



**2023 - 2024 Edition Five (10.01.2024)**

### **Happy New Year**

Here we are at the start of 2024, and I hope everyone had a fantastic Christmas. It's an action-packed start to the term with our KS2 trip to see Aladdin in Cardiff at the end of this first week back, followed by our usual array of class trips and visitors during the second week back in January.

After the excitement of a little snow this week, I'd like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of what might happen if you open your curtains one morning to a thicker blanket of snow. Should the school require to close, you will receive a text message that morning stating so, it will also be reported on local radio. I always try to make the call as early as possible to provide the maximum amount of time for you to make or change plans. It has always been our intention to keep the school open, however, I not only have to consider local conditions but also must consider the safety of staff and whether they are able to travel into school from the surrounding areas.

### **Parking**

Just quick reminder from the last Priestley Post. Please can we have New Year's resolution of 'thinking things through' when it comes to parking at the beginning and the end of the day. I am still seeing vehicles parked blocking the school gate, if it's you, do you really want to be responsible for an ambulance not being able to get to a child? I'm also unfortunately receiving emails regularly from local residents about inconsiderate parking, so please can we start 2024 showing 'Respect for All'. Thank you.

### **The Weather**

True to form 'us Brits' are never satisfied with the weather, after too much rain we are now looking at a chilly couple of days. Please can I ask that every child comes into school with a coat and has a sweater included in their PE Kits please.

### **Residential Trips**

Our return to Skerne Lodge is rapidly approaching at the beginning of April. I hope those Year 3 and Year 4 pupils who are attending are looking forward to fun filled few days away by the sea. Once this trip has taken place, look out, as we will then be advertising next year's Year 5 and Year 6 Residential Trip to Morfa Bay, which is booked for November 2024.

### **Bikes & Scooters**

Although it is great to see the children enjoying their journey to school, can I take this opportunity to remind everyone that although we will always do our best to look after them, the bikes & scooters are parked in the bike shed at your own risk. Can I also remind everyone that in the interests of trying to keep everyone safe that the children disembark from their bike or scooter and push them on school premises. Thankyou.

### **Water bottles**

Only water please, no juices or squash. Thank you.

### **Dogs**

Please can remind everyone that the whole school site is a dog free zone, no dogs please, even if picked up and carried.

## Dates

**Thursday 11 January – Aladdin Trip (Years 3-6)**

**Monday 15 January – Year 3 & 4 Science Dome in School**

**Monday 15 January – Deadline for Primary School Applications**

**Tuesday 16 January -Year 5 & 6 Science Dome in School**

**Wednesday 17 January -EYFS visit to Noah’s Ark Zoo Farm**

**Friday 19 January -Year 1 & 2 Dinosaurs and Fossil Workshop**

**Monday 22 January – Join Your Child in School – Art**

**Tuesday 30 January -Rags to Riches Collection**

**Friday 2 February - Join Your Child in School - Science**

**Monday 12 February – Friday 16 February – School Holiday.**

**Monday 19 February – TD Day**

**Tuesday 20 February – First Day Term 4**

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