



PRIORSLEE ACADEMY

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Dear Parents and Carers

This week I am writing a virtual letter, as I am currently off, unwell. Thank you so much to Priorslee's amazing team, who have helped to make the school run extremely smoothly. We have an ever-increasing amount of illness in school, but staff have pulled together and really have been absolute super stars!

I have been thoroughly enjoying my daily updates about school, and hearing about what a busy week it has been.

Our EYFS children had a wonderful time watching, 'The Greatest Fairy Tale Ever Told' performed by Hobgoblin Theatre Company, who brought the pantomime to our youngest pupils. The story included lots of traditional tales including 'The Three Little Pigs', 'Snow White', 'Cinderella', 'Goldilocks' and 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. The children sat beautifully, and some were even brave enough to talk to the cast and share their own knowledge of fairy tale princesses.

The children in Year One and Six visited Theatre Severn this week to watch 'Beauty and the Beast'. The children had a truly magical time, and I can't wait to watch the performance with Year Two, Three, Four and Five next week. Thank you so much to Miss Hart who has spent more hours than I would like to say organising tickets, seating and so many more things to ensure the trips run smoothly.

Our Year Five children visited Holy Trinity Church in Wrockwardine Wood, for their Christmas Experience to learn about the story of Christmas and Advent. The children had a fabulous time visiting different stations to learn about the Christian story of Christmas. The children were brilliantly behaved, and the staff said what a magical experience it was.

Our Pre-School children have been learning about weddings this week, and any of our parents who have children in the two and three room, I am sure they will have been close to tears looking at the beautiful pictures. The children were so excited and happy throughout. The children have been reading the story of 'The Scarecrows' Wedding' by Julia Donaldson. Thank you to our Pre-School staff for making another magical week for our children.

Thank you to our amazing FOP (Friends of Priorslee) team and especially to Mrs Lane who created and organised every raffle prize, and then drew the winners with the help of her very glamorous assistant Mrs Lough. Well done to all the winners who have been notified by text. You can also double check your ticket numbers on our Facebook page, where a copy of the raffle prizes, and winning tickets can be found.



Mrs Lane has also made me smile with photos of the beautiful Christmas Tree in our entrance hall. We will be sending out our Christmas tags for your child to complete next week. This year's theme is 'who has inspired us'. We would like your child to name anyone who has inspired them, it could be a friend, a family member or someone famous. Please return your Christmas tag to your child's class teacher, who will then attach them to our Christmas trees.

Next week, it really will feel like the Christmas bug has arrived at Priorslee, as Miss Brown has organised for the children to take part in the National School Games Santa dash on Friday 9th December. This challenge has been specially launched as fun way to get our children active! The Santa Dash challenge is a straightforward but motivating concept - run/walk/skip/jog or even jump a mile! We will be completing the challenge within our year groups on the daily mile track throughout the day! Children will receive a certificate for their participation after they have completed it.

We will be participating on Friday 9th December in Christmas Jumper Day, in aid of Save the Children. Please can children wear suitable footwear e.g. trainers with their chosen outfit for their Santa Dash. The children can obviously wear a Christmas jumper if they wish or any non-uniform. You can donate if you wish via:

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/priorsleeacademy?utm_source=copyLink&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=priorsleeacademy&utm_campaign=pfp-share&utm_term=793580424a33497ea5c9d9922eb324c5

We also truly looking forward to our Pre-School Nativity and the first of our children's performances this month, on Monday at 10am in the hall, where our two and three-year-olds will be performing 'Our First Nativity'. The children participated in a dress rehearsal this morning, and I am sure they all looked wonderful!

Thursday is the Pop-Up Nativity for our Reception children from 9.30am, which is being supported by Holy Trinity Church. The children can come in any costume related to the Christmas story, or any clothes they feel comfortable wearing. This is another magical way of introducing the children to the Christmas story, through a wonderfully informal setting.

We hope you have a lovely weekend!

Yours sincerely

Mrs Cooper
Head of School

