



## NEWSLETTER FOR PRIORY PRIMARY SCHOOL



Dear Parents and Carers,

As you know, we have had a busy couple of weeks in the run up to Christmas with various events including our nativity plays in FS, the KS1 performances and KS2 concerts. Our Grotto was also a great success and thank you to all who gave such positive feedback. Our Year 5s were fabulous during the performance of The Magic Flute and we sent a Y6 group of singers to the City Hall to take part in the citywide Festival of Carols. We are looking forward to Christmas parties this week and enjoyed Breakfast with Santa on Tuesday in Foundation Stage and Key Stage One. I would like to thank you for joining us and also for the lovely feedback we have received at the concerts and via Arbor and email.

Mrs Matthews, our Pastoral Lead, is going to be retiring at the end of this term. After almost 20 years working with us at Priory, she is going to be missed by children, parents and staff. I am sure that you will agree that she has done a fabulous job supporting children and families and will join us in wishing her every happiness in her retirement. She may even have a well-deserved rest!

Our teachers and teaching assistants have offered 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 club's letter which will arrive during the first week 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. I have also added the date of the final teacher training day which is on **Monday 11th March**.

All of the Priory staff 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 **Tuesday 9th January**.

Best wishes



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### Weekly Punctuality Award

Each week we award a certificate to the class with the least late marks. This is presented during Praise assembly and, like the weekly attendance awards, is very popular with the children. Please remember that the doors are open from 8:30am to 8:40am and 8:40am to 8:50am. We have a breakfast club available if you need to drop off your children earlier for school. Tuesdays and Wednesdays are bin day on Priory Road so please allow extra time to get to school as getting stuck behind the truck can be highly frustrating! Punctuality is an important life skill and being on time allows for a much calmer settled start to your child's day.

### Winter activities in Hull Libraries

Over the Christmas holidays there are lots of exciting activities happening at our local libraries. Please follow the link to see if there are any that might be of interest to your families.

[https://issuu.com/hulllibraries/docs/hull-libraries-winter-activities-2023-final?fr=xKAE9\\_zU1NQ](https://issuu.com/hulllibraries/docs/hull-libraries-winter-activities-2023-final?fr=xKAE9_zU1NQ)



### REMINDER: TERM TIME HOLIDAYS

As you are aware it is very important that your child is at school whenever they are well enough to be here so that they have the opportunity to reach their full potential.

We strongly advise parents and carers not to book holidays in term time and further to this we made the decision to fine parents who take term time holidays when there are no exceptional circumstances.

Please come to see a member of staff if you are planning a term time holiday so that we can discuss it.

I do realise that the cost of holidays are increased, often significantly, during school holidays and the cheaper prices are usually the attraction for taking a term time holiday. However it is very difficult to catch your child back up with the learning that they miss when absent.

All holidays will be unauthorised and the fines for taking a holiday of 5 school days or more in one school year is £60 per child. We are encouraging children to be **'In school, on time, every day.'**





# Diary Dates

Date	Event
Tuesday 9th January	Children return to school
Thursday 25th January	Lion Learners visiting FS and Year 1
Friday 2nd February	NSPCC Number Day
Monday 5th February	Science Week
	Science drop in sessions for parents from 2pm
Friday 9th February	Children break off for Half Term
Monday 19th February	Children return to school
19th February—1st March	Year 5 Bikeability
Tuesday 20th February	Year 3 visit to Ferens Art Gallery
	Year 4 Electricity workshop (in School)
28th February— 29th February	Parents' Consultation
Wednesday 6th March	Year 2 Visit to Streetlife Museum
Monday 11th March	INSET day—School closed to children
Tuesday 19th March	Class photos and Year 6 Leavers photos
Friday 22nd March	Children break off for Easter Holidays

