

# Pilgrim Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,



It is **DECEMBER** and we are beginning to get that festive feeling here at school! In this Newsletter, you will find information about the various activities taking place over the next 2 weeks as we come to the end of the Autumn term and get ready for our Christmas holiday.



## Pilgrim Pantry - Reverse Advent Calendar Appeal

Yesterday saw the start of our Reverse Advent Calendar. Each day, we are asking for donations of food or toiletries to stock up our Pilgrim Pantry so that we can continue to support our community in times of need. Look on our Facebook page each day to see the items that we are requesting:

<https://www.facebook.com/PilgrimPrimary>



We have had a great response so far so please keep up the momentum and contribute something if you can. The Pantry is a great resource to have on school site - any donation will be really appreciated.

## Pilgrim Christmas Craft Fair - Thursday 8th 2.45pm in the MAIN HALL

The children are busy making cards and other crafts to sell to you at our **Christmas Fair next week (Thursday)**.



You will be able to pick your child up a little earlier on that day (2.45pm from the usual class doors/playground) and then come to the main hall to browse our stalls. There will be tea and coffee available and a raffle taking place too.

For those parents/carers who are not able to attend, don't worry. We will continue to look after your child until the usual collection time and there will be an opportunity for you to pre-order/buy your child's craft. Details will come from your child's class teacher about this next week.

Proceeds from the fair will go to our PTFA school fund so come along, buy some craft and raise some money for school!



### Pupil Christmas Card Post Service!

From Monday (5th) children who would like to be able to send Christmas cards to other children via our internal postal system. Our **Pilgrim Post Box** will be in the library area for children to post cards to be delivered across school by our House Captains.



If your child wants to use this service then PLEASE make sure that the envelopes are fully addressed. We need the following information in order to deliver each card to the right person:

**First name and surname** (e.g. Billy Jones)

**Class Animal Name** (e.g. Dolphin Class)

### All dates until the end of term (Christmas dates in red):

Monday 5th	<b>Pupil Christmas Post Service starts</b> Yr 5 Dolphin class to Aquarium
Tuesday 6th	Yr 5 Orca class to Aquarium
Thursday 8th	<b>Christmas Craft Fair 2.45pm</b>
Friday 9th	<b>Wear a Christmas Jumper Day</b> <b>KS1 Nativity Performance 2.00pm</b> <b>Y5 Art Showcase - The Box - 3.30pm</b>
Monday 12th	<b>KS1 Nativity Performance 2.00pm (no babies and toddlers)</b>
Tuesday 13th	<b>Yr 1 Polar Express Day</b> Rock Steady Pupils: performance to parents (invite only - time to be confirmed)
Wednesday 14th	<b>EYFS Nativity Film screening for parents 2.30pm</b>
Thursday 15th	<b>Christmas Dinner (details to follow)</b>
Friday 16th	<b>LAST DAY OF TERM</b>

**- Wednesday 4th January is FIRST DAY OF SPRING TERM -**

### Other Messages

#### **POLITE REMINDER: Bringing toys and objects from home to school**

**Children should not be bringing toys or other objects from home to school** unless this is part of a special agreement with a member of staff and for a specific reason.





We have noticed that many children are now in the habit of having a toy from home in school and this causes enormous problems with sharing between friends or toys getting lost or damaged. So please do not let your child bring toys to school. If they do, we will ask them to keep toys in their bag or kept with the teacher until they can be returned to parents at the end of the day.

**Thank you for your support with this**

## Attendance

Congratulations to Year 5 Dolphins class who are smashing the attendance leaderboard; they are the best attending class so far this year and over the last 2 weeks. Well done!

Overall, our school attendance has gone down over the last 2 weeks and our attendance is below the national average compared to other Primary schools.

Pilgrim Primary Attendance (400 pupils)	Attendance School (target 95%+)	Attendance National (Primary schools)	Lateness (pupils arriving after 9.00 am)
Up to w/e 02.12.22	93.3%	94.4%	1.4%
<b>Best class (year to date)</b>	<b>Year 5 Dolphins</b> 	<b>Best class (last fortnight)</b>	<b>Year 5 Dolphins</b> 
 <b>There are 81 pupils in school with 100% attendance to date!</b> 			

Thank you for your ongoing understanding of the importance of good attendance on your child's learning and development.

## 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	STAR LEARNER	CLASS PAT ON THE BACK
	w/e 25.11.22		w/e 02.12.22	
Y 1	Chloe G / Whole of 1MS			Fatima F / Zara A
Y 2	Cruz E / Travis F			Whole Year
Y 3		Katie-Maie H / Harmony K-J	Isabelle A-J / Jack E	
Y 4		Lennon D / Michelle E	Maddison A / Amira S	
Y 5		Connor L / Cally L	Laura O / Marcus W	
Y 6		Ilyad A / Callum C	Tanisha G / Yamaan A	

See you back in school on Monday - enjoy the weekend!



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