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Dear Parents/Carers

As we approach the end of the Autumn Term, please take note of the following information.

Children in Need

A huge thanks to all our pupils, parents/carers and staff for helping us raise a final total of £385.75 for Children in Need.

Staffing Update

We have recently said goodbye to Mrs Bloomfield, a Key Stage 2 Teaching Assistant and a long serving member of staff, who has retired during the Autumn Term.

I am sure that you will join with me in thanking Mrs Bloomfield for her long and dedicated service to school and wish her an extremely happy retirement.

Parent, Carer and Visitor Code of Conduct

Unfortunately, we have recently received reports of adults using unacceptable language and demonstrating aggressive behaviour towards each other on the school playground/footpath during drop off and collection times. A copy of the School's Parent, Carer and Visitor Code of Conduct is attached to this newsletter to remind all parents, carers and visitors of the expectations of school whilst on the school site. This is an agreement we expect parents, carers and visitors of Priestsic Primary and Nursery School to abide by. We believe that children, parents, carers, visitors and staff are entitled to a safe environment and that all members of the school community should treat each other with respect.

Attendance and Penalty Notice Fines Reminder

Please may we remind you that since 19th August 2024, the Government have changed the process for Penalty Notice Fines.

Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there have been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period. The fine will be increasing as per the below flow chart.

First offence – The 1st time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or irregular Attendance the fine will be; £160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

Second offence (within 3 years) – The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the fine will be; £160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days. No reduced rate will be offered.

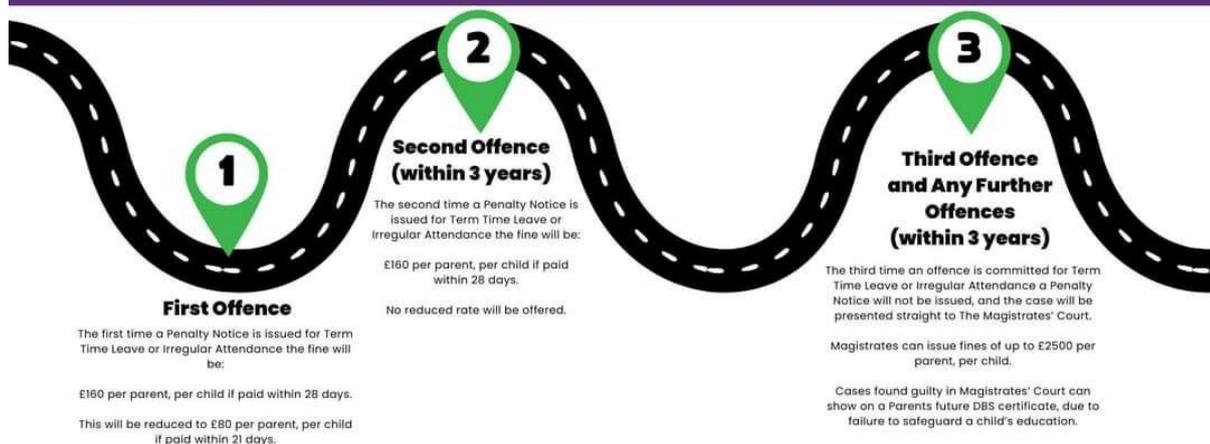
Third offence and any further offences (within 3 years) – The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to The Magistrates Court.

Magistrates can issue fines of up to £2500 per parent per child.

Cases found guilty in Magistrates Court can show on a Parents future DBS certificate due to failure to safeguard a child's education.

PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS CHANGING

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The following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued after **19th August 2024**.

www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance



School Dinners/Lunchtime Reminder

May we remind all parents/carers that all infant children (F2-Y2) are entitled to a Universal free school meal every day.

If your child is in Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6) and is entitled to free school meals, then they are entitled to a free school meal every day. Please see the Key Information Section of the school website for information on how to register for Free School Meals with Nottinghamshire County Council. If you think that your child may be entitled to benefits related free school meals, please contact the Nottinghamshire County Council on 0300 500 80 80.

