



## NEWSLETTER FOR PRIORY PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Dear Parents and Carers

We are thoroughly enjoying a very busy couple of weeks in the run up to Christmas with various events including a Christmas Singalong in the Nursery, Christmas plays in FS2 and KS1, KS2 concerts and our Christingle service which will take place on the last morning of the term. We are looking forward to our Christmas parties and the visit from Father Christmas on Monday was very exciting for the children.

I would like to thank you for joining us and also for the lovely feedback we have received at the concerts, via email and through Twitter. In addition to performing at the concerts, the children have also performed some of their songs for our governors and volunteers yesterday afternoon.

Our Jigsaw families programme, run by Mrs Matthews has now finished and this will be running again in the new year. This term we have also been able to organise coffee mornings for parents to help with a range of issues including identifying and managing neurodiverse tendencies and managing sleep problems. If you would like any further support, please contact the school and we will do our best to signpost you to the appropriate agencies.

We have thoroughly enjoyed welcoming you into school to join us for our Reading afternoon and Maths morning this term. We are in the process of arranging more opportunities for you to join us in the new year too.

We continue to offer a wide range of clubs for the children to participate in during the lunch break and after school. We are very grateful to our teaching team for offering these activities which the children thoroughly enjoy. Do look out for the new clubs letter which will arrive this week and we will notify you if your child has been allocated a place in the new year. The diary dates for next term are at the back of this newsletter; these will be updated as the term progresses.

We would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas with your children! We look forward to welcoming you all back in the New Year when we reopen for the children on **Wednesday 4th January 2023**.

Best wishes

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## JUNIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Our Junior Leadership Team have focused on producing three big ideas:

- Develop skills as leaders to share and hear the children's voice;
- Think of ways to strengthen the school community;
- Help to make school an enjoyable place to be.

They have been at the heart of bringing back the 'Tuck Trolley' using feedback from their classes.

The JLT have also gathered opinion Our JLT have also chosen our new 'House' names for our school:

- Bilocca (Red)
- Ferens (Blue)
- Johnson (Green)
- Sullivan (Yellow)



Their final task of the Autumn term has been to create a JLT Policy which includes their aims and objectives and sets out at the guidance and expectations of everyone involved in giving the children a voice; written for children by the children.



## SCHOOL CAR PARK

We are very fortunate to have a car park at Priory with enough spaces for both staff and parents. Sadly at school drop off and pick up time there are some parents who are not using the car park responsibly or fairly. We would hate to be in a position where we have to ask parents who do not put the children's safety first to find alternative parking arrangements.

Please follow these simple rules when using the car park:

- 1) Abide by the 5mph speed limit
- 2) Follow the one way system
- 3) Park in the designated parking spaces, then take your child to their playground
- 4) Stop and park only in the parking bays - not on the roundabout or at the end of the parking bays
- 5) Walk across the car park with your child
- 6) Only use the disabled access bays if you are displaying the appropriate badge

Thank you for your support



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Year 1 were very excited to eat their delicious Christmas dinner today. There were lots of happy faces and full tummies all around! 🍴👍  
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Willow Class had lots of festive fun at our Christmas dinner today! Crackers, jokes, delicious food and our friends made for the best time! 🍴👍🎁 @thrivetrust\_UK



Ash and Elm have enjoyed their Christmas dinner. It was delicious 🍴👍 @thrivetrust\_UK







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Santa has arrived in Willow Classroom! 🎅 Thank you very much for visiting us, for the lovely gift and delicious breakfast Santa! 🍪📖  
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Ash class really enjoyed their breakfast with Santa. 🎅🎄  
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This morning, Rowan Class were treated to a very special visit from Santa, who brought us all a wonderful gift! The children then enjoyed a delicious breakfast with their friends. 🎅🎄📖🍪  
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What an exciting morning in Beech Class! A visit from Father Christmas and a delicious breakfast. There were lots of happy faces and smiles. 🎅🎄  
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Chestnut Class loved having breakfast with Father Christmas this morning! 🎅🎄  
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Elm class enjoyed their Breakfast with Santa! 🎅 @thrive\_trust\_UK





# Diary Dates

Date	Event
Wed 14th Dec 2022	Christmas Parties for Y1 and Y2 Christmas Parties for Y5 and Y6
Thu 15th Dec 2022	Christmas Parties for Chestnut, Ash and Elm Christmas Parties for Y3 and Y4
Fri 16th Dec 2022	Last day of the Autumn Term; School closes at 3pm / 3:10pm
Mon 2nd Jan 2023	Bank Holiday - School closed to pupils
Tue 3rd Jan 2023	INSET Day - School closed to pupils
Wed 4th Jan 2023	Children return to school
Fri 10th Feb 2023	School closes for the Half Term at 3pm / 3:10pm
Mon 20th Feb 2023	Children return to school
Fri 6th Mar 2023	INSET Day - School closed to pupils
Fri 31st Mar 2023	Last day of the Spring Term; School closes at 3pm / 3:10pm
Mon 17th Apr 2023	INSET Day - School closed to pupils
Tue 18th Apr 2023	Children return to school
Mon 1st May 2023	Bank Holiday - School closed to pupils
Mon 8th May 2023	Bank Holiday - School closed to pupils
Fri 26th May 2023	School closes for the Half Term at 3pm / 3:10pm
Mon 5th Jun 2023	Children return to school
Fri 21st Jul 2023	Last day of the Summer Term; School closes at 3pm / 3:10pm

Cedar Class discussed gender stereotypes today for #WhiteRibbonDay @thrivetrust\_UK



Holly Class have been doing some fantastic work creating their own compositions based on a space theme!



Thank you to our Year 4 parents and families for joining us for our enterprise event this afternoon! The children very much enjoyed sharing their knowledge and celebration of Mexico with you all @thrivetrust\_UK



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Silver Birch have decorated their classroom with a 'Christmas paper chain of kindness'. They coloured in their own links and wrote promises of kind actions to do over the next couple of weeks. Then, they had fun working as a team to link them altogether. @thrivetrust\_UK

Hazel Class worked together to match up clues about different people in Maya society, before deciding who would be the most and least important. @thrivetrust\_UK



Maple class were practising their chopping skills today in DT. We used the bridge method to chop fruit to make a healthy skewer. @thrivetrust\_UK



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Oak class looked at different scenarios about secret keeping for White Ribbon day and discussed the impact of asking for help even if we are worried. #WhiteRibbonDay @thrivetrust\_UK

