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Dear Parents/Carers,



Welcome back to a very wet and windy 2024 so far! The children have come back full of beans and with their stories of the holiday festivities and fun.

We will be sending each child home with one of our school flyers which are promoting tours of our school for school intakes in the future. Please can I ask that if you know of a shop, supermarket, letterbox etc that would be a fantastic place to advertise our lovely school for reception children coming to us, that you kindly deliver the flyer. We can easily copy more leaflets for anyone out and about who could deliver through letterboxes! Thank you in advance.

The end of term was the perfect way to get excited for Christmas with our fabulous Disco and the most fabulous nativity. There have been so many lovely comments about the quality of the performance and we were very proud of each and every child!

The weather looks set to get much colder next week. Please ensure that your child has their jumper/cardigan and a warm coat as we move further into winter. A hat and gloves would also be advisable.

We are desperately looking for a Catholic Life Of The School/R.E Governor to joining our Governing body. This is an opportunity to strengthen the mission of our school and to share expertise within the Catholic Faith. If you are able to offer your time for one meeting each half term or know someone who would fit the bill perfectly, please email me on:

h.maskell@plymouthcast.com

We will be in touch soon with the usual term dates to share exciting events that can be placed firmly in your diaries.

I wish you all a wonderful 2024 and look forward to working with you all.

Best wishes

Hannah Maskell

ATTENDANCE

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

Children are required by law to attend school 190 days per year. The Government states that every pupil's attendance should be at least 95%.

How do YOU measure up?

Attendance	Days	Weeks	Lessons
	Absent	Absent	Missed
95%	9 Days	2 Weeks	50 Lessons
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	100 Lessons
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	150 Lessons
80%	38 Days	8 Weeks	200 Lessons
75%	48 Days	10 Weeks	250 Lessons
70%	57 Days	11.5 Weeks	290 Lessons
65%	67 Days	13.5 Weeks	340 Lessons

89% & Below
Drastic effect on
academic achievement

95% - 90%
Cause for
concern

100% - 96%
Excellent





SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding at Priory is always a priority. Should you have any enquiries or concerns, please contact our Designated Senior Lead for Child Protection: Mrs Maskell or Deputies: Mrs Dudman or Miss King on 01803 328480.

WELFARE

Our Family Support Worker is Rachel Ripley. Please let us know if you would like her to contact you for ANY support. If your circumstances have changed and you think your child may be able eligible for free school meals, you can apply here: <https://forms.torbay.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals> or contact the school for support.



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Matthew Jackson is our attendance officer. He will liaise with any families who has a child with below 95% attendance to offer support.

CPOMS and Operation encompass

At Priory we use CPOMs as our system for recording information that we consider to be safeguarding information. As a parent you are entitled to see this information and may request to do so.

Further information about the programme can be found here -

<https://www.cpoms.co.uk/privacy-statement/>

Operation Encompass is the reporting to schools, prior to the start of the next school day, when a child or young person has exposed to, or involved in, any domestic incident.

Operation Encompass will ensure that a member of the school staff, known as a Key Adult, is trained to allow them to liaise with the police and to use the information that has been shared, in confidence, while ensuring that the school is able to make provision for possible difficulties experienced by children, or their families, who have been involved in, or exposed to, a domestic abuse incident.