We have a three week rolling menu which can be viewed on the school website.

May we also ask that Squid accounts for our older children (Years 3,4,5 and 6) are topped up regularly to ensure school dinners are paid for. If you have an outstanding invoice on your account, please ensure that this is cleared on a weekly basis. This also applies for the school Breakfast Club payments on the Squid account.

Nut Free School

Please support our school's nut free approach to keep those with severe allergies safe. We are asking for your assistance in ensuring any food containing nuts is **not** sent into school – this includes spreads containing nuts. Thank you.

Winter Weather

If there is an occasion where school has to be closed on the grounds of health and safety due to poor weather conditions, parents and carers will be initially contacted by text message/email. School closure will also be put onto the school website, announced on Radio Nottingham and listed on the Notts County Council website under school closures.

A decision to close the school is never taken lightly and it is not usually made until 8 a.m. Therefore, please may I ask that you do not ring the school office before this time.

Christmas Events

As the festive season approaches, we aim to make this festive season extra special for our children and the school community. Please take note of the following events.

Christmas Fair

Our Christmas Fair will be on **Friday 6th December** from 3:30 onwards. We will be holding a number of stalls, refreshments and a raffle along with a visit from Santa Claus himself! Donations of tombola prizes, chocolate and shop bought cakes are all gratefully accepted. We look forward to seeing you there.

Christmas Productions

Our Christmas performances will be held on the following dates in the school hall.

Tuesday 3rd December 2024 - Foundation Two Christmas Performance at 10.00 a.m.– Mrs Benson’s and Mrs Cooper’s classes

Thursday 5th December 2024 – Nursery Christmas Performance at 10.30 a.m.

Thursday 12th December 2024 – Year 1 Christmas Performance at 10.00 a.m. – Mrs Hewitt’s and Miss Flint’s classes

Tuesday 17th December 2024 – Year 2 Christmas Performance at 10.00 a.m. – Mrs Bates’s and Mr Barrett’s classes

Christmas Dinner/Christmas Jumper Day

Our Christmas Dinner this year is on Friday 13th December. It will also be Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children. We would appreciate a donation of £1 from any children taking part. If your child is not wearing a Christmas jumper, we expect them in normal school uniform. Please note that this day is **not** a non-uniform day, and children are expected to substitute their jumper only. The menu will be a traditional Christmas Dinner with an ice cream dessert. Please make sure the squid catering account has been set up and is in credit. Children who are entitled to free school meals will not have to pay.

Christmas Parties

Christmas Parties will be held during the last week of term. School will be providing the party food, and we will not be asking parents/carers for donations of party food. The parties will be held in normal school time within their year group/class. Children are not expected to be in school uniform for their party day and can come to school in their party clothes that day.

Wednesday 18th December 2024 - Nursery Christmas Party (am)

Wednesday 18th December 2024 - Foundation 2 Christmas Party

Wednesday 18th December 2024 – Year 1 Christmas Party

Wednesday 18th December 2024 – Year 2 Christmas Party

Thursday 19th December 2024 – Year 3 Christmas Party

Thursday 19th December 2024 – Year 4 Christmas Party

Friday 20th December 2024– Year 5 Christmas Party

Friday 20th December 2024– Year 6 Christmas Party

Dates for calendars

Autumn Term 2024

Tuesday 3rd December 2024 - Foundation Two Christmas Performance at 10:00 a.m.– Mrs Benson’s and Mrs Cooper’s classes

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Friday 20th December 2024– Year 6 Christmas Party

Friday 20th December 2024 - Last day of Autumn Term

Spring Term 2025

Monday 6th January 2025 – INSET Day

Tuesday 7th January 2025 – First Day of Spring Term for pupils

17th February – 21st February 2025 – Half Term Break

Monday 24th February 2025 – Return to school after Half Term Break

Friday 4th April 2025 – Last day of Spring Term

I would like to thank you all for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher