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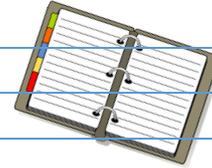
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## Newsletter 13

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| 13th    | 3.30-4.30 Gol Football—(YrR-6)   |
| 14th    | Guitar & Drumming Lessons  |
| 15th    | Whole School Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper day (uniform underneath) |
| 16th    | Flute Lessons<br>Home Clothes Day—PTA Christmas Party                    |
| 17th    | End of Term  |
| 3rd Jan | Bank Holiday   |
| 4th     | INSET Day  |
| 5th     | Return to School   |
| 6th     |  |
| 7th     | Star of Wonder Assembly  |



| Monday                        | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday                                       |
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| (v) Homemade Vegetable Pasta  | (v) Homemade Pizza & Potato Wedges             | (v) Homemade Cheese & Broccoli Slice & Roast Potatoes | (v) Quorn Sausages with a Homemade Bread Roll or Mashed Potato | (v) Homemade Mushroom Parcels & Chips        |
| Homemade Beef Bolognese Pasta | Homemade Sweet & Sour Chicken Casserole & Rice | Traditional Christmas Lunch                           | Sherfield Sausage with a Homemade Bread Roll or Mashed Potato  | Breaded Fish & Chips                         |
|                               |  |   |  | Homemade Chicken Pie & Chips                 |
| Sweetcorn, Peas               | Sweetcorn, Broccoli                            | Carrots, Cabbage (optional)                           | Broccoli, Baked Beans  | Peas, Carrot Battons                         |
| Homemade Iced Sponge Or Melon | Jelly Or Grapes                                | Homemade Blackcurrant Crumble & Custard Or Ice-Cream  | Homemade Muffins or Banana Custard                             | Homemade Syrup Sponge & Custard Or Ice-Cream |

This week has been one of those very special times at the Priory. We have truly enjoyed welcoming the Priory community into school (after what seems like an eternity) to watch our four Christmas assemblies. I am sure all of you would agree that the children did amazingly and narrated, acted, sung and demonstrated their work with real enthusiasm and aplomb. With chances to perform in front of an audience being rare since the introduction of COVID, I must say how proud I am of the children's bravery and determination to stand on the stage and provide such entertainment. For this reason, a special mention must go to the YR children - who took to the stage for the first time and did such a wonderful job in performing their extraordinarily cute version of the nativity.

Whether you attended via Zoom or live in the audience we all hope that you enjoyed the proceedings and feel extra festive, despite some really bad Christmas jokes dredged up from the depths! A special thanks to the whole staff who have helped put the assemblies together and to Reverend Daniel Newman who attended the evening assemblies to provide us with a Christmas message and prayer.



Also this week, the Y3 and Y6 classes have been busy visiting the Winchester Science museum (Y3 - to develop their understanding of magnets) and the Hurst (Y6 - to watch the secondary performance of the Legend of Zoro). In regards to the latter, it was wonderful to see so many ex-members of the Priory demonstrating real acting skill after their transition to 'big' school. Both year groups behaved brilliantly and had a fantastic time.

### **COVID Update**

I am sure you will have been reading about the new government guidance ('Plan B'), which comes in effect from today. I have reviewed our most recent COVID risk assessment and believe our current procedures and guidance is sufficient. Classes are not currently in bubbles, but only mix in outside settings and at lunchtimes, however at this point children will be sitting at separate tables.

We have only two 'social events' involving the children left in the year - the PTA Christmas party, which has been restricted to only PTA volunteers and today's Rocksteady concert - which was only open to a limited number of classes and was Zoomed to parents.

We will of course continue to monitor the situation and make changes as required.

### **The Oaks**

Please join us on Monday 13th December (6pm) to meet with representatives from the Oaks as we discuss and answer your questions about after school care at the Priory. This is the perfect opportunity to find out more about the planned provision starting in January. You can join us live at the school or via Zoom (see link below)

If you are joining us at school, please wear a face covering throughout.

### **Christmas Lunch / Christmas Jumper Day**

Wednesday 15th is the school's Christmas lunch. Mrs Clitheroe and her team will be busily ensuring that the children will have tasty delights to put them in the Christmas mood. As is tradition, we also link this event with the opportunity to wear a fantastic Christmas jumper. I look forward to seeing the amazing Christmas knitwear on show.

