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PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWSLETTER
 29th January 2010

Dear Parents/Carers and Friends of our school

We have been very fortunate over the past couple of weeks to have been given the opportunity to go over to church for sessions with Fr. Jonathan Shaddock.

Last Thursday Class 5 went over to find out about symbols used at funeral services. Father also asked them to come back to school to draw some pictures of what they had seen and learned.

This Thursday it was the turn of Class 3/4 who went to find out all about Baptism and First Holy Communion. I had the tremendous pleasure of being able to go with them and witness them all walking around the church to have a good look at everything they could. They were asked to look particularly for things they knew were to do with Baptism or First Holy Communion. They also set out to look for things they did not know names for or what they did.

We had a lovely session talking about all the symbols used for these sacraments and looking at all the artefacts used in our Mass. They were given homework to go away and find out more about what an altar was for and some other tasks. I can't write about them here as they are to do with how to spell the words too so I would give away all the answers!

We very much hope to soon begin to send a class over to church each week at the Thursday morning 10am Mass. It would be lovely for the families of those classes to join us so we will let you know all about it as soon as possible.

We are so grateful to the generosity of all our children, families, staff, governors and friends of Priory School. Our particular thanks to Heidi at St Cuthbert Mayne who so generously made so many cakes for us to sell to children and parents. We do not yet have a total of how much we raised this week for Shelterbox, but we know you have all been very generous and are sure to be able to buy at least one Shelter Box. Well done everyone and keep up the good work! There are also plans afoot to organise a sponsored 3 legged walk down to the harbour in order to raise funds of our other chosen charity CAFOD. Watch this space!



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



Our SEAL target this week is 'I am bouncing back after difficulties. I am being resilient.'

SHELTER BOX FOR HAITI



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

Saturday, 30th January
Margaret Clitherow House (beside our church)
 is hosting a coffee morning this Saturday, 30th January from 10.30am in aid of this appeal – everyone is very welcome to attend.

Don't miss tonight!



DIOCESE OF PLYMOUTH
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.

PARISH TALKS

These will continue each Tuesday evening at 7pm for a 7.15pm start in church this week. All welcome.



ATTENDANCE CUP

Week Ending 22nd January 2010

Reception	95.2%
Class 1	98.4%
Class 2	93.1%
Class 3/4	97.5%
Class 5	97.4%
Class 6	95.2%

Well done Class 1

Uniform Teddy Award = Class 3/4
Number Smart Award = Ashmee in Class 3/4

House Points – Blue = 572 points

FOOTBALL TRAINING

No football training on Tuesday as there is a boys' Years 5/6 match at home against Queensway. Congratulations to all the boys who played in the match against Babbacombe. We won 6 – 3! Man of the match was Keiren Shaw who scored a hat trick.

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 Wednesdays 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.

CHESS CLUB

After half term we hope to be starting up a Chess Club on Mondays after school. Price will be £10 a term per child. (£5 for the first half term) Letters will come out about this next week.

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 last 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

THURSDAY, 11th – Classes 5 & 6 Ancient Greek Day

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

School Mass with Reception children 14th March 10am in Church.

Holiday dates for this academic year

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

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.

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

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

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