

The Priory Catholic Primary School

November 2007 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

With the first fall of snow now behind us, the winter months are now truly here! Please ensure that your child/children comes to school with warm outer clothing for playing outside at play times.

Please note the change of times for the Key Stage 1 Nativity performances, as printed at the back of this newsletter – we now also have a theatre company coming into school to perform a pantomime for the children on the afternoon of 13th December.



I am aware that we have had several “near misses” with children outside school, as a result of parents parking in an unsafe or inconsiderate manner. Please take care when parking near school – please help to keep our children safe. Often it is safer to park a little further away from school, and thus leave the entrance to school clear, and give better vision for children and their parents coming out of the school entrance. The church car park is always available to park in. There are now regular Travel Plan meetings to try and find a solution to our parking problems – please come and join the steering group if you wish.



Liturgical Life of the School

As we near our Advent season, the Reception and Key Stage 1 children have started to practise for their Nativity performances in December. As usual, as part of our Advent preparation in school, we will be having a short daily Advent service, during which, the children are asked to do something (for example pray for someone, or help someone) each day during the Advent season.



Academic Life of the School

Key Stage 2 children have completed some additional assessments in English and Maths, so that we can target any support that particular children may need in order to help them progress as much as possible.

Reception and Key Stage 1 children are now working with the new Letters and Sound programme, which should help the children progress even further with their reading, at their appropriate phase.



In and around school

If you have a child whose birthday is between 1.9.03 and 31.8.04, and you wish to apply for a place at our school, please ensure you have completed our school registration form – please enquire at the office for registration forms and further details. Please also inform any parents you know, who may wish to send their child to this school, who may not have access to this newsletter.



The termly/half term costs for dinners are below:

	1 day	2 days	3 days	4 days	5 days
1 child	£1.85	£3.70	£5.55	£7.40	£9.25
2 children	£3.70	£7.40	£11.10	£14.80	£18.50

	Autumn Term 2007		Spring Term 2008		Summer Term 2008	
	1st half	2nd half	1st half	2nd half	1st half	2nd half
1 child	62.90	74.00	46.25	37.00	72.15	64.75
2 children	125.80	148.00	92.50	74.00	144.30	129.50

Please make cheques for dinner money payable to Notts County Council.

PTA

The PTA continues to work hard on behalf of the children. The Christmas Shopping Event is now only weeks away. This is a major fund raiser for the school, as well as usually being very popular with last minute shoppers, so please help and support us if you can. Please see the posters for details.



In closing...

As we all start to become busier and busier, in preparation for Christmas, please help your children remember the true meaning of Christmas.



Yours sincerely

Rosemary Jones

Autumn 2007 term dates

November

Thurs. 22 nd	PTA meeting	3.30pm
Wed. 28 th	Travel Plan Meeting- steering group	6.30pm

December

Mon 3 rd	Last week for after school clubs this term	
Tues 4 th	New Reception taster 9.15 -1.00pm	
Wed 5 th	New Reception taster 11.30 – 3.30pm	
Fri 7 th	Celebration Assembly	2.50pm
Tues 11 th	Final Dress Rehearsal KS1 Nativity Performance	2.00pm
Wed 12 th	KS1 Nativity Performance	2.00pm
Thurs 13 th	Pantomime for school	1.30pm
	KS1 Nativity Performance	7.00pm
Fri. 14 th	Christmas Shopping Event	3.30pm – 5.00pm
Sun. 16 th	Carol Service at church (including Nativity)	2.00pm
Tues. 18 th	PTA Disco	6.30pm
Wed. 19 th	Christmas Dinner	
Thurs 20 th	Sing for Santa	3.00pm
Fri 21 st	Mass	9.30am
	Advent Liturgy	2.30pm
	Last day of Autumn term	

Spring 2008 term dates

January 2008

Mon 7 th	First day back	
	FHC	3.45pm
Fri 11 th	Celebration Assembly	2.50pm
Sat 12 th	FHC	3.45pm
Mon 14 th	After school clubs restart this week	
Wed 16 th	KS2 Mass	9.30am
Fri 18 th	School Council	12.45pm
Mon 21 st	NFER test week Y2-6	
Mon 28 th	FHC	3.45pm
Wed 30 th	KS1 Liturgy	9.30am

February

Fri 1 st	Celebration Assembly	2.50pm
Sat 2 nd	FHC and preparation meeting	3.15pm
Mon 4 th	Parents Evening	
Tues 5 th	Parents Evening	
Wed 6 th	KS2 Mass	9.30am
	11 th - 15 th February = half term	
Mon 25 th	FHC	3.45pm
Wed 27 th	KS2 Stations of the Cross Church Service	9.30am

March

Sat 1 st	FHC	3.45pm
Fri 7 th	Celebration Assembly	2.50pm

Fri 14 th	Mass Last day of term	9.30am
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Summer 2008 term dates

Mon 31 st	First day back FHC	3.45pm
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April

Fri 4 th	Celebration Assembly	2.50pm
Sat 5 th	FHC	3.45pm
Mon 7 th	After school clubs restart this week	
Wed 9 th	KS2 Mass	9.30am
Mon 14 th	INSET	
Wed 16 th	KS1 Mass	9.30am
Wed 23 rd	KS2 Mass	9.30am
Mon 28 th	Photographs – class	

May

Fri 2 nd	Marian Liturgy Celebration Assembly	9.30am 2.50pm
Sat 10 th	FHC	3.45pm
Mon 12 th	KS2 SATs week FHC	3.45pm
Fri 16 th - Sun 18 th	Year 6 Briars residential weekend	
Mon 19 th	KS1 SATs/QCA Yrs 3,4,&5/NFER Yr 1 week	
Wed 21 st	Year 4 Liturgy	9.30am

26th – 30th May = half term

June

Mon 2 nd	INSET	
Fri 6 th	Celebration Assembly	2.50pm
Sun 8 th	First Holy Communion Mass	10.15am
Mon 9 th	FHC	3.45pm
Wed 11 th	KS1 Liturgy	9.30am
Fri 20 th	Mass of Thanksgiving for FHC	9.30am
Sat 21 st	Summer Fair	
Wed 25 th	Sports Day morning	
Thurs 26 th	New Parents Evening	7.00pm

July

Wed 2 nd	KS2 performance (Yrs 3, 4 & 5)	2.00pm
Thurs 3 rd	KS2 performance	7.00pm
Wed 9 th – Fri 11 th	Year 5 Beaumanor residential visit	
Wed 9 th	New Reception taster	9.15 – 1.00pm
Thurs 10 th	New Reception taster	11.30 – 3.30pm
Thurs 17 th	Celebration Assembly	2.50pm
Fri 18 th	Leaver's Mass	9.30am
	Leaver's Service	2.30pm
	Last day of term for children	
Mon 21 st	INSET	

