

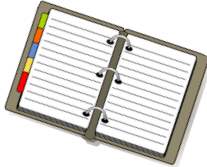


# The Priory Primary School

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## Newsletter 13

14th	<b>8.50am—9.30am PTA Prize Collection from back playground</b> <b>2.00pm Yr 2 Assembly (Zoom)</b> <b>Guitar Lessons</b> <b>GolFootball</b>	
15th	<b>Guitar Lessons</b> <b>2.00pm Yr R Assembly (Zoom)</b> <b>Drumming Club</b>	
16th	<b>CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY</b> <b>CHRISTMAS LUNCH</b> <b>Drumming Lessons</b> <b>Drama Club</b>	
17th		
18th	<b>Christmas Cards sent home</b> <b>2.15pm Star of Wonder Assembly—Enterprise Cup winner announced!</b> <b>END OF TERM</b>	
4th Jan	<b>INSET DAY</b>	
5th	<b>Children return to School</b> <b>STEM Club</b> <b>Drumming Club</b>	
6th	<b>Drumming Club</b> <b>Drama Club</b>	
7th	<b>Coding Club</b>	
8th	<b>Explore Dome Visit—Yr2—5</b> <b>Star of Wonder Assembly</b>	

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
(v) Homemade Vegetable Pasta	(v) Homemade Pizza & Potato Wedges	(v) Homemade Cheese & Broccoli Slice & Roast Potatoes	(v) Homemade Cheesy Pasta & Bread Roll	(v) Cheese & Onion Pasty
Homemade Bolognese Pasta	Homemade Sweet & Sour Chicken Casserole & Rice	Traditional Christmas Lunch	Chicken with Bacon & Mashed Potato	Breaded Fish & Chips
Sweetcorn	Peas & Sweetcorn Medley	Carrots	Broccoli	Peas
Iced Sponge	Strawberry Mousse	Ice-Creams	Ice Cream / Sponge Cake	Homemade Shortbread Biscuits

Our penultimate week has come to an end and what a hugely busy and impactful week it has been. Many of the classes have now performed their Christmas Around the World Assembly and have done a remarkable job considering they are (seemingly) performing to an empty and cold hall. Yet I know how many parents have attended the assemblies via Zoom and we truly hope you enjoyed the performances - we cannot wait to have the opportunity to once again perform to you live at the school.

Also this week the Spelling Bee's have been completed - this, our first house competition of the year, was also held in the hall in front of a Zoom audience. All the children who took part were amazing, giving it their all in spelling words randomly chosen from their hub's spelling list.

Huge congratulations to the following children, who won their hub competitions and earned 100 housepoints for their respective houses.

Ife (Year 2 - Hawk)

Thomas (Year 4 - Hawk) & Mollie (Year 4 Kestrel)

Tabitha (Year 6 - Kestrel)

Whilst on a normal week assemblies, enterprise cup developments, bikability or the spelling competitions would be the highlight, however this week something magical happened for our Year 3 children which may have just topped the rest! On Wednesday, a hot air balloon arrived at the school and gave the children the chance to find out more facts about how balloons operate and about the art of balloon piloting. This incredible opportunity, arranged by Mrs Marzetti, was a hook for the current Y3 writing topic on explanation texts and is a fabulous example of how we aim to inspire our children's learning - something definitely achieved as evidenced by the children's wonderful reactions and their fabulous writing which will now proudly be displayed around the school.



### **New Topics**

Next week the children new topics for January will be revealed and the new Dip and Do sheet will be emailed to you. As always, you can opt in to do as many of the tasks on the sheet in order to maximise the children's learning for their new topic questions.

Connected to their new topics, the book list for the core texts (for next term) will also be emailed to you - please purchase the books on the list ready for the children to be fully immersed when they return to school in January.

### **Christmas Cards / Enterprise Cup Items**

All purchased Enterprise Cup items will be brought back home next week starting from Monday. All Christmas cards sent by the other children will be handed out to the children (following quarantine) on Thursday.

### **Traditional Carols**

Mr Gilchrist has been busy this week recording the children's performance of their traditional carol. After a few magical editing tricks, Mr Gilchrist will be providing us with a link to the collection of songs that all parents will be able to access. Mrs Adams and I want to take this opportunity to thank Mr Gilchrist for giving up his time to come to the school to record all of the children from a social distance. Your support is very much appreciated. The same musical performance will be shared with a number of local care homes and our hope is that the children's wonderful singing will really make the residents' and employees of the care home's day.

