



PRIESTTHORPE WEEKLY NEWS

ASPIRE BELIEVE ACHIEVE 13.11.15



Our children helped design and paint our new Library mural. Pop in and have a peep at how it is progressing

Don't forget the Choir are not singing at the Bradford Lights Switch On. If you are intending on travelling into the city on Saturday, then please check the T&A website for road closures during the march.



How wonderful to see a whole school full of Superheroes! Many thanks for all your contributions to this very worthwhile cause.

Once all monies are in, we shall inform you how much you have raised.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

KS1 children do not need to pay for their Christmas lunch but we do still need the form returning so that we know how many children we need to cook for.

Meet The Teacher!

Mrs. Cartman is currently our Y6 teacher and Assistant Head. She has spent most of her teaching career working in North Yorkshire and has also been a foster carer.

Her hobbies include reading, watching football and babysitting for her two grandchildren – Elliot and Fraser.



Due to other local playgroups our Crafty Coffee session will be on a Thursday morning and Stay and Play will be on a Friday morning.

They both start next week and we look forward to seeing you.

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READING AT PRIESTTHORPE

The way we teach and assess reading at school has changed a great deal this year, in line with government expectations.

Children in Y1 are assessed at the end of the year using the Government Phonic Screening test. They are tested on their ability to use their phonic knowledge to read unfamiliar words. Children in Reception and KS1 have a daily phonics lesson to teach them the required skills.

Our English teaching is based on a whole class text. All children will be involved in daily reading to support their writing across the curriculum. There will also now be a daily session where the children are read to from a class novel or book.

At the end of Y2 and Y6, children are assessed on their ability to answer questions about a text they have not seen before. The children have to provide written answers to these questions and use evidence from the text to support their thinking. Each year group now has a half-termly reading test to assess their ability to provide written answers in this way.

In order to teach the children to do this, we are going to have a weekly reading lesson where the children will be taught these skills. We are still asking that your child reads daily at home and that you continue to talk to them about their reading.

We are sending home a booklet today which will help you ask the right type of questions. It contains a range of questions which encourage children to think more deeply about what they have read. Could you please either keep the questions with their reading book, or have them to hand at home.

Thank you for your on-going support with your children's learning.

Please do ask for advice if you need it, we are always happy to help.