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PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWSLETTER

22nd January 2010

Dear Parents/Carers and Friends of our school

This week was Attendance week across the bay. Attendance week is a time for all schools and pupils to celebrate school attendance in a fun way, in order to raise awareness that attendance is important and to highlight that school should be a good place to be.



The chicken mascot came to visit us in our Celebrations assembly today to give out our attendance cup and stickers. We also had an Attendance Improvement Officer come to do a 'late gate' to chat to any parents bringing children late to school. Our children take part in a class challenge every week to see which class has the best attendance.

It would be really helpful to us if any parents with email access who have not yet done so would send an email to admin@priory-primary.torbay.sch.uk including your child's name, class teacher, in order that we may set up a group to send you weekly newsletters and other information. This way we can save a lot of paper and guarantee that you get the letters and any other important information as soon as possible.

Below is a list of our class teachers' email addresses. If you send an email to your child's teacher/s also, they will be able to email you the weekly homework, class news and any details about visits or cancellations of clubs etc.

jthomas@priory-primary.torbay.sch.uk	Reception
cayles@priory-primary.torbay.sch.uk	Class 1
jtickell@priory-primary.torbay.sch.uk	Class 2
lhill@priory-primary.torbay.sch.uk	Class 3/4
clowry@priory-primary.torbay.sch.uk or shopkins@priory-primary.torbay.sch.uk	Class 5
pgodwinbrown@priory-primary.torbay.sch.uk	Class 6

Hopefully the worst of the icy weather is behind us, but please stay in touch with local radio and news or click on the links on our school website for updates on the situation

www.priory-primary.torbay.sch.uk

Torbay Council

www.torbay.gov.uk/index/education/schools/schoolclosures.htm

Heart radio www.hearttorbay.co.uk

Palm FM Radio www.palm.fm

SHELTER BOX FOR HAITI



ShelterBox is an international disaster relief charity that delivers emergency shelter, warmth and dignity to people affected by disaster worldwide

Friday, 29th January will be a **non-uniform day**.

The children will be able to wear their "home" clothes in exchange for a donation towards this worthy cause. Cakes will also be on sale at morning breaktime. We do hope that all children will bring some money to school to buy one (Any donation accepted)

Our target is £490 so please give generously if you are able to.

We will also be holding a **whole school cake sale**, after school on the same day, and would welcome your donations of home made or shop cakes, in order that we may raise as much money as possible.

A representative from the Rotary Club of Babbacombe and St Marychurch will be coming on Tuesday 26th January at 9.30am to give a presentation to all our children and staff about the Shelterboxes.



TORBAY DEANERY – WORLD YOUTH DAY QUIZ NIGHT

at St Joseph's Church Hall, 96 Queen Street, Newton Abbot on Friday 29th January 2010 – 7.30 until 9.00 ish. Teams to be no less than three and no more than six. Please bring a plate of food and a drink to share – Everyone Welcome.



Our SEAL target this week is 'I am waiting for things I want.'

PARISH TALKS

These will begin again next Tuesday evening 26th January at 7pm for a 7.15pm start in the school hall. All welcome.

FREE COMPUTERS

As previously notified the Home Access programme will give an opportunity for approximately 250,000 low income families across the country to gain grant entitlement to a computer, connectivity for one year, service and support, parental controls and, where appropriate, assistive technology.

Eligibility

If a parent believes they are eligible for a Home Access grant they simply call the Home Access Grant Helpline to get an application form on **0333 200 1004**

Further information for families:
<http://www.homeaccess.org.uk/>



ATTENDANCE CUP

Week Ending 18th January 2010

Reception	95.0%
Class 1	99.2%
Class 2	95.2%
Class 3/4	98.1%
Class 5	100.0%
Class 6	96.5%

Well done Class 5

Uniform Teddy Award = Class 6

Number Smart Award = Rose in Class 5

House Points – Red = 210 points

FOOTBALL TRAINING will not be held next Tuesday, as there is a Year 5/6 match at home against Babbacombe.

SCHOOL NURSE – Our school nurse, Rachel, will be very pleased to see any parents who wish to see her on her visiting day, Mondays from 8.30 – 9.30 am.

SWIMMING – Every Wednesday for Classes 1 and 2. Please make cheques payable to Priory School Association.

ACADEMY SOCCER – Coaching after school on Wednesday until 4.25pm

BRASS INSTRUMENT TUITION – For any parent interested in private tuition for their children, we have information available in the school office. Mr. Stephen Young is a qualified instructor who has demonstrated at one of our school assemblies. He teaches trumpet, cornet, French horn, baritone, trombone, euphonium & tuba.

Advice about Swine flu

Torbay Care Trust's Flu Information Line, on 01803 217222. The Line is open every day from 8am to 8pm. Outside these hours, please contact NHS Direct on 0845 4647

Dates for the diary:

Parents Evenings Letters came out this week.

MONDAY, 1st FEBRUARY – Classes 6, 5 & 2

TUESDAY, 2nd FEBRUARY – Classes 6, 5 & 2

WEDNESDAY, 3rd FEBRUARY – Reception, Classes 1 & 3/4

THURSDAY, 4th FEBRUARY – Reception, Classes 1 & 3/4

School Mass for Candlemas in School Hall 2pm on Tuesday 2nd February

Mothering Sunday School Mass 14th March 10am in Church.

4th SUNDAY IN LENT (LÆTARE SUNDAY) Pink or Rose

Spring Term

Half Term Monday, 15th February to Friday, 19th February

Last Day in School Thursday, 1st April 2010

Summer Term

Starts Wednesday, 21st April 2010

Half Term Monday, 31st May to Wednesday, 9th June

Last Day in School Friday, 23rd July 2010

Best wishes

Sarah Barreto



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