

2021 - 2022 Edition Three (26.11.2021)



Blink and you'll miss it!

Term one completed and already halfway through term two, dare I say it we must be getting near Christmas with "I'm A Celebrity" kicking off on the TV last weekend. It's been a packed start to the term. We have had bonfire stories and a fantastic trip to The Hawk Conservancy for reception, year one and year two. Year three and four have enjoyed a day at Stonehenge and year five and six have just returned from Chepstow Castle. All of these fantastic experiences on top of a week away at Morfa Bay for the biggest group of year five and six pupils we've ever taken. We are so pleased at school to be able to start to provide all these experiences again despite still having the shadow of a Covid Risk Assessment hanging over us. It was fantastic to observe the children at Morfa Bay face new challenges head on as well as hear the children talk about their day trips with their friends back at school. Please continue to support us in being able to provide these experiences by making the termly contributions via ParentPay and offering to come and help on the day. As a school, we feel these curriculum based experiences are so important, the school contributes a five figure sum from its budget to subsidise the cost, but without your support we may not be able to continue to offer them.

Morfa Bay

Wow! What a week. It was great to be back at the centre after missing last year. We were lucky enough to take away 72 children, the largest group we've ever taken. The weather was as kind as a Welsh November provides and the welcome from the centre was as warm as I can remember. As usual, the children got stuck into activities as soon as they arrived on the Monday lunchtime; Body Boarding, Abseiling, Climbing Wall, Zip Wire, Crate Stacking, Rock Pooling, Mountain Biking as well as the now legendary Morfa Assault Course. So much to cram into just a few days. As usual the children did us proud, Priestley & Proud! These residential, be it the Yr5/6 Morfa Bay or the Yr3/4 Skerne Lodge are amazing experiences that will not only develop responsibility and independence but also provide memories that will stick in the children's mind well into the future.

Christmas

As mentioned earlier, we are having to manage under the shadow of a lengthy Covid Risk Assessment, however, we will be trying to celebrate Christmas in some way shape or form this year during the last week of school. Unfortunately, we are still limiting the number of things being passed between home and school, so sorry no Christmas cards or gifts again this year please. As it stands, we will be providing a slightly scaled down Nativity, which will be done by both the reception and year one pupils this year as they didn't get the chance last year. There are however some strict guidelines we will need to follow in order for these shows to go ahead, so please help us by adhering to them. Everyone will enjoy a festive activity each afternoon on the last week of term. Please remember we **finish early on Friday 17 December.**

Christmas Week Activities



Santa Fun Run and Christmas Jumper Day

Children will be taking part in a Santa Fun Run. Children are encouraged to wear a festive Christmas jumper or top and trainers or footwear suitable for running.

Christmas Parties

Each class will have a Christmas Party during the last week of term. Children can come to school in non-uniform on the day of their party.

Christmas Movie Afternoon

We will watch a feel-good Christmas movie together in our class.

Christmas Dinner Day

We will still have our festive Christmas dinner in the hall this year. Children will remain in their current lunch bubbles.

Early Finish

We will as usual, have an early finish on Friday 17 December.

Monday 13 Dec	Tuesday 14 Dec	Wednesday 15 Dec	Thursday 16 Dec	Fri 17 Dec
Ducklings Nativity 9.20am	Goslings Nativity 9.20am	Pufflings Nativity 9.20am	Cygnets Nativity 9.20am	
Santa Fun Run and Christmas Jumper Day.	Christmas Party Afternoon for all classes. Non-school uniform.	Christmas Movie Afternoon.	Christmas Dinner Day /Christmas Jumpers can be worn.	<u>Early Finish</u> <u>See timings below.</u>

Ducklings, Goslings, Pufflings & Cygnets will finish at 12.30pm.
Teal, Kingfisher, Harlequin, Eider & Sandpiper will finish at 12.50pm.
Curlew, Avocet & Mallard will finish at 1.10pm.

Children in Need

Even in these difficult times you have outdone yourselves, as a school we raised £284 this year, on top of the £305 we raised before half term wearing yellow for the Young Minds Charity. THANK YOU, PRIESTLEY & PROUD.

Bikes & Scooters

Although it is great to see the children enjoying their journey to school, can I take this opportunity to remind you that although we will always do our best to look after the bikes and scooters, they are parked in the bike shed at your own risk.

The Weather

I think we have probably seen the last of the good weather for a while so please can I ask that you make sure your child comes to school with a coat.

Admissions September 2022

Just a reminder for the parents of pre-school children need to apply for a primary school place by 15 January 2022.

Outdoor P.E. Kits

Participation in P.E. is hugely important for the development of health, fitness, and wider skills for learning such as resilience and collaboration. Due to the current circumstances P.E. kits will be brought into school on P.E. days and then taken home. Please check your child's P.E. kit follows the school uniform rules and all clothing and shoes still fit. Following guidelines, **ALL** P.E. sessions are being practiced outside, so a dark pair of jogging/long trousers, jumper or hooded top and trainers are necessary as the weather gets colder.

The School Gates

Please can I remind parents that the gates should not be obstructed at the beginning or end of the day. Although they might be closed, access is still required for emergency vehicles so must be kept clear at **ALL** times, thank you.

Dates

Friday 3 December – TD Day.

Friday 17 December – Last day of term, early finish (see your child's class finish times above).

Tuesday 4 January 2022 – First day back to school.

Friday 18 February – TD Day.

Monday 21 – Friday 25 February – School Holiday.

Priestley & Proud

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