### **PTA Christmas Party / Non School Uniform Day**

Next Thursday (16th) the PTA will be running the Christmas party between 3.30pm and 5.30pm. There will be plenty of great activities for the children to have a really wonderful time.

To save children having to bring in their party clothes on the day - the children can instead come dressed in appropriate clothes (as a non school uniform day) - the children will still need to bring a coat and ensure they are warm enough throughout the day.

For parents of children not attending the party - you will be able to pick up your children from the front playground at 3.20pm - **please note there is no rear playground collection at 3.15pm on Thursday.**

At the end of the party we are organising a staggered pick up from the front playground - see timings below.

YR and Y1 = 5.30pm pick up from the front playground.

Y2 and Y3 = 5.35pm pick up from the front playground.

Y4 and Y5 = 5.40pm from the front playground.

Y6 = 5.45pm from the front playground.

\*older siblings will be collected at the same time as younger siblings.

**Please pick up the children as close to these times as possible to avoid parking congestion.**

Again there is no rear playground pick up after the party.

### **House Chess Competition**

A very well done to all the 16 chess players who entered the competition this year. The standard was the best ever and the children battled it out on the chess board with real vigour.

The final 4 places were won by the following

4th place = Nathaniel Yr 6 (Kestrel House) winning 25HPs

3rd place = Jashn Yr 3 (Kestrel House) winning 50HPs

2nd place = Dharmadev Yr 5 (Falcon House) winning 75HPs

1st place = Alexander Yr 4 (Falcon House) winning 100HPs

So a great result for Falcon House from this competition.

### **Enterprise Cup**

This is your last chance to order any items from the PTA website to help your child's class win the enterprise cup. An update on this can be found on the PTA section of this newsletter. Items will start being dispatched starting on Monday next week.

### **Curriculum Information**

On Friday next week you will be sent your new Dip and Do to introduce the children to their new topics and extension activities that they can carry out over the Christmas holiday.

### **End of Term**

A reminder that the end of term is next Friday and school will end as normal at 3.15pm.

### **Looking ahead to next term**

The school has an INSET day on Tuesday 4th January, so school will reopen for pupils on Wednesday 5th January.

**PTA CHRISTMAS  
THE ENTERPRISE CUP 2021**



The children have been busy designing and making their Enterprise Cup items. You can order these on the website until Sunday night.

| Class        | Sales - units | Ranking |
|--------------|---------------|---------|
| YrR          | 63            | 1       |
| Yr1          | 78            |         |
| Yr2          | 57            |         |
| Yr3          | 111           | 2       |
| Yr4          | 85            |         |
| Yr5          | 46            |         |
| Yr6          | 107           | 3       |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>547</b>    |         |

Sales are going well for the children's products. Remember the cup goes to the class who make the most profit. Who will win?

This week, many of the classes have designed advertising posters to help sell their products, which are now on the product pages on the website. Final orders are this weekend.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December (3.15 - 5.30) is the big Christmas party! We can't wait to see your children for festive fun. The PTA are super busy getting everything organised for the event, it should be lots of fun for the children. Children can wear their own Christmassy clothes to school that day. Please can your child bring a carrier bag to school on the day with a name label on for their precious items.

**PRIORY CALENDAR 2022**



The calendar is set to print and should be going home with your child after the Christmas Party, there are a few still available to order.  
<https://www.priorypta.co.uk/product-page/priory-2022-calendar>

**Help needed!**

We are looking for someone to take over the new school uniform sales. If you are able to help please do get in touch. Thank you. ptapriory@gmail.com



**Thank You**

Thank you to those who dropped off bags2school too, we raised £91.50. A huge thank you to everyone who has donated bottles for the tombola, bought raffle tickets, calendars and enterprise cup products. We are very lucky to have such a supportive community. We are currently raising money towards some back playground improvements. The idea is to have a sensory garden with seating and herb patches so children who don't want to run around can have somewhere pleasant to sit with their friends Mr Stewart will provide more details about this project early next year.

**Amazon Smile**

By using Amazon Smile we can raise money for the school with no extra cost to you

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

- FRIDAY 10<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER** - Grand raffle and bottle tombola draws
- WEDNESDAY 15<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER** - Raffle and bottle tombola prizes to be collected at afternoon pick up
- THURSDAY 16<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER** -- School Christmas Party
- WEDNESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> JANUARY** – PTA meeting on zoom, everyone