

PRIORY PRIMARY SCHOOL-NEWSLETTER

EDITION: 47

2ND DECEMBER 2022

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After School Clubs

We would like to remind you that this was the last week of after school clubs. There will be no clubs for the rest of December.

Donations for the food bank

We will be collecting donations for Chelmsford food bank. Please bring in donations from Monday 5th December.

Absence Notifications/Attendance

The government are releasing stricter guidelines for schools to adhere to from September 2022. There are tougher measures in place for pupils with an average attendance below 95% and holidays taken during term time.

Please can we remind all parents to contact the school office to inform us of trips, visits or other absences via email or telephone, first thing in the morning.

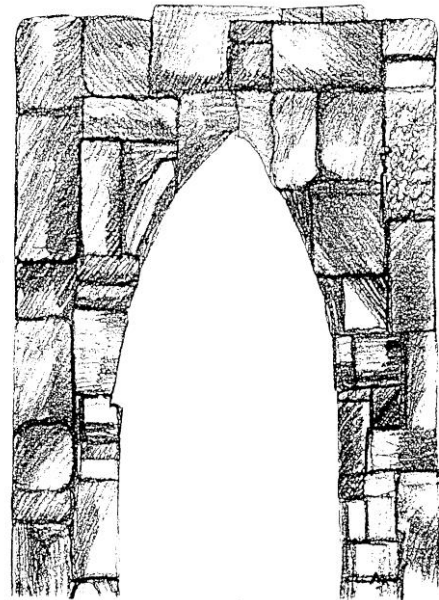
School Meals

We have had an increase in the number of children ordering their school meals on the day. The kitchen relies on the Parent Pay ordering system for their stock.

Please can we ask you to remember to order your child's meals by the Friday evening of every week. If you have forgotten to order please provide a packed lunch for your child

Healthy Snacks

We would like to remind all, that children should bring healthy snacks to school. We have noticed more and more children are coming in with chocolate bars, crisps and even sweets. If you are providing your child with a snack, please given them fruit, breakfast bars or yoghurt. Please ensure that no snack contains nuts, as we have children with allergies to nuts of all kinds.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **05/12/2022** - Christmas Carols at the Shops 5.30pm
- **06/12/2022** - Flu Immunisation
- **08/12/2022** - Christmas Jumper Day Save The Childrer
- **13/12/2022** - Reception Class Winter Show to Reception families 9.30am
- **13/12/2022** - KS2 Christmas Production 2.15 & 18.00pm
- **14/12/2022** - KS1 Christmas Production 2.15 & 18.00pm
- **15/12/2022** - Year 6 Christmas Decorations Workshop
- **19/12/2022** - Pantomime for whole school-Dick Whittington
- **20/12/2022** - Christmas Lunch/Picnic - Last Day of Term
- **05/01/2023** - Pupils Return to School
- **10/02/2022** – Last Day Before ½ Term
- **12/02/2022** – Half Term
- **20/02/2022** – Pupils Return

Considerate Parking

Please can we ask you to park considerately, and avoid blocking access to the car parks. We would also like to reiterate that the front car park is designated for **school staff only** with the exception of the disabled bays (please only park in these if you are a blue badge holder). Please can we also remind parents to drive slowly through the car park. Unfortunately, if parents continue to park inconsiderately and speed we may have to consider closing the car park at pick up and drop off times.

School admission arrangements 2024-25

Essex County Council, as the admission authority for Priory Primary School (Bicknacre), is consulting on a reduction to the school's published admission number (PAN) for 2024-25. The proposal is to reduce the published admission number (PAN) from the current 30 to 20.

This is to enable the school to organise classes more effectively and efficiently. There are sufficient school places available in the overall area to ensure a school place for every child. Priory Primary School is currently undersubscribed. No child for whom this school is the nearest school is expected to be denied a place in the normal admission round if this proposal proceeds.

Parents and other interested persons are entitled to ask questions and comment on the above proposals.

The consultation period is open between Monday 28 November 2022 and Friday 13 January 2023.

Any comments should be submitted in writing to Shamsun Noor, Head of Statutory and Regulated Customer Services by email shamsun.noor@essex.gov.uk or by post to: School Admissions, Essex County Council, County Hall, Chelmsford, CM1 1GS.

Following the end of the consultation period, the Council, having considered any responses, will set the admission arrangements for the school before 28 February 2023."

Parent Governor Elected

We are pleased to announce that that Avril Dewar has been appointed as the Parent Governor for Priory Primary School following the recent elections. Thank you to all those who stood for election and all those who voted.

Sickness

Just to make you all aware that we have had several children with very high temperatures - sudden spikes - this week. You will possibly be aware of an outbreak of Strep A that's been reported in the National press recently - I have been informed that there are quite a few cases of scarlet fever in the local villages. The illnesses are closely related. We are asking that parents keep a close eye on their children and contact local GP surgery if the temperature is unusually high and symptoms do not subside.



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Christmas Lunch

This year our Christmas dinner will be on Tuesday 20th December 2022 . You will need to pre-book your child's meal the normal way on Parent Pay.

THESE WILL BE THE ONLY MEALS AVAILABLE ON THE DAY

There Will Be No Jacket Potatoes

Please order Christmas Meal by 15th December

If you have not ordered the meal you will need to send a packed lunch with your child.

OPTION 1 - CHRISTMAS MAIN MEAL MENU

Succulent Roast Turkey & Gravy
Sage & Onion Stuffing, Mini Sausages

OPTION 2 -VEGETARIAN

Vegetarian Choice- Quorn Fillet
Vegetarian Sausages

SIDES

Roast Potatoes
Seasonal Vegetables

DESSERTS

Celebration Ice Cream with Spangly Sprinkles

Lemonade

BAGUETTE - CHRISTMAS PICNIC BOX

Sandwich – Ham/ Cheese/ Tuna
Sausage or Cheese & Onion Roll
Cucumber Sticks
Christmas Biscuit/ Cookie
Lemonade

TO SAVE CHANGING THE MENU ON PARENT PAY PLEASE CHOOSE

OPTION 1- Main Meal – FOR CHRISTMAS DINNER

OPTION 2 – Vegetarian Main Meal – FOR CHRISTMAS DINNER

BAGUETTE – FOR PICNIC BOX WITH THE CHOICE OF FILLING

