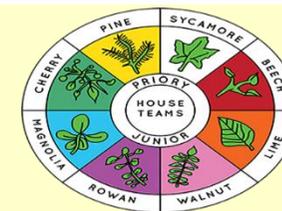




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This is my last bulletin of the year and what a year it has been! My grateful thanks to all members of the Priory community for their ongoing support and co-operation during such a tricky time – you have all been amazing. Today we sadly say goodbye to Mrs Kerr in Class Pumbaa as she moves on to new adventures. We wish her every success and thank her for all her hard work and commitment to Priory. In January Miss Emily Furness will be joining the Priory team to teach in Class Pumbaa and we warmly welcome her to the Priory team. We also warmly welcome Zahida Iklaq to join the Year 6 team, working as a teaching assistant in Class Mufusa. **Just a reminder term starts again on Monday 4th January 2021.**

Christmas is a time for giving and we would like to thank you again for your kind donations to our toy drive – the toys were really appreciated by a number of our own families and families at Phoenix as well. We would also like to thank Gedling Council for their generous festive hampers that some of our families have benefited from. Thank you also to the Gedling Road Co-op for their kind donations of food for the children's party and for their community support throughout the year.

Many thanks for all your input through the return to school survey – we are glad that there was such positive feedback and thank you for your kind comments that were shared with all staff. We have started to look at the areas you think we could improve and will feedback to you again in the new year.

Test and Trace over Christmas. Can we remind you that if your child tests positive for Covid 19 before Thursday 24th December then we will need to be notified so we can support the test and trace system and let families know where their child needs to self-isolate. **If we ask that you do this through the text system as there will not be a member of staff on site in the holidays answering the phone.** If your child is displaying symptoms or self-isolating after Christmas and is unable to return after the holidays on the 4th January text us too to keep us in the picture. You may have seen in the news that most secondary age children will not be returning to school until 11th January to allow for mass testing to be established. **Primary schools will be opening as usual on the 4th January and at this point there will be no mass testing in primary schools.**

It is just left to say that I sincerely hope that you have a restful Christmas – I am sure for a lot of you it is not the Christmas you might want or usually have – I myself will be missing my family who are in the South East and can't meet up but let's have hope that 2021 will begin to see a more 'normal' life again. We can't wait for the time that we can get back to normal in school and have events again and have parents and carers in the building. Those times will come and myself and the whole staff team wish you a happy and healthy new year. Take care Mrs Brown.