



The Priory School

Newsletter



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HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Christmas dinner and jumper day in school is always a special occasion and this year was no exception. 180 hot dinners served over 2 hours in 7 different sittings - phew! A small group from the Salvation Army were also able to play carols to the children from outside the window. It was once again a great team effort and but I particularly want to thank Mrs Williams-Moody and Mrs Russell, our amazing cooks.

As I write this we are not yet sure how much money we have raised for Save the Children - but we will let you know when we find out.

After the release of new guidance from the Department of Education on Tuesday, you should have received a letter explaining our revised end of term arrangements. **School will now close after lunch on Friday 18th December - children should be collected between 1.35 and 1.45pm.**

There is also advice about what to do should your child develop coronavirus symptoms during the holiday. **If this is within 48 hours of being in school, then you need to contact the school office before 4pm on Sunday 20th December - on office@prioryceprimary.co.uk.** Please note that telephone calls to the school office will not be monitored.

We have a number of festive events to look forward to next week, but we will all need to remain vigilant and careful to ensure everyone is able to enjoy a much needed Christmas break.

Mr Ruffle



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School Mission Statement

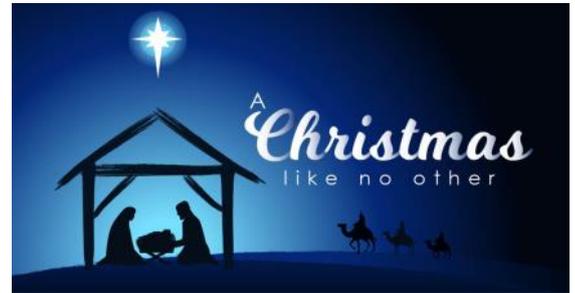
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Christmas Plans for the final week

The **daily Advent Calendar videos** will continue into the final week, finishing on the 18th December. However we do have a Christmas Eve special, filmed in the Priory Church with Heidi.

Unfortunately, we had to cancel our live panto this year but the show goes on. At a convenient time during the week the children will watch a special recording of the **'Snow Queen'** by the **Image Theatre Company**.



Tuesday 15th December 2pm -YouTube Live Carol Service

We are planning to live stream our Carol Service from the school hall this year (and it will be recorded). All classes and all children are involved. The YouTube link will be unlisted and not posted on social media, but please contact the school if you do not want your child to appear on screen.

We have provided you with a detailed Order of Service so you can follow along at home. A link will be provided on Monday.

Tuesday 15th December 3.30pm - Prickly Hay Nativity release

Class 2 performance of the 'Prickly Hay' nativity will be available for download by all parents via pupil Google Classroom accounts. We ask you to respect the privacy of the children by not posting clips on social media or sharing it beyond the school community. This is probably our most professional looking recording yet and the photo stream at the end is a real highlight.

Wednesday 16th December - Reception and Key Stage 1 (Class 1 and 2) Party

& Thursday 17th December - Key Stage 2 (Class 3, 4, 5 and 6) Party

Children are allowed to wear mufti for their party day. Please do not bring in party food this year. As well as party games the children will also visit the special Secret Present Room and choose a present for a special adult at home. These gifts have been provided by FPS, but we need as many parents as are able to make a donation.

On Thursday, subject to weather in the North Pole, we are expecting a visit from Father Christmas who may have picked up some presents for each class provided by FPS!

Father Christmas has promised to be around for home time, but he is keeping a safe distance by staying on his special Santa train. Hopefully we will also be able to have some Y5 ukulele players serenading everyone on their way home. **Please remember to take care and keep your children with you as the playground may be busier than normal.**

Friday 18th December - Leaving Assembly (Mr Croutear and Mrs Moss) 10am

We will be holding a short celebration worship on Friday to recognise our final learners of the week and to say thank you to 2 very special members of staff.

Firstly, while Mrs Moss will continue to work with our choirs, she is having to stop teaching our ukulele groups as she becomes the Director of music at Durlston Court. Over 40 children enjoy playing the ukulele at the Priory (about 20% of all children!) and this is down to the enthusiasm, commitment and skill of Mrs Moss. We are hoping Mr Morrow will be able to pick up the baton in the New Year.

Secondly, we will also be saying goodbye to the amazing Mr Croutear as he leaves to become the Headteacher at William Gilpin school. I am just hoping he dances out of the hall to 'Bring Me Sunshine' in true Eric Morecambe style...

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