



The Priory School Newsletter

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HEADTEACHER UPDATE

We now know that following expiry of the national lockdown, Christchurch will be placed in tier 2. While this means we are categorised as a high alert area, the impact on school is minimal. We won't be making any changes to either our current COVID-19 risk assessment or our Christmas plans. The end of term is still planned for Friday 18th December at 3pm.

I have noticed that the end of the day queue to leave school is becoming a problem. Yesterday, the majority of the children were collected and had left the site by 3:07pm. Our original plan was to open the school gates at 3pm and then to have a 10 minute collection window between 3:05 and 3:15pm to help stagger departures.

I would like to ask all Class 3 and Class 4 parents (even those with siblings at school) to arrive, if they can, at the later time of 3:10pm to reduce congestion around the final exit gate. If you are waiting in a line to exit, please remember to keep a safe distance from the person in front as much as possible as we look after one another in the run up to Christmas.

Mr Ruffle

TIER 2 HIGH ALERT FROM 2 DEC

MEETING FRIENDS AND FAMILY	-bars, PUBS AND RESTAURANTS	RETAIL	WORK AND BUSINESS
No visiting of households indoors, apart from support bubbles. Maximum of six outdoors.	Pubs and bars must close, unless operating as restaurants. Hospitality services can only operate with substantial orders. Licensed clubs stay closing times of 10pm and must close by 11pm.	Open.	Employers who can work from home should do so.
EDUCATION	INDOOR LEISURE	ACCOMMODATION	PERSONAL CARE
Daily open settings, schools, colleges and universities open. Children also welcomed at clubs for children, and children's facilities provided.	Open.	Open.	Open.
OVERNIGHT STAYS	WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS	ENTERTAINMENT	PLACES OF WORSHIP
Permitted with household or support bubble.	10 guests for weddings, and gatherings, wedding receptions and wakes, 20 for funerals.	Open.	Open, but cannot interact with anyone outside household or support bubble.
TRAVELLING	EXERCISE	RESIDENTIAL CARE	LARGE EVENTS
Reduce the number of people travelling and visit as rarely as possible. Avoid busy times and avoid any public transport. Avoid sharing with those outside of your household or support bubble. Avoid visiting other facilities, such as for work or education. Further restrictions apply.	Open and organised adult sport can take place outdoors, but cannot take place indoors if there is any interaction between people from different households. Organized exercise for fully eligible, under-16s and disabled people can continue.	COVID-secure arrangements can be used for care homes, nursing homes, and sheltered accommodation. Accommodation with any form of care taking will require robust risk including contact.	Open. The performance and duration restrictions remain in place, capped by 100 people in outdoor settings or 150 people in indoor settings (where appropriate).

Find out what support you can get
For example, if you're out of work, need to get food, or want to take care of your mental health. gov.uk/coronavirus

If you have any coronavirus symptoms:
A high temperature – A new, continuous cough
A loss of or change to your sense of smell or taste
Get a test and stay at home

For more information and detailed guidance visit: gov.uk/coronavirus

Worship Theme We are all Unique and Precious (Priory School vision statement)

I will give thanks to you because I have been so amazingly and miraculously made. **Psalm 139 v13-14**

Well done to our ex-pupil Archie on publishing a 2nd book in the 'Awesome Archie' series. Once again the book helps children to explore and celebrate our differences. This time Archie celebrates different neurological conditions such as ADHD, ASD and dyspraxia. We all enjoyed Mrs Clapcott reading the book to us in worship.



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Christmas Plans

Christmas has arrived early at the Priory School and we are getting very excited. Thank you for much to Mr & Mrs Redcliffe for the kind donation of 2 Christmas trees this year! We wanted to put one outside to brighten up everyone's day when they walk past the school over the festive period - even if it does take up a precious parking space!



A number of our Christmas events start next week.

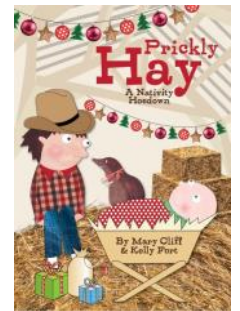
Tuesday 1st December

- Our [Priory School Advent Calendar videos](#) will be released daily. A new one will be available every day during Advent on our youtube channel - links will be emailed and posted on twitter.
- [Queen Mary 2 Christmas pictures and greetings](#) will be collected today and sent out to the ship's crew. If you would like to donate or contribute anything, it must be in school on Monday 30th November to allow sufficient time to quarantine. Please leave in the marked box in the School Office.



Thursday 3rd December

- [Class 2 filming of the Nativity - 'Prickly Hay'](#) - a hoedown not a lockdown. Please come in costumes as advised by Miss Deay in a separate letter. This will be released on Tuesday 15th December, the usual nativity date.



Friday 4th December

- **The one and only day for Christmas post!** If your child would like to send a Christmas card to their classmates (and teachers) in their bubble only, then this is the day to bring them in and post them in their classroom sacks.
- **Christmas decorations.** We have set aside part of the day for each child to make a special Christmas decoration this year, that they will bring home at the end of term.
- **Carol singing recording.** All classes will be singing 'Love Shone Down' in their separate bubbles for one of our calendar window videos.
- Finally, don't forget that Friday is also the day of the **Reading Log Competition.** All pupils should hand in their reading diaries so their teacher can check how often they have been reading over the last few weeks.



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Warning: Website glitches

Over the course of next week we are making a number of improvements to our website interface. We are aware that our website looks dated and the mobile version is 'clunky', so it is time to implement stage 1 of a phased improvement plan. It may be that while we are making these changes you may experience a few glitches when using our site. Please inform us of these so we can resolve any issues promptly.

Poppets Nursery - Vacancy

Our valued partners Poppets are looking to increase their team over the next few weeks. Poppets provide breakfast and after school care for Priory School children and also run a nursery for pre-schoolers out of the old stable block at the Priory Church.

If you are interested in applying for this part time and term time position, please contact Lynn for more information 07761126210.

Reading Books PLEASE RETURN TO SCHOOL

I've been informed by teachers this week that we are running dangerously low on home reading books, particularly lime banded books.

You will remember that we invested over £1,000 in new books this time last year and replenished our stocks. I think we are running low because we sent many books home over lockdown and we haven't yet seen them all returned.

Please can everyone check at home for any school reading / library books and bring them back to school as soon as possible. Your child should only need 1 home reader and 1 school library book on the go at any one time. Each class has a quarantine box so we are able to handle a large volume of returned books.

Rather than banded books, this year we are investing in phonics readers which will help the children to focus on the phoneme that they are learning in school.



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