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We ♥
Maths

We are all
writers ...



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Please remember that today is the last day of the Autumn Term.

The Spring Term begins on Monday 7th January.

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Diary Dates

Thursday 20th December—Friday 4th January.
Christmas Holiday. The school is closed.

Monday 7th January. First day of Spring Term.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THERE ARE OTHER KEY
DATES ON THE SCHOOL CALENDAR ON THE SCHOOL
WEBSITE.

At the end of the day,
the most overwhelming
key to a child's
success is the positive
involvement of
parents.

Jane D. Hull

Assembly Theme for Next Week:

Christmas Story

The 'Right' we will be
focusing on this Half
Term is Article 28:

You have the right to a
good quality education.
You should be encour-
aged to go to school to
the highest level you can.

**5 sleeps until Christmas — Genuinely running out
of time now—all a bit worrying.**



The Mighty Colchester United

The mighty Colchester United are at home
twice over the festive period and must
surely be a must on everyone's schedule.

Amazingly, considering the battering Colchester
got at the weekend, they are still third in the ta-
ble...could they do it? It does certainly look like
Ipswich could be going the other way.

Wednesday 26th: Colchester United v Stevenage @
3.00p.m.

Saturday 29th: Colchester United v Morecambe

Children are
NOT
a distraction from more
important work.
They are
THE MOST
important work.

children are like
snowflakes...

each one is unique...

What do you call a cat
in the desert?
Sandy Claws!

What do you call a
frozen elf hanging from
the ceiling?
An elfcicle!

What do angry mice send
to each other at Christmas?
Cross Mouse Cards!

Whoops-a-Daisy Angel!

Whoops-a-Daisy Angel is the fantastic story of
a disorganised but lovable angel who is chosen
to show the way to Bethlehem. Our Foundation
children were absolutely brilliant last week as
they dazzled and regaled us with their perfor-
mances and most definitely provided some
excellent Christmas cheer. **'Which angel is
always late, which angel is always late, who's
still snoring at half past eight, Whoops-a-
Daisy Angel.'**

Really well done—amazing.

Christmas Quiz 2018

The Christmas Quiz is on Page 2 of the newsletter. Fifty ques-
tions to tempt and tease you over the festive period. Make
sure you write your answers down and hand in your named en-
tries in the Spring term.

All Aboard the Polar Express

All of the children in Founda-
tion really enjoyed coming to
school in their pyjamas to board
the Polar Express yesterday. They
took part in a range of activities,
ate popcorn, drank hot chocolate
and watched the film.

They were even lucky
enough to have a visit from Father
Christmas in the afternoon and enjoyed
asking him lots of questions about
Christmas. Can you still hear the bell?

We're off to see the Wizard...

On Monday, all the children in the
school were treated by our PTA to a
festive pantomime 'The Wizard of
Oz.'

The story centres around the adven-
tures of a young farm girl
named Dorothy in the magical Land of Oz, after she and her pet dog Toto are swept
away from their Kansas home by a cyclone.

The most magical thing about the pantomime we have in
school is that some of our children
take part and are up on stage helping
the story move along.

Huge thanks to the PTA and really
well done to all the children who took
part.

Team Points

Points mean prizes—so really well done to Team Priory who
are this term's Team winners. A non uniform day will be com-
ing your way in the new year.

Priory 8961
Abbey 8827
Colne 8880
Siege 7503
Temple 6934

Did you know? Team 'Priory'
is named after St Botolph's
Priory which was founded
about 1100 and was one of
the first Augustinian
prieories in England.

Christmas Fair – Class Stall Competition. Profit!

| | |
|-------------|---------|
| Castle | £141.00 |
| Trinovantes | £123.80 |
| Oysters | £115.50 |
| Magnets | £115.20 |
| Garrison | £114.80 |
| Cavalier | £110.20 |
| Iceni | £100.50 |
| Dutch | £99.80 |
| Mercury | £95.00 |
| Romans | £94.30 |
| Cymbeline | £93.15 |
| Claudius | £87.50 |
| Paxman | £83.00 |
| Roses | £73.00 |
| Circus | £72.00 |
| Star | £71.90 |
| Eagles | £61.00 |
| Chariot | £72.00 |
| Jumbo | £54.90 |

Christmas Fair— Class Stalls

As I'm sure you can
appreciate, there's
always a fair bit of
competition amongst
the classes and more
specifically the
teachers for the
coveted title of
biggest profit winner
at our Christmas
Fair.

This year, the title
goes to class Castle
with a profit of
£141.00—well done
Castle.

Really well done to all
the classes and thank
you to all our parents
for spending your
hard earned money
on the children's
coveted Christmas
creations.

In total, the class
stalls raised
£1593.65.

Christmas Holiday Challenge

Create a Frozen Scene— making fake snow.

Here's how you can make your own snow without
having to deal with freezing cold weather.

How to Make Fake Snow

Ingredients:

2 lb. box of baking soda

1 can shaving cream

Dish or container (to mix it all up in)

DIY Snow Directions:

Pour all of the 2 lb. box of baking soda into a
plastic container with a lid.

Add some shaving cream, and knead it into the
baking soda. Add more shaving cream, mix, and
repeat, until the mixture is the consistency of
snow.

