



# The Priory Primary School

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## Newsletter 10



23rd	<b>Year 1 Parents' Meetings 9am—2.30pm</b> <b>Guitar Lessons</b> <b>GOLFootball</b>
24th	<b>Year R Parents' Meetings 9am—2.30pm</b> <b>Guitar Lessons</b> <b>STEM Club</b> <b>Year R &amp; 3 Parents' Meetings 5pm—7.30pm</b>
25th	<b>Year 3 Parents' Meetings 9am—2.30pm</b> <b>Drumming Lessons</b> <b>Drama Club</b> <b>Year 2 Parents' Meetings 5pm—7.30pm</b>
26th	<b>Year 5 Parents' Meetings 9am—2.30pm</b> <b>Coding Club</b> <b>Year 1 Parents' Meetings 5pm—7.30pm</b>
27th	<b>10am Year 3 Zoom Coffee Morning with Mr Stewart</b> <b>2.25pm—Star of Wonder Assembly</b>
30th	<b>Year 4 Parents' Meetings 9am—2.30pm</b> <b>Guitar Lessons</b> <b>GOLFootball</b> <b>Year 4 Parents' Meetings 5.00pm—7.30pm</b>
1st	<b>Year 6 Parents' Meetings 9.00am—2.30pm</b> <b>Guitar Lessons</b> <b>STEM Club</b> <b>Year 6 Parents' Meetings 5.00pm—7.30pm</b>
2nd	<b>Year 2 Parents' Meetings 9am—2.30pm</b> <b>Drumming Lessons</b> <b>Drama Club</b> <b>Year 5 Parents' Evenings 5.00pm—7.30pm</b>
3rd	<b>Coding Club</b>
4th	<b>Home Clothes Day—Bottle Donation for the PTA</b> <b>Bags2School</b> <b>10am Year 4 Zoom Coffee Morning with Mr Stewart</b> <b>2.25pm—Star of Wonder Assembly</b>

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
(v) Homemade Sweet Potato & Vegetable Pie with Diced Potatoes	(v) Homemade Pizza & Potato Wedges	(v) Homemade Vegetable Diamond & Roast Potatoes	(v) Quorn Sausage & Bread Roll	(v) Homemade Vegetable Risotto
Fish Fingers & Diced Potato	Homemade Salmon & Broccoli Pasta with a Roll	Roast Turkey, Sage & Onion Stuffing & Roast Potatoes	Sherfield Sausages & Bread Roll	Breaded Fish & Chips
Broccoli	Peas & Sweetcorn Medley	Carrots	Baked Beans	Peas
Homemade Iced Sponge	Jelly	Ice Cream	Flapjacks	Homemade Cookies

Autumn has certainly arrived in force this week, the leaf fall is taking its toll on Mr Henry's time, but it has been lovely watching the children playing and collecting the autumnal leaves from the front playground.

In our values led assembly this weekend we revised the power of positivity - both in words and in actions. Through the mid-week assembly, Mrs Adams described our plan to share some of the Priory's positivity with local care homes, by creating messages, pictures and hopefully in the future taking the time to share some recordings of our Christmas songs with those residing and working in a care home near to the school. It is essential that the children recognise (especially at this time), that everyone has a part to play in sharing good-will and positivity across the community. It was therefore wonderful to watch the children design a caring heart design, which we will be (following a quarantine process) posting to a care home.

Also this week, the children have been preparing to start work on their Enterprise Cup - Christmas Market stall items. The PTA, who have loaned each class £25, have sourced the materials for the items and each class has been organising the process of making the items. Over the next few weeks the children will be busy constructing and quality assuring each item before 'shipping' the items at the end of the term. As parents, you will be able to order these exclusive items from the new PTA website in the very near future.

