Term (up to 8th Dec) - School Average 94%

We have had very good attendance from many pupils this term, and every week, I enter about 130 pupils on a 'Spin the Wheel' chance to win a prize for having 100% attendance in the previous week. Its lots of fun on Monday morning to celebrate these triumphs!

*Sadly we still have about 40 of our pupils who are considered Persistent Absentees by the local and national authorities. This happens when your child misses 10% or more of school time (i.e. the equivalent of 1 day absent per fortnight). We write to let you know when your child is in the danger zone. Please ensure your child attends school - **even when they are tired, grumpy or 'under the weather'.***

You will see how much we encourage pupils with great awards and prizes from Mrs Roberts - please remind them of this to help you get them out of the door - but the greatest prize of all is that they will keep up with their learning, their friendships and become the best student that they can be.

Lateness

Some children are still coming late to school, this is unacceptable. It is very disruptive to the office staff as they have to leave other important tasks to attend to your child and update registers and lunch orders; it is disruptive to the teachers who have to stop teaching to deal with your child; it is unfair to other parents and children who get to school on time, and then whose learning is disrupted because of the lateness of your child. Parents, you have a responsibility to get your children to school on time so that their learning is not impacted.

LATENESS IS DISRUPTIVE AND VERY DISRESPECTFUL!



Mon 11th December

Christmas Craft Morning

Weds 13th December

Christmas Lunch

Thurs 14th December

Christmas Fair

Fri 15th December

Nativity performance to parents
(Year Reception & Year 6)

Mon 18th December

Celebration Assembly
Afternoon Parties
Non-uniform Day

Tues 19th December

Musicians Assembly
Last day of term

20th December – 2nd January

Christmas Holidays

Thurs 4th January

Spring Term begins
Children return to school

Fri 3rd January

Year 2 Panto Trip

Thurs 4th Jan – Fri 16th Feb and

Mon 26th Feb – Thurs 28th Mar

NO HOLIDAYS TO BE TAKEN BETWEEN THESE DATES



LATENESS IS RUDE AND CAUSES:

- *Disruption in the office
- *Disruption in the classroom
- *Disruption for the teacher and other children

IT ALSO:

- *Impacts your child's learning
- *And it is very disrespectful to staff, other parents and children



Our Photo Gallery

Year 2 trip to visit the statue of Trevor Huddleston



Our Photo Gallery

Cake contributions for sale to support Children in Need



The children voted for a member of staff to dress as Pudsey on the day - Mr Walsh won hands down!



The school choir visited Langsdale House