### **Christmas At The Priory**

We will be holding a very special Christmas celebration day on Wednesday 16th December where children are invited to come into school wearing a festive jumper (and hat!). In addition to games, and fun activities the children will also have the chance to have a traditional Christmas lunch with their classmates and teachers.

### **Panto At The Priory**

Also next week, The Priory PTA have purchased an online Panto for the children to enjoy - whilst we cannot get the real thing this year, we have chosen the next best thing a 'live' online version of Jack and the Beanstalk that we think the children will really love - oh no they wo.... / OK stopping there!

### **Coffee Mornings**

Today was the final coffee morning with the Y5 and 6 parents. I want to take the opportunity to thank all those who have attended and discussed the future of the school and some of exciting plans and projects or raised questions about their child's specific year group. Your feedback (especially at this time when we cannot easily meet in person) is very welcomed. I hope that we can arrange future coffee mornings either electronically or (ideally face to face) very soon.

### **Message from the Rector**

Social distancing means that we cannot hold our usual Carols by Candlelight service at St Andrew's this year. We will be broadcasting one instead. It premieres on Sunday 6th December at 6pm and will be available after that. Look up 'Sherbornes with Pamber' on YouTube. Please also visit our website for details of other Christmas services: <https://sherborneswithpamber.org>. May I wish you all a very happy and safe Christmas. The Revd Daniel Newman.

Hi everyone,

It was such a treat for us to be able to say "hi" to so many of you during the bottle collections this week and last – we have really missed seeing everyone in person! Thank you so, so much for your generous bottle donations - we have had so many we are going to increase the Bottle Tombola prizes by a further 5-10!! So there's now 25-30 bundles of 5 to win! Good luck to everyone who is in it to win it; along with our fabulous Grand Raffle!

The website has been a huge success and we have been overwhelmed by everyone's kind words and generosity...the website has processed 262 orders and rising! Years 1-6 have now done all they can for their Enterprise Cup competition and their on-line orders are closed (they are going to be extremely busy getting everyone's items ready before the Christmas holidays!). Year R's Enterprise Cup items will be on sale until Tuesday 15th with the winning class announced shortly after...we are eagerly awaiting to see how they will affect the rankings!

There are now some lovely 'Parent Craft' items on the website - gorgeous, unique items, hand crafted and generously donated by our wonderful Priory community with 100% of sales proceeds going to the PTA. Most items only have 1 available so do hurry if you're interested!

Also, don't delay if you'd like a recipe book - there are not many left and they will make the most perfect Christmas gift...together with a Priory thermal mug! Year R Enterprise Cup items, Recipe Books, Priory Mugs and Parent Craft items are all available on our online shop [www.priorypta.co.uk/shop](http://www.priorypta.co.uk/shop)

Talking of Christmas gifts, the Christmas Market is live on the website too and many of our virtual traders (most of which are our regulars at the Christmas Bazaar) are offering generous discounts to our Priory community [www.priorypta.co.uk/christmas-market](http://www.priorypta.co.uk/christmas-market)

And finally, last call to enter the Gingerbread House competition – entries must be in tonight [www.priorypta.co.uk/product-page/gingerbread-house-competition-entry](http://www.priorypta.co.uk/product-page/gingerbread-house-competition-entry) There are some truly, beautiful houses, it's going to be a tough call...don't forget to head onto the PTA Facebook page over the weekend to take a look at all the houses and cast your vote for your favourite(s).

**Fast approaching dates to remember:**

**Friday 11th Dec** – Gingerbread House competition deadline

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**W/e 12th & 13th Dec** - Facebook voting for the Gingerbread House Competition

**W/c 14th Dec** – Enterprise Cup items and Recipe Book purchases will be coming home

**Monday 14th Dec** - Grand Raffle and Bottle Tombola prize collection - drive through in the back playground between 8:45-9:30am

**Monday 14th Dec** - Gingerbread House winners announced on Facebook

**Tuesday 15th Dec** – Last orders for Year R Enterprise Cup items

**Friday 18th Dec** - Gingerbread House Competition prizes given out in school