



## Dates for the Diary

### Dec 2007

Fri 14 Whole School Assembly 11.45am  
School Reports given out  
**TERM ENDS 12.30PM**

### Jan 2008

Mon 7 Term begins for pupils  
AS and A2 exams begin

Thur 10 Year 11 Parents' Evening 4-6.30pm  
Priory Hall

Fri 11 Whole School Assembly 9am

Tue 15 Year 8 Parents' Evening 4-6.30pm  
Priory Hall

Wed 23 Year 9 and VI Form Parents' Evening  
4-6.30pm Priory Hall

Tue 29 Year 10 Parents' Evening 4-6.30pm  
Priory Hall

## Valentine's Day in Italy



9 Pupils from years 9-13 will be participating in an exchange with students from the Dominican San Giuseppe school in Vigevano near Milan. Mrs Phillips and Mrs Lake will be accompanying the girls over the February half term holiday. The Italian students will than be making a return visit in

### Do you have any news??

If you would like to share any news that you have with the school community via the School News then please e-mail: [marketing@st-dominicspriory.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:marketing@st-dominicspriory.staffs.sch.uk)

Alternatively drop a note into the school office marked for the attention of 'Marketing'.

## Wishing you a very happy Christmas

It's that time of year again, everyone rushing around at work and at home. Planning Christmas lunch, buying presents, writing cards, attending plays and concerts, fitting in Christmas parties, the list goes on. Should anyone venture onto the High Street for Christmas shopping the atmosphere is not one of merriment and happiness but instead it is filled with stress, impatience and down right grumpiness for most shoppers that I come across. How easy it is to lose the true meaning of Christmas.

I think the following little poem sums it up beautifully :

At Christmas, as we celebrate this Birth of Jesus Christ,  
Let's keep in mind the truth of Christmas Day;  
For it's not the Christmas wrappings, nor the gifts that lie within,  
But our gift of love to others in every way...

Andrew Egan

## PFA Christmas Fayre

The festive season kicked off in style with the PFA Christmas Fayre. £2,330 was raised, including £160 worth of Usbourne books for the school. The PFA would like to say a big thank you to all who donated goods and to those who helped out on the day.



Guests enjoying the festivities at the Christmas Fayre.

## Old Girl News

Hannah Butters has been offered a position as Senior Biomedical Scientist in Manchester. Having studied at St Dominic's Priory School, and completed a degree in Microbiology, Hannah went on to work in the Pathology department at Leighton Hospital, Crewe. While at Leighton, she studied for a PgCert in Biomedical Science and was then offered a Trainee post at University Hospital, Aintree. Hannah spent one year studying to become a Specialist Biomedical Scientist focusing on Haematology and has since attained an MSc in Biomedical Science.

Well done to Jessica Moreland who has just obtained her Diploma in Clinical Psychology and is the only women to have had their thesis accepted without any amendments.

## Supporting Charity

### Notices

#### Tennis Centre Availability



For all of those budding sportsmen out there who are looking for an indoor venue, the school Tennis Centre is available for booking most evenings during the week from £13 an hour. There is a substantial Parent Membership discount on these rates. For more information please contact Celia Clewlow.

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#### Go Kart Appeal

If any families have any unused Go-Karts at home that they would like to donate to the school for the Nursery playground please contact Mrs Lanyon in the Nursery.

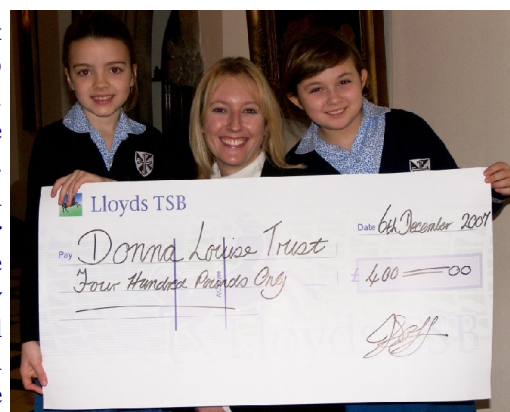
#### News in brief

Thank you to all parents who supported this years Book Fair as over £700 worth of books were acquired for the school. £200 worth of books went to the Senior Library and £500 worth went to the Junior Library and Classrooms.



#### £400 going to the Donna Louise Trust

Our highly memorable PFA Charity Ball held at Crewe Hall in November, attended by over 180 parents, teachers and guests raised over £7000. Following this success it was decided to donate £400 of the proceeds to The Donna Louise Trust. On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December, Sarah Moon, P4, and Lauren Charlton, P3, handed over a cheque for £400 to Samantha Evans from the Donna Louise Trust. Mr Egan, said, 'The school is exceptionally grateful to the PFA for raising such a substantial sum of money, not only will the school and students benefit, so too will the Donna Louise Trust which is a charity close to many of our hearts.'



Samantha Evans receiving the cheque from Lauren and Sarah

#### Bikeability Cycling Proficiency Course

Bikeability is the Cycling Proficiency test for the 21st Century, designed to give children the skills and confidence to ride their bikes on today's roads. Over the last few weeks students from Primary 6, assisted by Mrs A Borgman, have participated in the Staffordshire County Council run course. Cycling England have provided funding so



that the council is able to offer Level 2 Training to children aged 10 and 11.

Emilia Harker, Katie Swift, Emma Hall, Katy Minshull enjoying their time learning new cycling skills

#### Sports Results

Congratulations to Niamh Murphy from Year 9 who has been invited to be part of the Staffordshire Performance Squad. The Squad is made up of athletes in the Under 14/Under 15 age-groups who have demonstrated the potential to be an elite performer. It is part of an England Athlete Performance pathway for students to develop and achieve their potential. Niamh will participate in a number of sessions in Javelin throwing at the recently opened Athletics Centre which is the new indoor athletics hall next to Alexander Stadium in Birmingham. An excellent facility where some of the top athletes in the region train.

#### And Finally.....

We are currently working on distributing the School Newsletter by e-mail as well as by hard copy. If you would like to receive the School Newsletter by e-mail please could you forward an e-mail titled 'School Newsletter' to:

[marketing@st-dominicspriory.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:marketing@st-dominicspriory.staffs.sch.uk)

**Thank you to all who have already responded!**