### **Parents Meetings**

Thank you to all those parents who have already signed up for a parental meeting. It is important to note four key matters in regards to the arranged meetings:

- 1) We will not be able to send you a Zoom link for the meeting until you have completed the permissions form sent out in a previous email.
- 2) When sent the link - please ensure you access the meeting at the EXACT time / date you have been allocated. Logging onto the meeting late - will mean any lost time cannot be added onto your meeting time - each family have been given an exact meeting time frame. Logging into the meeting early will leave you in the Zoom waiting room, however the teacher(s) will need to reset Zoom after each meeting, resulting in you losing connection with Zoom from the waiting room. If this happens simply re log into Zoom and wait to be admitted for your meeting.
- 3) Each family will be given 12 - 13 minutes of meeting time (timed from the start of the scheduled session) - after this the teacher(s) will need to end the session - possibly mid-flow in order to maintain their meeting timings - it is not possible to have an overlap.
- 4) If technical issues occur and your meeting is heavily disrupted then a rescheduled meeting (via Zoom or telephone call will be arranged).

A user friendly guide will be sent out in conjunction with this newsletter on how to access Zoom for your Parents Meeting at the arranged time.

### **Christmas At The Priory**

Of course it is going to be a very different type of year this year. But we want to keep the magic of Christmas alive as best we can.

Therefore each class will be presenting to you (live from school) a 20 - 40 minute class assembly focused on Christmas around the World. Each class will be looking at the traditions and cultures of Christmas from different continents and will present a 'live' assembly on the dates set out below. You will be sent a Zoom link to watch the performance of your child's assembly. Each assembly will end with a traditional Christmas Carol which will hopefully get you feeling the Christmas spirit. More details on this will follow.

Wednesday 16th December will be an especially festive day at school as we will be encouraging children to sign up for their traditional Christmas lunch, wear a festive jumper and take part in a range of games and activities.

More on the Christmas lunch will follow.

### Christmas Cards

In terms of Christmas cards themselves - these can be brought into school to post in our special Christmas Post Box (placed outside each day) from Monday 30th November . Children will post their cards into the box as they arrive at school. The postbox will close on Wednesday 9th December (so please get your cards in by this date). From here the cards will go into quarantine for 72 hours before being sorted into classes and placed into a second quarantine. Cards will be brought home by the children on the final day of term.

Please remember to write the first and last name and class on all Christmas cards.

### Coffee Mornings

The third of the Coffee Mornings with Mr Stewart was held virtually held on Zoom today with the Y2 parents. Next week (Friday 27th @ 10am) Y3 parents are invited to join. In each coffee morning Mr Stewart will share some of his ideas for the ongoing development of the school and answer any questions (non-pupil related) you may have.

Huge congratulations to one of our Eco Councillors in Yr 6  
Bethany H who has managed to collect all of these crisp packets to be recycled.



## PTA News

Hi Everyone,

We hope everyone is well. A quick message this week, but some really important items to note.

### **ITS (NEARLY) CHRISTMAS!!!**

Please find attached our Christmas letter setting out details of all our Christmas events. Please do get involved, we look forward to seeing all your gingerbread creations!

### **Gingerbread House Competition (£3.50 entry)**

As included in the Christmas letter we will be running a Gingerbread house competition, much like the fun of the Halloween Pumpkin Competition, we will be inviting you to bake or buy (we're not fussy!) your own gingerbread house (or village!), decorate it to your hearts content and then entering it into one of our four categories (Preschool/Infants/Juniors/Teachers & Adults - not that teachers are not adults!). We'll need photos of your creations (without any 'real' people included please), which will be published anonymously on the PTA Facebook page for voting...the house with the most likes for each category will win a prize. We will soon send details of how to enter, but for now...get creative!

### **The Priory Family Recipe Book**

Also in the Christmas letter, but hopefully you will have seen your email for school (sent Mon 16/11). We cannot wait to see this book in its full glory...filled with stories of our Priory families favourite recipes! Thank you to everyone who has already emailed their delicious recipes, photos and related stories. We hope to have this in time for some fabulous Christmas presents, so if you are yet to submit your entry, please do so by Wednesday 25th November to [ptapriory@gmail.com](mailto:ptapriory@gmail.com). Take a look at an early entry or head to the PTA Facebook page to see more examples and what your page might look like!

### **Sponsored Spell**

Thanks again to everyone who took part, the (nearly final) tally came to £2,100 and a staggering £2,500 including the gift aid.

### **Bag2School**

Please ensure you have Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December in your diaries for the next Bag2 School collection. We look forward to receiving all your old clothes!

