



# Priorsford Newsletter



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'Supporting each other to grow and learn together'

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had yet another busy month and we are beginning to gear up for the festive season. In November we welcomed parents/carers for their parental consultation with their child's class teacher. The meeting provides an opportunity to discuss your child's progress and see some of the work they have been doing in class. Thank you to everyone who took the time to contribute to our stakeholder feedback about Inclusion. We gathered the views of parents/carers and we will do the same with the staff and pupils. All of the thoughts and ideas will be considered to create a shared understanding. I will continue to share more information about this through future newsletters and Parent Council meetings. The next Parent Council meeting is on Wednesday 5th February at 6.30pm.

Please remember if you have any queries or questions you can contact me as per my details below, or you can also contact Mr Russell, Depute Head Teacher via email [KRussell@scotborders.gov.uk](mailto:KRussell@scotborders.gov.uk) or contact Ms McDonald, Depute Head Teacher via email [CMcdonald@scotborders.gov.uk](mailto:CMcdonald@scotborders.gov.uk).

After yesterday's success of our PTA Christmas Fayre I would like to thank everyone who organised/supervised a stall and those who worked hard to make this event happen. It was lovely that so many people can come along and enjoy the Fayre. The school had a lovely Christmassy feel. I will let you know how much money has been raised once the PTA have counted the takings. A great effort from everyone in our school community. Thank you!

Schools are always an exciting place to be on the run up to Christmas. You will see our Christmas calendar on the next page. I can't wait to experience all the Christmas events we have planned. Information about events that require tickets or volunteers to accompany classes has already been issued or will be requested next week. We hope that you can come along, join us for the different events and these help to get you into the Christmas spirit!

Susan Woodyer  
Headteacher

## CONNECT - The National Parent Forum of Scotland

Our Parent Council recommend this useful website for all parents/carers, and not just those who are members of the PTA or Parent Council.

<https://connect.scot>

The website has information and resources to support families and schools with parental involvement and engagement. We will consider some of the suggestions made to ensure we continue to have effective family engagement in their children's learning.



### Scottish Book Week

Sam the Library mouse made an appearance on Monday 18th November. He had chosen Priorsford Library to be his home, just like the mouse in the story 'The Library Mouse' by Daniel Kirk. Classes listened to this story at the start of the week.

Throughout the week the children visited Sam in the library to share their pictures, stories and miniature books they had made. There was a Great School Mouse Hunt to find 58 of Sam's mousey friends who were all reading somewhere in our school.

There were lots of other mouse book-related activities hearing more stories, drawing and making our own books about mice. There was real excitement throughout the week and I would like to thank Mrs Palmer for organising the activities!

Our Primary 1 children received their Bookbug Bags and our Primary 2 and Primary 3 children received their Read, Write, Count bags to celebrate book week from the Scottish Book Trust. We hope the children and families enjoy the contents of the bag and it helps to promote reading, writing and counting.

We are already making plans for Book Week in March, which also celebrates World Book Day. I look forward in sharing this information with you in the New Year.

### PTA - Sharing Shed

We have been making plans to build a 'Sharing Shed' to house our pre-loved school uniform and clothing. Given we already have 2 sheds in our school grounds we are hoping to keep this one in line with these and purchase from the same company again. We have received a great boost of £1800 from Peebles & District Round Table, after the local firework display which will contribute towards the cost of the shed.

We are applying for a Community Grant from Tesco to help supplement the exterior paint and groundworks required. Our PTA have agreed to commit some money to help with the interior furnishings that will be required, e.g. hangers, rails, boxes etc.

We look forward to sharing further news with everyone about the progress of this project. Anyone wishing to get involved, please contact Mrs Woodyer. Well done to Gemma Malby for all her work so far!



### Dates For Your Diary

Mon 2nd Dec	HOLIDAY
Tues 3rd Dec	HOLIDAY
Thurs 5th Dec	P5P trip to Neidpath Castle
Mon 9th Dec	Rag-Bag Collection - All donation welcome (Collection point in the Atrium)
Tues 10th Dec	6pm - P7 Dance Show
Wed 11th Dec	Christmas Lunch Pm - Nativity Dress Rehearsal for staff & pupils
Thurs 12th Dec	6.30pm - P1 & P2 Nativity Performance (children to arrive at school for 6pm)
Fri 13th Dec	9.15am - P1 & P2 Nativity Performance (children to arrive at school for usual time) 10.45am - Santa Dash - Wear Christmas jumpers and Santa hats.
Mon 16th Dec	Pm - P5 & P6 Christmas Parties 6.30pm - P7 Christmas Party
Tues 17th Dec	1pm - P6 & P7 to Eastgate Theatre for Paddington in Peru (parent helpers required) Pm - P3 & P4 Christmas Parties
Wed 18th Dec	9.30am - Peebles School Service P3 - P7 in Church (leave school at 9am, parent helpers required) am - Nursery Christmas Party pm - P1 & P2 Christmas Parties
Thurs 19th Dec	Pm - M&M Productions - Beauty and the Beast Panto for P1 - P5
Fri 20th Dec	School Closes at 12.50pm until Monday 6th January 2025 Nursery closes at 6pm until Monday 6th January 2025

## Children in Need

We raised £256 for Children In Need on Friday 15th November. Well done to everyone in our nursery and school for their generous donations. The children looked great on the day wearing spots, dressed as Pudsey or wearing Pudsey ears. The money will be added to Children in Need grand total.



## Netball

We had 2 netball teams enter the Tweeddale netball competition on Friday 22nd November. Both teams played well and had some tough games. One team made it to the final and had a hard game against Kingsland. It was an 3-1 victory for Priorsford and we are the Tweeddale champions!

Thank you to the coaches, Mrs Scott and Mrs Clark, who dedicate their time, support and encouragement to all our players.

## Rag Bag Collection

Our next Rag Bag collection is scheduled for Monday 9th December. Rag bag is a textile recycling project that converts the weight of the textiles into money for the school.



We would welcome any clothing that can be worn again, paired shoes, handbags or belts. Please send any donations into school before this date or donations can also be dropped off at the collection point in the Atrium.

They do not accept duvet covers, pillow cases, blankets, towels, curtains, Bric a Brac or electrical items.

## Asda Cashpot for Schools

Asda Cashpot for Schools comes to an end today. We will receive nearly £130 from Asda. Thank you to everyone who selected our school and supported this initiative to earn cash for our school. Once we get these funds our Pupil Council will help to decide how this money will be spent.



## Star Pupils



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## Pupil Achievements

### Peebles Poppy Sellers



### Netball



### Football



Pupil Achievements

Dancing



Skiing



Judo



Swimming



Taekwon-Do



Equestrian



Fundraising



Animal Adoption



Gymnastics



Golf

