

Staffing update

We would like to welcome Miss Hajdu (known as Miss D) to The Priors School. Miss D will be working predominantly in the Kingfishers and Owls, but the one of the joys of working in a small school is you get to work everywhere! I am sure you will join me in welcoming Miss D to our team.

New Children

We have had two new children join us in the Starlings this week – Alana and Harry - and we welcome them to our lovely little school.

Santa Dash

As you know, we have taken part in the School Games National Santa Dash today. Last year, 94,011 children took part and we are hoping to be part of a record breaking year. We had great fun running around in our Santa hats, but the funniest moment has to be when a Preschool child came up to me and complained that he's "had enough of running because I have no energy!"

Christmas

We are quickly moving into our busy Christmas period. Can we please remind you of the following:

1. **Presents for Santa** to be in school by Monday 16th December.
2. **Robins Nativity** – Monday 16th December at 2pm. We kindly ask that you arrive by 1.45 so that you can be seated ready and there are a maximum of four adults per family. The PTA will be running a refreshments stall on the day.
3. **Smeds and Smoos** performance for Robins Reception and Starlings on Tuesday 17th December.
4. **Starlings Nativity** performance – Wednesday 18th December at 2pm. We kindly ask that you arrive by 1.45 so that you can be seated ready and there are a maximum of four adults per family. The PTA will be running a refreshments stall on the day.
5. **KS2 Carols** – Wednesday 18th December at 6.30pm. The children in Key Stage 2 will be taking part in the outdoor Carol Concert. Can we please ask that children are in school by no later than 6.15pm. The PTA will be running some events this evening including mulled wine and hot dogs. Please join us for this festive sing along.
6. **Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch** – Thursday 19th December. Please send you children to school in their festive/winter jumpers ready for a day of Christmas fun including a visit from Santa and our Christmas lunch.
7. **End of Term** – Our end of term service will be on Friday 20th December at 12pm in the Church. The school day ends at 1pm, ready for your Christmas celebrations to begin.

After School Club

Can we please ask all parents that use the after school club in the Nest to sign out their children when they are collecting and / or make contact with Mrs Hugo or Mrs Tyreman, this is to ensure we know who is still in school.

Flu and Norovirus Awareness

Over the past couple of weeks there has been a rise in norovirus for children, otherwise known as the vomiting bug. Flu is also steadily increasing week-on week too.

We can all play our part in reducing the spread of these illnesses by taking note of the following tips:

1. Please carry on with good hygiene habits in the home, this includes handwashing for 20 seconds and using a tissue to catch coughs and sneezes.
2. It's fine to send your child to school with a minor cough or common cold. But if they have a high temperature keep them off school until it goes.
3. Stomach bugs spread rapidly around schools and nurseries. If you or your child have diarrhoea and vomiting – please carry on with handwashing with soap and warm water for 20 seconds, along with the following:
 - Use bleach-based products to clean surfaces, this will help stop infections from spreading
 - Don't prepare food for others if you have symptoms or for 48 hours after the symptoms stop
 - Please avoid visiting people in hospitals or care homes
 - Please don't return to work, school or nursery **until 48 hours after the symptoms have stopped.**
4. If you haven't already had the flu jab, please speak to your GP or your preferred pharmacy. All children aged 2 years (who have turned 2 years old before the 1 September 2024) and all 3-year-olds are eligible for the flu vaccine. If you haven't received your invite, please contact your GP.

Parking

The perennial parking issue around our school has been raised again. Can we please ask all parents to be mindful when parking and to avoid the turning circle at the top of School Lane and ensure you are not blocking any driveways.