



PRIOR'S MILL CE PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER – NUMBER 13
WEEK ENDING 8th December 2017



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to this week's newsletter. We are racing toward the Christmas holidays and have a very busy time coming up in school over the next two weeks.

Christmas Preparations

School has been decorated and is looking absolutely fantastic. This year, each year group has decorated their own Christmas tree in line with their chosen year group charity. In Early Years, we are supporting CAFOD, Year 1-WaterAid and in Year 2 - The British Heart Foundation. In Key Stage 2: Year 3 are supporting Zoe's Place, Year 4- Daisy Chain, Year 5 - Mind and Year 6 - CRY. The decorated trees look beautiful and are displayed in the main entrances of both Bede and Cuthbert buildings.



To further support these charities, as you will be aware from previous newsletters, on Christmas Lunch Day (13th December) we are inviting pupils to come to school in their Christmas jumpers and donate £1 to their year group charity. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Looking Ahead

Next week is a particularly busy week in school with Christmas festivities and event planned. Please find below a summary of the key events:



- Monday: Year3/4 Grandparents Performance of 'Are we nearly there yet?' - 2pm (tickets required)
- Tuesday: Year 5 Visit to Palace Green Library Durham- all day
KS1 Performance of 'Born in a Barn'- 1.45pm (tickets required)
- Wednesday: KS1 Performance of 'Born in a Barn' - 9.30am (tickets required)
Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
- Thursday: Early Years Performance of ' A miracle in Town' - 9.30am (tickets required)
Year 6 visit to Palace Green Library Durham - all day
Year 3/4 performance of 'Are we nearly there yet?' - 6pm (tickets required)
- Friday: Early Years Performance of ' A Miracle in Town' - 9.30 am (tickets required)
Year 3/4 performance of 'Are we nearly there yet?' - 2pm (tickets required)

If you require tickets for any of the performances, please contact the school office or speak to your child's class teacher. All year groups are working exceptionally hard in preparation for their performances and I'm sure you are in for a treat!

Have a great weekend!
Best wishes,
Kirsty Huddart
Deputy Head Teacher



Winter Gritting Plan

The weather is turning much colder and as we prepare for the coming Winter we would like to draw your attention to our Winter Gritting Plan. Footpaths will be prioritised, gritted and cleared of snow as necessary. Please click on the link on our school website to view the Winter Gritting Plan in full.



NUT FREE ZONE

Due to severe allergies, our school is a NUT FREE zone. Please do not send your child in to school with any nut products ie packed lunch and snacks (Nutella and peanut butter) Thank you



ATTENDANCE TARGET 2017 -18

97%

Attendance in school is very important and we ask that all parents/carers note our target for this academic year.

Attendance of all pupils is monitored each month and parents will be contacted should a child's attendance become a cause for concern.

Attendance achieved for the W/E

8th December 2017: 94.1%

Academic year to date: 94.7%

WORSHIP THEME FOR THE FORTHCOMING WEEK



Christ the Teacher

There has never been,
and there will never be,
another human who
will be more successful
than the humble
Teacher, Jesus Christ.

- Monica Johnson

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FUNDAMENTAL BRITISH VALUES

Each week we incorporate a fundamental British Value in our school Worship. The value we will be looking at this forthcoming week will be: **Tolerance and Respect of Faith**

To explain how the values we have explored link to Christmas and the Winter Festivals of other faiths



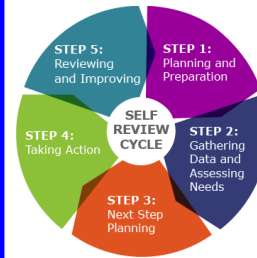
DIARY DATES

Diary dates for the **second half of the Autumn term** as of publication of this newsletter. Dates may be subject to change dependent upon circumstances.

Dec

- 11th Y3/4 Christmas Production (2pm)
- 12th KS1 Christmas Production (1.45pm)
- 13th KS1 Christmas Production (9.30am)
Christmas Lunch/Christmas Jumper Day
- 14th Reception Classes Christmas Production (9.30am)
Year 3&4 Production (6pm)
- 15th Reception Classes Christmas Production (9.30am)
Year 3&4 Production (2pm)
- 18th Year 6 Party (pm)
- 19th Year 2 and Year 4 Parties (pm)
- 20th Year 1 and Year 5 Christmas Parties (pm)
- 21st Year 5/6 Carol Service —10.00am
Early Years Parties (am)
Year 3 Party (pm)
School Closes for Christmas
- 22nd Professional Development Training

END OF TERM



As a self reviewing and evaluating school we are keen to ensure that parents are:

- ♣ Kept informed of arrangements and procedures for our school;
- ♣ Aware of what is happening in school and of events that are going to be taking place;
- ♣ Pre-warned of specific important events where you may need to take time off from work / prepare for an event!

I urge parents to look at the school website and calendar to see what events are taking place so not to be disappointed at missing out!

Absence from School

Please may we request that you notify us as soon as possible on the first day of absence? All absences should be followed with a letter explaining the absence on your child's return to school.

Appointments

Please try to keep all appointments – dental, medical or otherwise, to a minimum during school time. Any time away from school, no matter how small, disrupts the education of your child.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

A copy of the school calendar can be found on the school website along with other useful forms. School will be closed for **four** further days this academic year: **22nd December, 25th May, 4th June and 23rd July 2018**.for Professional Development Training purposes.

