



The Priory Church of England Primary School

Inspiring all to learn, flourish and achieve

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WHOLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Over the past 14 weeks, you have all become a part of my extended family and I would like to personally thank you for the wonderful support you have given me in my first term at Priory. Being part of the Priory School is an honour and a privilege and, as always, it is your children who continue to inspire me through their pure joy and love for life and learning.

As I reflect on my first term, there are many wonderful memories that spring to mind. Our worship time in school is always a special occasion; washing feet, rescuing sheep, baking pies and hula hooping are just a few of the moments that have brought us together in laughter and reflection. Our Made to Flourish celebration with you at half term remains one of the most remarkable moments where our community came together to recognise and value everyone as an individual but also a part of our very special family. This term I have been in awe at the ways in which your children have served our community and the joy they have given to others; Christmas cards to the elderly, collecting leaves to help tidy our site and making hampers for the Food Bank are just some of the thoughtful ways your children have spread joy to others. I am also staggered that we collected so many bottle tops to recycle: 10,000 seemed unimaginable at the start but shows how a small group of people can make such a BIG difference.

Our school worship begins each time with lighting a candle to remind us that Jesus is the light of the world and at the end of worship we say the following line:

Let the light stay in our hearts so that we can change the world.

Your children do live with the light in their hearts and I am so proud to see them making a difference in our world.



I am very excited about the term ahead and continuing to further develop our 'Made to Flourish' vision through new and exciting learning opportunities. I know that your children are ready to embrace all these new challenges to help them on their flourishing journey.

Mrs Richardson



Priory Carol Service

Tuesday evening was spectacular as the whole school came together for our traditional carol service at Priory Church. I am immensely proud of the whole school for creating a beautiful service through music, dance and drama and congratulate each of them for the part they have played in celebrating the birth of Christ and the life he has given to us. To see each child taking part in our service is a step towards them flourishing and without a doubt they were in full bloom this week at our Carol Service. Their voices spread the love of God and reminded us all that the greatest gift we can receive this Christmas is Jesus in our hearts and the greatest gift we can give others is joy.

Once again, I would like to thank the whole staff team at Priory School for their support and encouragement and unwavering belief in each of your children.

Here are a few photos from our dress rehearsal; more on Google Classroom and Twitter X.



Christmas Ukulele Performance

On Thursday afternoon, the whole school was given a special Christmas performance from our Ukulele players in years 2 - 6. Mr Morrow has been helping the children to practice a Christmas Medley of songs which they played with both skill and enthusiasm. Their performance got all the school singing along with them; a perfect end to our Christmas musical events. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Morrow for the support and encouragement he gives to each of the children learning to play with him.





Christmas Parties

Today has been Christmas party day and an opportunity to participate in a lot of festive fun. Each class played games, sang and danced their hearts out and enjoyed celebrating with their friends. The classrooms were alive with well-loved Christmas songs that you just can't help singing along to. There was a very special visit from Santa himself who delivered a bag full of presents to each class.

We would like to say a huge thank you to FPS for helping Santa with this Christmas delivery.



Christmas Lunch

Our Christmas lunch was another opportunity for our school to come together to celebrate the lead up to Christmas. The food was delicious, the crackers (kindly donated by FPS) were delightful and the atmosphere was heart-warming. I would like to thank the kitchen staff for preparing such a wonderful lunch for both the staff and children.

