

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



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Here we are at the last newsletter of 2023 and I am writing with heartfelt thanks to the community for welcoming me into the Priory fold! It has been a very busy last couple of weeks of term and it has been a real pleasure to see the children celebrate in so many ways. There were lots of Priory firsts for me and I thoroughly enjoyed the whole school carol concerts, Year 3 nativity, Rock Steady concert, party day and Christmas dinner. I know the staff are all exhausted at the end of a very long term but want to thank them for working hard to ensure the children ended the term with amazing memories.

This term the whole school attendance is 94.4% and this is in area we are working on to improve. We understand that some children have had illnesses due to the time of year, but we also have some families where attendance is a concern. I will be in touch with families during the first week back to set up meetings to discuss attendance concerns and put in place specific actions where attendance is below 90%. We know that good attendance really does help children thrive in all aspects of school and only by working together can we achieve this.

Next term will be a time to start afresh as the children come back rested and we aim to get attendance back up to at least 97% for every child -this is achievable by making sure every day counts and only keeping your child off when they are really too ill to come into school. We have celebrated attendance above 97% and have given out 90 certificates in total, with 45 of these being for attendance of 100%. These certificates are given out termly so let's see if we can beat this next term. At the infant school we were able to give out certificates to 44% of children for attendance above 97% whereas at Priory certificates were given to 37% of children. Let's build on the next year to make attendance amazing!

This term I have had the pleasure of leading Priory as well as continuing at Phoenix. I would like to once again thank the whole community - children, parents, staff and governors for making me feel so very welcome and working with me as we move forward. As a team we are working hard on school improvement to build on and practice to ensure that every child achieves their full potential.

All that is left for me to say is to wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas and a wonderful New Year. Thank you for your continued support. You are a wonderful community, and I am very proud to be the headteacher of such happy and caring schools!

We return to school on Thursday 4th January.

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Dates for
the Diary:

Spring

- Thursday 4th January - back to school
- 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

Summer

- Monday 15th April return for Summer Term
- Monday 6th May 2024- Bank Holiday- School closed
- W/C 13th May 2024- SATS week
- Friday 24th May 2024- Last day of term
- Monday 3rd June - first day back to school

- 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