



# The Priory Primary School

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16th	Guitar Lessons GOLFootball	
17th	Guitar Lessons STEM Club	
18th	Drumming Lessons Drama Club	
19th	Coding Club	
20th	10am Year 2 Zoom Coffee Morning with Mr Stewart 2.25pm—Star of Wonder Assembly	
23rd	Year 1 Parents' Meetings 9am—2.30pm Guitar Lessons GOLFootball	
24th	Year R Parents' Meetings 9am—2.30pm Guitar Lessons STEM Club Year R & 3 Parents' Meetings 5pm—7.30pm	
25th	Year 3 Parents' Meetings 9am—2.30pm Drumming Lessons Drama Club Year 2 Parents' Meetings 5pm—7.30pm	
26th	Year 5 Parents' Meetings 9am—2.30pm Coding Club Year 1 Parents' Meetings 5pm—7.30pm	
27th	10am Year 3 Zoom Coffee Morning with Mr Stewart 2.25pm—Star of Wonder Assembly	

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
(v) Homemade Cheesy Pasta & Bread Roll	(v) Quorn Sausages & Bread Roll	(v) Homemade Vegetable Pie & Roast Potatoes	(v) Homemade Cheesy Potato Pie & French Bread	(v) Egg Salad
Fish Fingers & Diced Potato	Sherfield Sausages & Bread Roll	Roast Turkey, Sage & Onion Stuffing & Roast Potatoes	Honey Roast Gammon & French Bread	Breaded Fish & Chips
Sweetcorn	Baked Beans	Carrots	Broccoli	Peas
Syrup Sponge	Homemade Muffins	Ice Cream	Jelly	Chocolate Cake

### **School Money**

Years 3—6 please log on to your school money account to make outstanding lunch money payments.

In a busy week at the Priory Primary school, the children have been thinking more about what fills their bucket up. This notion, connected to our value of Positivity and inspired by Carol McCloud, has encouraged our children to think of what others can do to increase their positivity and what they can do to fill the buckets of others. We have also explored the notion of a 'bucket dipper' - someone who purposely tries to upset and be unkind - in effect taking the positivity from our buckets. The concepts of bucket filling and dipping have really struck a cord with many of the children and they are now busy rewarding others for filling their bucket with positivity.

If none of this make sense - do watch the video of the story at the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3EuemNAo6XE>

My personal thanks to Clemmie P (Yr 2) and Fearn C (Yr 3) for creating me a very special poppy this week - you have both really filled my personal bucket right to the very top!

Also this week the children have been making their final decisions for what items to create for their Enterprise Cup projects. Remembering that this is a competition against other classes - they have had to decide what items to make, how to make them and most importantly what price to sell each item at. All items will be sold via the new PTA website market place - which will be launched in the near future and will allow you to purchase a range of PTA items as well as the Enterprise Cup items.

I wait with bated breath to find out if each class will recoup its invested £25 and make the most profits for the PTA.

### **Remembrance Day**

The Priory was proud to commemorate Remembrance Day this Wednesday by holding a minute's silence at 11am. Reverend Daniel Newman provided us with a video to help us understand the sacrifice made by so many to make our lives what they are today.

Thank you for generously donating to the Poppy Appeal - the items sold out very quickly, which is a testament to how popular the charity is.

### **Parents Meetings**

Information about the school's Parents Meetings with the class teachers will be coming out today (via a separate email). The meetings will be held on a specific day and evening for each year group between the 23rd November - 2nd December. Please follow the instructions on the email carefully to book an appointment.

### **Christmas Cards / Bringing Items Into School**

As you know we have increased the restrictions on bringing items into school during this lockdown period - this has included birthday treats to share with the rest of the class. However, with Diwali and Christmas fast approaching we will be allowing items (non-food items: pencils, rubbers etc) to be handed out to the children as long as these items have been placed in a 72 hour quarantine at school. It is important we are aware these items are coming in, so we can prepare a quarantine space. Please email the office in advance.

In terms of the 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 by our Year 6 students before being placed into a second quarantine. Cards will be brought home by the children on the final day of term.

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

### **Coffee Mornings**

The second of the Coffee Mornings with Mr Stewart was held virtually held on Zoom today with the Y1 parents. Next week (Friday 20th @ 10am) Y2 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.

## PTA

Hi Everyone,

I hope everyone is well. Firstly I would like to thank everyone who attended the PTA meeting on Wednesday, it was great to hear from Mr Stewart about the latest projects he has in mind for the school and for the attendees to discuss them. I'm pleased to report that not only have 30 laptops and a charging trolley been purchased by the school, funded by the PTA, but also the PTA have agreed to partner with the school to provide top up funding for the redevelopment of the playground areas. The PTA have approved an initial £7,500 amount towards this redevelopment which will enable the school to resurface the front playground in a soft (and more importantly non slip!) surface which will then be available for the whole school as both a great place to enter the school in the mornings (post covid!) and as an alternative venue for PE lessons. The focus of our fundraising efforts for the remainder of this year will be to support the redevelopment the playgrounds, in order to create a more engaging space for the children, so please do support our activities if you possibly can.

For those that ordered Christmas cards please note that these will be with everyone by the end of November. As per prior communications, rather than produce a substandard product, the Calendar has been postponed until we are able to execute it better, once the current Covid restrictions have been relaxed. Also please watch out next week for a Christmas update.

### **Sponsored Spell**

Thank you to all the children, teachers, parents family and friends for your participation in the Autumn sponsored spell. We had some excellent autumn spellings and lots of sponsorship so thank you all very much on behalf of the PTA. Much like the US election, the counting continues (although unlike the election there is still time to submit your form). With less than half the forms returned we are currently sitting at over £1,000 raised and that is before the gift aid. Please do try to get any final forms in to Cara as every little helps (Chair's note – must send in my form!). Forms can be hand written and photographed or completed and sent electronically (and don't forget the gift aid box). Please send completed forms to [prioryptatreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:prioryptatreasurer@gmail.com) and transfer the sponsorship amount to the PTA bank account with a surname reference.

### **Halloween Virtual Balloon Race**

Well done to all our balloon racers. Our winners were

1<sup>st</sup> place – Ben Candy with 'Daddy's Gloomy Ghost' which travelled 1,887km

2<sup>nd</sup> place – Timmy Sutton with 'Mr Pumpkin' which travelled 1,094km

3<sup>rd</sup> place – El Gracey with 'Whiz' which travelled 1,034km

We raised £85 for the school with this event - well done to everyone!

### **200 Club**

Congratulations to Hazel Henry for winning the October draw!