

**Peace - Respect - Independence - Determination -
Equality**



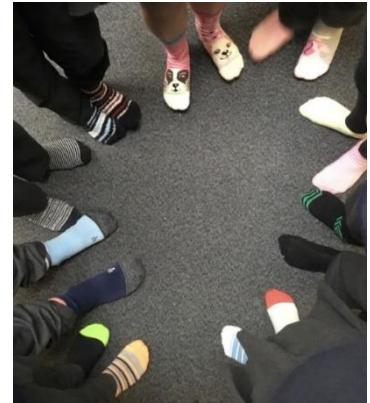
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This week in school it has been All Together Week (Anti-bullying Week). We dedicated the week to learning about bullying with the idea that we can put a stop to it by 'Making a Noise' together. Children started the week with their Odd Socks on full display and we celebrated being unique. It was fun to find out the reasons for their sock choices and how much they mean to them - a bit like how much the children mean to us - all special and individual.



Throughout the rest of the week, key messages and themes about bullying were learnt about and discussed through careful class discussions. Children learned about the value of being a kind defender and not a bystander. They explored the difference between retaliation (equal attack) and safe defending (block, report, befriend, speak up). Year 5 scripted their own sock puppet shows using odd socks to outline the definition of bullying in action and how to defend safely. Year 4 made computer generated Wordles to show how to defend and 'Make a Noise' about bullying. Year 6 explored online bullying particularly when 'banter turns to bullying' for example in WhatsApp groups or during online games. Year 3 will be getting to grips with the definition of bullying and how to identify it. Each class used a text in English which explored themes about bullying and our Peace Reps were given a new book about racism to share and enjoy with their class this term. Our week will end on Friday 24th November with a great house competition where teams will be exploring and creating a 'Banter-meter' for each classroom. This is to help children identify when jokes might be taken beyond friendly, consensual banter and turn into bullying that intentionally hurts people and is repeated over time.

Here is the link to our United Against Bullying Hub of resources and guides on our school website. We take bullying very seriously at Priory so please do not hesitate to get in contact with your class teacher if you are concerned:

[United Against Bullying - Priory Junior School \(priory-jun.notts.sch.uk\)](https://www.priory-jun.notts.sch.uk)

Children can also report bullying to staff or use a report form and post it in our bully boxes at school 😊.



Before we know it, the Christmas season will be fully upon us complete with glitter and tinsel! We now have confirmed times for the Carol Concerts and the year 3 Nativity.

- **Monday 18th December 2023- 10 AM Year 3 and 5 Christmas Carols -All Hallows Church**
- **Monday 18th December 2023- 2 PM Year 4 and 6 Christmas Carols-All Hallows Church**
- **Wednesday 20th December 2023 2pm - Year 3 Nativity - School Hall**

To enable the Carol Service at the Church and the Nativity at the school to run smoothly we please ask that you arrive 15 minutes before the start of the service. Due to limited space tickets will be required. Information on this will be sent out shortly.

Christmas Dinner/Party Day - Thursday 21st December

On this day the children can come in non/uniform for their party day. At lunchtime the children have the option of a Christmas dinner or packed lunch. If you would like your child to have a Christmas dinner on the 21st December, please log into school money (Just like you would usually order a dinner) and order/pay. If your child is eligible for Free School meal, you still need to order a dinner online. The deadline for these orders is Friday 8th December so that the staff can order the food in, and we will not be able to book you in after this date. Any problems please speak to the office.

Childrens School dinner Price Increase.

From 4th December 2023 the new school meal price will be £2.95.

Children in Need

A huge thank you for your generosity - we raised £162.32 For this great cause.



Have a wonderful weekend, from Mrs Harper and the Priory Team 😊



Dates for
the Diary:

Autumn

- Monday 18th December 2023- 10 AM Year 3 and 5 Christmas Carols -All Hallows Church
- Monday 18th December 2023- 2 PM Year 4 and 6 Christmas Carols-All Hallows Church
- Wednesday 20th December 2023- 2pm Year 3 Nativity
- Thursday 21st December 2023- Christmas Dinner
- Friday 22nd December 2023- Last day of term

Spring

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

Summer

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

Have a wonderful weekend!
Mrs Harper and the Priory Team