

# Pilgrim Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Just a short Newsletter today to round off the year! Well done everyone for braving the bitterly cold weather over the last week or so. While the outside has been cold we have been able to keep the building nice and warm. The children have been very patient staying indoors on some days when it was just far too cold to play outside - I look forward to it being just a little bit warmer over the holiday period!



## Christmas Dinner

We have been really busy in the run up to Christmas; yesterday we had a really tasty Christmas Dinner provided by our cook Sue and her wonderful CaterEd team. We had music and fun together as we ate our lunches. Thanks to the cooks and the staff team who helped the lunch service go smoothly.



## Our Christmas Performances

The highlight of our Christmas season has undoubtedly been the Nativity performances. KS1 wowed us with two performances of their Nativity 'I'm Going To Shine' in which our Year 1 children provided some excellent singing and our older children told the story through narration, acting and dance. ALL the children involved did such a good job and I know they enjoyed their chance to shine!

Our Reception classes, Fox Cubs and Bear Cubs, have had fun learning about Christmas and then filming themselves retelling the Christmas story around school - they have been everywhere! Parents and Carers have been treated with a special screening on Google Classroom.



## Winter Fayre





Although we had to move our stalls outside at the last minute, our Winter Craft Fair was well attended - thanks to all who came and bought a card and some other craft. We have raised a fantastic **£176.94** from this event which goes into the PTFA school fund to be used for the children in the future.

### Recent Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who supported our very successful Half Price book fair. There were some great books for families (and teachers) to choose from. We sold £300 worth of books and raised £55 for the school to spend on half price books from Scholastic. A special thank you to Jayne Harrison and Tina Wall from our PTFA for their help and organisation.

### Attendance

Attendance in school has been impacted by lots of ongoing sickness over the last 2 weeks but this seems to be the case across the country with many schools badly affected by Scarlet Fever/Strep A outbreaks. All classes have seen a drop in attendance so well done if you managed to make it in 100% of the time over the last few weeks.

<b>Pilgrim Primary Attendance (400 pupils)</b>	<b>Attendance School (target 95%+)</b>	<b>Attendance National (Primary schools)</b>	<b>Lateness (pupils arriving after 9.00 am)</b>
Up to w/e 16.12.22	<b>91.7%</b>	<b>92.5%</b>	<b>1.1%</b>
<b>Best class (year to date)</b>	<b>Year 5 Dolphins</b>  <b>95.75%</b>	<b>Best class (last fortnight)</b>	<b>Year 6 Eagles</b>  <b>92.7%</b>
 <b>There are 64 pupils in school with 100% attendance to date!</b> 			

### Dates for your Diary

16.12.22  
04.01.23  
13.02.23  
03.04.23

LAST DAY OF TERM  
FIRST DAY OF SPRING TERM  
Half Term  
Easter Break



### Pupils to Celebrate!

Well done to these children who have received a Celebration Certificate over the last 2 weeks - they have made us all very proud:

	STAR LEARNER	CLASS PAT ON THE BACK
	w/e 02/12/22	w/e 09/12/22
Year 1	Fatima F / Zara A	Arnold E / Hannah B
Year 2	Whole Year	David I / Freddy R
Year 3	Isabelle A-J / Jack E	Mae L / Alma I
Year 4	Maddison A / Amira S	Shaye T / Kokob M
Year 5	Connor L / Marcus W	Laura O / Alison O
Year 6	Tanisha G / Yamaan A	Honor F / Anya H

### Other Messages

#### Admissions - application for Reception places for September 2023.

The deadline for making an application for a space in our Reception cohort for next academic year (September 2023) is January 15th 2023. If you are interested in applying for a place, please email [primary.admissions@plymouth.gov.uk](mailto:primary.admissions@plymouth.gov.uk). If you have any queries you can look at guidance to be found at [school.admissions@plymouth.gov.uk](mailto:school.admissions@plymouth.gov.uk).

Please look at our website where you can find an introductory video on the homepage or, better still, contact our office to arrange a tour of the school on [contactus@ppsonline.org](mailto:contactus@ppsonline.org).

**Thank you all for making the Autumn Term such a success. Wishing you all a very happy and peaceful holiday time and we will see all the children back here at school in the new year on **WEDNESDAY 4th January 2023.****



**Mrs L Meek  
Headteacher**

