



Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe that we have already reached the final month of 2018 – where did that time go? As December begins, we look forward to the many events taking place in school in the final days of this term.

There are many exciting events to look forward to, including our Christmas performances. The children are busy rehearsing in preparation for these at the moment, and we look forward to you joining us to enjoy these.

On the final afternoon of term, we will end with our Christingle assembly – it is always a wonderful occasion and a beautiful way to end the term. We will post photographs of this on our website for you all to enjoy.

The Autumn term ends on **Wednesday, 19th December.**

Spring Term starts on **Monday, 7th January.**

Diary Dates

Year 3 / 4 Christmas Performance	12 th December
Year 5 / 6 Christmas Performance	13 th December
Music Assembly	17 th December
Parents' Coffee Morning	18 th December
Christmas Lunch	18 th December
Christmas Jumper Day	18 th December
Christingle	19 th December
Progress Reports Sent Home	19 th December
End of Term	19th December
Spring Term Starts	7th January

Proud to be Priory:

- CS6 and DR6's fantastic class assemblies.
- The enthusiasm and dedication shown by our children who volunteered to help at our Open Evening and the FOPJS Christmas Fair.
- Our Year 5 children – we were inundated with children applying to become a peer mediator, and were delighted to hear the lovely comments made about our children from the trainers. Well done to our new Peer Mediators!
- The high levels of Year 4 children completing the Bikeability Level 1 training – well done!

Thank-you for....

Your support on Children in Need Day.

Together, we raised £203.85 for the charity.

Christmas Jumper Day

Children are invited to wear their Christmas Jumper to school on **Tuesday, 18th December** for a 50p contribution to charity of The Salvation Army - as chosen by the children.

Christmas Performances

This year, our performances are on the theme of 'Tell Me A Story'.

The School Choir will be split into year groups and perform at their year group's performances only. Performances will be at the following times:

Year 3/4:

12th December – 1.45pm and 6.30pm

Year 5/6:

13th December – 1.45pm and 6.30pm

Information about ordering tickets was sent home last week – please make sure you have ordered!

All tickets will be sent home in the very near future. Remember to bring yours with you to the performance!

e-Safety

Have you seen the Thinkuknow website? This site is a great place to find information, advice and support for parents about the risks children may face as they grow, and how to support them. It covers a broad range of online safety issues from nude selfies to what to do if you think your child is being groomed online. Find it at www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents

We hope the site will provide you with some of the information you need to help you keep your child safe online.

The BASE

The BASE is open from 7.30am each morning for breakfast sessions. We also have increased places in the evening sessions this term.

For more information about booking and fees, please visit the School website, or call in at the office.

All sessions can be booked online using the Gateway.

Mrs Mulgrew will be stepping down as Play Leader at The BASE from January. We thank her for her hard work during her time at The BASE, and will let you know of our new appointment in the near future.

She will still deal with all bookings for The BASE – through the school office.

Coffee Morning – 18th December

We will be holding a festive coffee morning for parents on 18th December, between 9 and 10am.

Please drop-in to enjoy a mince pie and a drink, and be entertained with carols – sung to you by the children.

Do you.....?

Have names in all your child's belongings – jumpers and coats included? We are always surprised by the number of coats that find their way to lost property, but have no names in them.

Please help us to help you locate belongings by putting your child's name in their belongings.

Learning Those Times Tables!

Learning the times tables is a key part of maths – it helps children throughout different maths lessons, being able to problem-solve in different contexts. Recalling your tables quickly is our overall aim for children. However, it is also important to teach them the links between tables – and being able to use one table to derive other number facts from it.

Therefore we have two different approaches in school. Our Number Links boards are used to secure understanding and the ability to derive number facts. These are really fantastic! Many parents have purchased these from us – to play the games at home. If you haven't got one yet, they are available from the school office.

We have also recently introduced our Times Tables Rock Stars – an online resource. Your child has an individual log-in, and their own personal 'rock star' name on here – this is great for practising recall.

Music Assembly

We are looking forward to our Music Assembly on Monday, 17th December. If your child is taking part in this assembly, you will receive a letter in the near future to tell you about this, and invite you to attend.

*The assembly will start at a slightly later time on this morning – **at 10am.***



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!