

# Priory Newsletter



## December 2014

### Christmas Activities

The countdown to Christmas started last week with our Nursery Christmas Sing-A-Long. Our little ones have only been with us since September and they were truly fabulous, singing for the first time on our stage, in front of all their parents. Well done Nursery, we are very proud of you!



Our Reception children visited someone very special at Birches Valley on Tuesday and a good time was had by all! Thank you to those parents who volunteered to help out on the visit.

Year 2 enjoyed a lovely Christmas Craft morning at Trentham Methodist Church on Wednesday. Thank you to those parents who helped out with the activity.



The Christmas fun continues this week with our Reception and Key Stage 1 children performing their **Christmas Concerts** on Tuesday and Wednesday. If you haven't requested tickets for your child's performance, please contact the school office.

**On Thursday** our local Member of Parliament, Rob Ffello, will be joining us for Christmas lunch.

**Year 6** will be having a **parent/pupil workshop** on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December** at 2pm. All year 6 parents are welcome to join us.

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> is Christmas Party Day!** All children are invited to come to school in party clothes, fancy dress or Christmas jumpers. We are asking for **small** donations of party food to be brought in on the day. Suggestions include: sausage rolls, cakes, biscuits, juice/cordial etc.

Year 3 will be visiting Sudbury Museum of Childhood on Tuesday.

There are no after school clubs or swimming lessons this week with the exception of Mr Proctors Athletics Club.



### Junior Cadets

For the first time at Priory we have participated in the Staffordshire Police Junior Police Cadets programme. PCSO Meakin and PCSO Washington have worked with 10 Year 4 pupils over the past few weeks. They have covered various elements of police work including: using the phonetic alphabet, security, forensics, anti-social behaviour and dealing with road traffic accidents. This has developed confidence, a greater awareness of their local community and the work of the Police. The programme has been successful and the 10 trainee cadets: Mitchell, Charlie, Kyle, Jacob, Bailey, Isobelle, Sarah, Abigail, Paige and Charley will be participating in a Passing Out Ceremony on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December. They will be presented with a certificate and Junior Cadet badge by a representative from Staffordshire Police Force. Many congratulations!

### Reminders for January:

**School opens on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January.**

**After school clubs** will start week commencing **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January.**

**Years 3 and 4** children will be having **swimming lessons** during the spring term, starting on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January. Please ensure your child has kit with them, including swimming caps. If your child needs to wear goggles please provide permission in the form of a note for the instructors.

**Mrs Williams** leaves us at the end of this term and Mr Rogers is moving to Year 3 in January (3W will become 3R). Mrs Clarke will be joining us in January and teaching Year 5 (5R will become 5C).

**Mrs Poole** leaves us on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January to start maternity leave and will be replaced by Mr Pattison (4P will still be 4P).

**Nursery** will be visited by the Red Watch Fire Fighters from Longton Fire Station, on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January as part of their 'Who Helps Us?' topic.

**Reception** will be holding a drop in session on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January, after school, until 4pm. Teachers will be available to discuss with parents with any problems regarding homework. Craft activities will be available for children and parents to enjoy together

**Year 6** will be taking part in an Evacuation on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January as part of their 'How Did Stoke Help To Win The War?'

### Fundraising

#### Foodbank



Our Christmas Foodbank appeal was a great success. Thank you to everyone who donated items.

### Lost Property

If your child has lost any items of uniform, coats or lunchboxes recently, please contact Mrs Adderley, as we have many unclaimed items in school.

### Diary Dates

Year 3 Sudbury Museum Trip  
Reception & KS1 Concert 1:30pm  
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Church Service (Pupils Only)  
Christmas Lunch  
Year 6 Open Afternoon  
Christmas Party Non-Uniform  
End of Term

#### **School Opens**

Years 3 and 4 Begin Swimming Lessons  
After School Clubs Start  
Nursery Visit from Red Watch Fire Fighters  
Reception Parents Drop In  
Year 6 Evacuation

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December  
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Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January