

Peace - Respect - Independence - Determination -  
Equality



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The children have returned to school and made us very proud already with their great attitudes to learning. School has been very calm this week and the children are raring to go! This term is always very busy with lots of excitement building up. On Tuesday a group of our children at Priory went to the official Grand Opening of the refurbished play area on Lambley Lane. Children at Priory had been involved in the design choices and layout so it was very fitting that we were invited along with the Mayor of Gedling to be part of this. It is an amazing area. Thank you to Willow, Florence, Ollie, Vishika, William, Ben, Lyla and Lewis H for representing our school so brilliant and demonstrating Priory Pride in the community.





During the week beginning Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November, we will be marking **Anti-Bullying Week** at Priory. The theme this year is 'Make a noise about bullying!' This is a value that the children at Phoenix fully understand and are encouraged to show at all times - not just during anti-bullying week. To kick the week off, we will be starting with an Odd Socks Day on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November!

**WHAT IS ODD SOCKS DAY?** Odd Socks Day is a key part of Anti-Bullying Week! To celebrate that we are all unique, we ask that children wear odd socks to school on Monday or for the whole week if you like. Last year over 13,000 schools took part in Odd Socks Day and this year, we are joining them again! Come to school on Monday wearing your odd socks.

**WHY IS ODD SOCKS DAY IMPORTANT?** The day sends an important message to pupils that they should be allowed to be themselves, free from bullying and helps us celebrate Anti-Bullying Week in a fun and positive way. We will be completing fun activities during the day and the rest of the week, which will help us celebrate both our differences and our unity within our community. Look at the link below for further information.

[Odd Socks Day - Andy and The Odd Socks](#)

## Children in Need 2023



This year we are taking part in the BBC Children in Need Bearpees challenge! On Friday 17th November children can wear non-uniform/Pudsey inspired outfits and we would be very grateful for a **voluntary** donation of £1 which will go to Children in Need.

<https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/fundraising/introducing-pudsey-bearpees/learn-how-to-bearpee/> to learn how to Bearpee! I have been practising - it is very hard work and will be a great challenge!

## REMINDER -YEAR 3 Families



At our Infant and Nursery School, I have been providing a half termly Saturday Stay and Play session suitable for our young children for the past year. We are going to continue those sessions but also invite the Year 3 Priory children to Phoenix for the sessions as they will still be suitable for this age group. It also gives the Year 3 parents chance to chat to new parents at Phoenix too. There is no cost to these sessions, and this gives children chance to play with friends in a familiar environment. Children must be supervised by their parent attending.

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2.00pm - 3.30pm**

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2.00pm - 3.30pm**



This week our children have been learning about the importance of Remembrance Day and why the poppy is such a special symbol. The children have been so engaged in sessions and have really taken on board the meaning behind this day.

Remembrance days falls on a Saturday this year but we still spent time together as a school today and had our own period of pause and silence. The children were so respectful, still, and calm and took a moment to think about all those who gave their lives during conflict.





Dates for  
the Diary:

### Autumn

- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November - Odd Socks Day to start Anti-Bullying week
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November - Children in Need
- CHRISTMAS CAROL DATE CHANGE BELOW!!!
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023- AM (time to be confirmed) Year 3 and 5 Christmas Carols
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023- PM (time to be confirmed) Year 4 and 6 Christmas Carols
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023-(time to be confirmed) Year 3 Nativity
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023- Christmas Dinner
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023- Last day of term

### Spring

- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024- Safer Internet Day
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024- INSET DAY (School closed) and last day of term
- W/C 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024- Parents Evening (Times and days to be confirmed)
- Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024- Year 5 Swimming starts - details will be provided.
- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024- Last day of term
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024- Bank Holiday- School closed
- W/C 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024- SATS week
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024- Last day of term

### Summer

- W/C 17<sup>th</sup> June 2024- Sports Day (Days and times to be confirmed)
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2024- INSET DAY
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2024- (time to be confirmed) Year 6 Production
- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024- Year 6 Prom
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2024 - (morning - time to be confirmed) Year 6 Leavers Assembly
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2024- Last day of term- END OF ACADEMIC YEAR 2023/24

Have a wonderful weekend!  
Mrs Harper and the Priory Team