The DIY fake snow become light and powdery,
and will leave very little residue on your
hands when fully mixed.

The challenge then is to make the fake snow
and then create a festive scene—obviously
everyone will 'want to build a snowman' and will
have to 'let it go' because fake snow doesn't last
forever. Hopefully no one will get FROZEN!

| Autumn Term Attendance 2018 | |
|--------------------------------|-------|
| Star | 98% |
| Chariot | 97.9% |
| Jumbo | 97.6% |
| Eagles | 96.1% |
| Circus | 97.2% |
| Roses | 97.4% |
| Mercury | 98% |
| Claudius | 97.2% |
| Romans | 96.9% |
| Dutch | 97.6% |
| Iceni | 97% |
| Paxman | 95.8% |
| Castle | 97.8% |
| Cavalier | 97.6% |
| Garrison | 97.6% |
| Oysters | 96.3% |
| Magnets | 98% |
| Trinovantes | 96.8% |
| Cymbeline | 97.1% |

Attendance

I have waxed lyrical plenty of times
about how important attendance is
and how it is the start of embedding a
life skill.

Some excellent attendance figures
this term and a particular well done to
classes Star, Mercury and Magnets
who all have 98% attendance for the
Term.

Each of those classes will be going to
'Go Bananas' as a
well done reward
from the school.
Really well done.



And Finally,

On behalf of all of the staff at the school, my thanks for all the cards and gifts you have so very generously given this Christmas Period. My thanks as well, for all your support for your children this term and the effort and hard work you have put in in helping them with their reading and learning spellings etc. I wish you all the very best for both Christmas and the New Year and would say to you all — 'May the best of this year be the very worst of next.'

Have a good break

Simon Billings

Tomorrow, is the
first blank
page of a 365
page book. Write
a good one.

— Brad Paisley

Christmas Quiz 2018

(After all you can't watch the TV all of the time!)

- 1, Where does the president of the United States live?
- 2, What type of tree do dates grow on?
- 3, Who was the leader of the Romans when they invaded Britain in 55 and 54BC?
- 4, How many hours are there in seven days?
- 5, Which Disney character has a nose that grows longer every time he tells a lie?
- 6, What are the names of the world's five oceans?
- 7, Which famous girl band released a song called 'Black Magic' in 2015?
- 8, What type of dog is Mel from 'The Secret Life of Pets'?
- 9, Which three countries in the world all begin with the letter 'F'?
- 10, What is the name of Pete's Dragon?
- 11, Which singer released two songs at the start of 2017 called 'Castle on the Hill' and 'Shape of You'?
- 12, Which children's book features two characters named Tweedledum and Tweedledee?
- 13, Which country won the World Cup in 2018?
- 14, Can you name the six different types of bird that are mentioned in 'The Twelve Days of Christmas' song?
- 15, What does a 'spheksophobist' fear?
- 16, Stem, straight, satin, fly and lazy daisy are all what?
- 17, In children's literature, which character lived at Puddleby-On-The-Marsh?
- 18, Who is King Mufasa and Queen Sarabi's son?
- 19, What lurks under the bridge waiting for the Three Billy Goats Gruff?
- 20, Name the four houses of Hogwarts?
- 21, What was Captain Ahab hunting?
- 22, In ten-pin bowling, what name is given to a bowl that knocks down all the pins in one go?
- 23, What name is given to a group of rhinoceroses?
- 24, Which explorer is credited with introducing the potato to Britain?
- 25, What is Mr Spock's home planet?
- 26, Ganymede is which moon's largest planet?
- 27, According to popular legend, what type of bird delivers babies to their mothers?
- 28, Timothy the mouse was which Disney characters best friend?
- 29, From what do Bees make honey?
- 30, Twelfth Night marks the end of which festive season?
- 31, What sort of drink is espresso?
- 32, Which Agatha Christie play has run in the West End for over 45 years?
- 33, The giant sequoia is the largest living what?
- 34, What's the response to 'See you later alligator'?
- 35, Which fictitious hero was orphaned at the age of 11 and brought up by his maiden aunt Charmian?
- 36, In what country is the Great Pyramid of Giza found?
- 37, How many horns did Triceratops have?
- 38, What was Scrooge's first name?
- 39, What are the names of the two Siamese cats in the 1955 Disney movie Lady and the Tramp?
- 40, At room temperature, what is the only metal that is in liquid form?
- 41, Which fictional superhero comes from the island nation of Themyscira?
- 42, Where in London does the London Marathon finish?
- 43, The 'Fosbury Flop' is a technique employed in which athletics event?
- 44, Who plays Mary Poppins in 'Mary Poppins Returns'?
- 45, What fruit is the main ingredient of Eve's Pudding?
- 46, According to tradition, how many mince pies are you supposed to eat over Christmas to bring good luck?
- 47, Who wrote The Giraffe, the Pelly and me?
- 48, What is the name of the floppy-eared alien who befriends the Jedi knights in Episode I: Phantom Menace?
- 49, Who are the four heroes - Xuli, Kyan, Lars and Foz?
- 50, What do you call an elf who steals gift wrap from the rich and gives it to the poor?