

# Pilgrim Primary Academy

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## NEWSLETTER: Nov 26<sup>th</sup> 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is beginning to look a lot like Christmas! Yes, it is that time of year again when we get out the glitter and tinsel and get festive! Please check the dates in this newsletter for the Christmas events planned in school for the end of this term.

### Children in Need

Well done to everyone who came to school dressed in animal themed clothing or animal masks last week. We raised £84.00 and we had a lot of fun at the end of the day doing a whole school conga dance around the playground!

### PE Kits

I have noticed that many children are not wearing the correct school PE kit on their designated PE days. To remind you, our expectation is for children to wear:

- dark bottoms (leggings, joggers or shorts) - so black, navy or dark grey
- a fully plain or school branded T Shirt in your child's House Team colour (red, yellow, green or navy blue)
- dark coloured plimsolls or trainers (not coloured or heavily branded please)
- your child should wear their normal navy blue jumper or cardigan over the top to keep warm (not other hoodies or sports clothes)

Thank for your help with this - our PE kit is part of our uniform policy so must be worn please.

### Upcoming Christmas dates

We are all starting to look forward to a little festive cheer here at Pilgrim as we move towards the end of our Autumn Term. Even though some of our traditional events may have to be modified this year, we are still determined to give the children a wonderful Christmas experience! So below are details of our Christmas events coming up in the next couple of weeks:

### Christmas Card Competition

As part of Monday's assembly on 29th November we will be launching a Christmas Card Competition where we will ask the children to design and create their own Christmas cards, the winning designs from each year group will be created into Christmas cards which the school will use as our Christmas card to send to friends and partners of our school.

### The Christmas Post

Starting from **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec** children who would like to can start to bring in Christmas cards to post to their friends. They need to remember to put the **full name (first name and second name)** of their friend **AND the class their friend is in** on the front of the envelope so that it can be sorted and sent to the correct location.

### Christmas Nativities and Performances

**Key Stage 1:** We will be offering 3 performances to the parents and carers of year 1 and 2 children for this year's Key Stage One nativity play. This number of performances will allow us to space out our audience chairs and keep children, staff and parents as safe as possible. Please see dates below for each performance - you will be asked to select only one performance to attend. Each child will be allocated a ticket for the performance time requested and letters for requesting performances will be sent out next week.

**Key Stage 2:** The KS2 Carol concert will be held on Thursday 16th December. This is likely to be an open air performance due to our limited numbers allowed in our hall space. More information on times and how to obtain tickets will follow shortly.

**Please note: all performance arrangements are subject to change in light of any further Covid guidance given to school in the coming weeks**

**Christmas Dinner Day and Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 10th Dec**

Christmas dinner will be served with all children encouraged to wear a festive jumper on that day too. It is still a uniform day but children are able to wear a Christmas jumper in place of their usual school jumper/cardigan. Please do not go out and buy a jumper just for this occasion - you could always jazz up an old jumper with tinsel or decorations. This is an optional event, just for fun, and **we will not be making a charge for this.** (Please note that the lunch menu for Thursday and Friday of this week will swap around to Thursday serving fish and chips and Friday will be the roast dinner).

Here are the **Star Learners** for the Upper Phase:

Year 4 RO	Kya A
Year 4 KP	Yaser A
Year 5 SR	Casper B
Year 5 RH	Harrison P
Year 6 SS	Colin M
Year 6 LJ	Imogen W

Here are last week's **Pat on the Back** awards for the Lower Phase:

Year 1 JP	David I
Year 1 MS	A-Jay G
Year 2 TH	David G
Year 2 RG	Flo C
Year 3 BF	Mason C
Year 3 CB	Logan C

## Dates for the Diary

29th November	Christmas Card competition launch
2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Royal Eye Infirmary Screening (Foundation and Year 1 only)
3rd December	Christmas decoration afternoon
6th December	The Christmas post box is open! Children can bring in their Christmas cards to post.
7th December	9.30am KS1 Nativity Performance (preschool siblings welcome)
8th December	9.30am KS1 Nativity Performance (Year 2 parents- adults only)
9th December	2.00pm KS1 Nativity Performance (Year 1 parents- adults only)
10th December	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Dinner
16th December	KS2 Christmas Carol Concert
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of Autumn term
5 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	First day of Term

### **New member to the admin team**

A warm welcome to Mrs N Johns our new administrator who joined us in October and works mornings from 8 - 11am in the school office.

And finally, a farewell...

### **Mrs Britton**

Recently, we said a fond but sad farewell to Mrs Britton who has been a very valued member of our school community for over 15 years. Mrs Britton has held many roles as cleaner, MTA, Breakfast Club Assistant and she has always been a great support for our PTFA and our fund-raising initiatives. We wish her all the best in her new role and good luck in the future in all she does!



Have a good weekend, everyone.

Yours faithfully



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