



Prior Heath Infant School
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Dear Parents,

We hope you had an enjoyable and relaxing Easter holiday – it was lovely to have such good weather this year. We are looking forward to a very busy summer term; we will be sending regular information in newsletters and emails regarding this term's activities. Please remember to also check the school website regularly www.priorheathinfant.co.uk where you will find copies of newsletters, curriculum information for each year group, school term & holiday dates, school policies etc.

PTA Easter Egg Hunt

I would like to thank the PTA for organising such an enjoyable event – it is always a lovely way to end the spring term. It would not be possible to have such events without a great deal of effort over the preceding weeks and on the day and I would like to thank Rosie Guichard and the PTA team for all the hard work and preparation involved in organising the event. We are very fortunate to have parents who are willing to give so much time to the PTA and we are very grateful for all their hard work. Events would also not be possible without the generosity and support of parents and friends on the day.

School Closure Reminders

A reminder that the school is required for polling on **Thursday 4th May** and will, therefore, be closed to children. Please remember that **Monday 1st May** is a Bank Holiday and school will be closed.

With reference to my letter of 20th April, we have been informed that the school is also required for polling for the **General Election on Thursday 8th June, therefore, school will be closed to children.** We had asked if the Council had another facility that could be used, however, we have been informed that Prior Heath is the only suitable venue in the area. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause but, as I am sure you will understand, this was out of our control.

As previously advised, the two remaining inset days of the current school year are **Friday 23rd June and Monday 26th June** when school will be closed for staff training.

School Term and Holiday Dates

The school term and holiday dates for the **2018/19** school year have been agreed by the Local Authority and these are attached for your information. Also attached is a reminder of the **2017/18** dates which were published last year. These are available on the school website <http://priorheathinfant.co.uk/news/calendar/>

Open Session – Monday 19th June 8.40 to 9.30am

Further to the newsletter of 3rd February, we will be holding an open session which will run between 8.40am and 9.30am on Monday 19th June to give you the opportunity to visit your child/children's class and celebrate the wonderful learning the children have achieved throughout the year. Further details will follow later this term.

Please note that whilst the class teacher will be present, there will not be an opportunity for an in depth discussion about your child and their progress. If you would like to meet with the class teacher we suggest you book an appointment with the school office.

Hairstyles

Please note that hairstyles, involving shaven sides, obvious 'steps' and/or razor lines are not considered appropriate at Prior Heath. Please also tie long hair back as this helps children see and concentrate on their work as well as deterring the spread of head lice, should they be present. If a child comes to school with an inappropriate hairstyle I will contact parents to discuss the matter.

Attendance

Our Education Welfare Officer, Mrs Vanessa Curry, visits Prior Heath every term to monitor children's attendance. During last term's meeting, Mrs Curry was pleased to see that we are currently on track to meet our attendance target for this year which is 96.9%. However, she noticed that a few children were regularly arriving late in the morning. She emphasised the importance of arriving on time for school and being prepared and ready for learning. Mrs Curry would also like to remind parents that "every day counts" and family holidays should be booked during the school holiday dates. Thank you for your continued support.

Important - Health & Safety within the school grounds

We would like to remind parents to be vigilant at the beginning and end of the school day in order to ensure the safety of children at all times. Please do not allow the children in your care to:

- Use the Adventure Playground or the Trim Trail as we are not insured for children to use these unless supervised by school staff.
- Ride on scooters or bikes anywhere within the school grounds, including the path that runs behind the Tennis Club and across the school field.
- Climb on the school fence.
- Run through the garden borders at the front of the school.
- Walk around the wall outside the school office.
- Play ball games on the school field.
- Play with or throw sticks.

Your co-operation with this would be very much appreciated. Thank you.

End of the school day/school gates

Please would you leave the school grounds promptly when you have collected your child/children at the end of the school day. The school gates to Southcote Park are locked at 3.15pm and access to Southcote Park from the school field is not possible after this time. The pedestrian gate on Prior Road and upper gate onto the playground are also locked at this time. The lower gate onto the school playground remains open for collection from after school clubs and this can be accessed from the front of the school. If your child is in Year 1 or 2 and attends the Tennis Club on a Wednesday afternoon, please note that the children are collected from Camberley Lawn Tennis Club which is only accessible from Southcote Park. Thank you.

Gardening Club

I would like to thank Mrs. Prior (Y1 grandparent) and Mrs Sherriff (Y1 parent) for helping to run the lunchtime gardening club with Year 2 children every Tuesday (12.15 to 1.15pm) . They have worked hard to create a lovely garden area outside the Year 2 classrooms and the children take great pride in helping to look after the garden. We would be very grateful if more parents, or grandparents, would be interested in helping with this popular club this term and in September as this would enable more children to take part each week. Please contact the school office for further information.



Class Photographs

The school photographer will be in school to take class photos on the morning of Friday 16th June 2017.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

The Active Kids voucher scheme ends on 2nd May and we will soon be placing our orders for equipment. If you have any vouchers, please send them into school as soon as possible. Thank you.

Dates for your diary

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| Monday | 1 st May 2017 | Bank Holiday – school closed |
| Thursday | 4th May 2017 | Polling Day – school closed |
| Monday-Friday | 29 th May to 2 nd June 2017 | Half Term |
| Thursday | 8th June 2017 | Polling Day – school closed |
| Friday | 16 th June 2017 | Photographer in school to take class photos |
| Monday | 19 th June 2017 | Open Session 8.40 to 9.30am – further details to follow |
| Friday | 23rd June 2017 | Inset Day – school closed for staff training |
| Monday | 26th June 2017 | Inset Day – school closed for staff training |
| Wednesday | 28 th June 2017 | Year 1 trip to Marwell Zoo |
| Friday | 7 th July 2017 | Sports Morning (9.30 to approx. 11.00) & Art Exhibition (2.55 to 4.30pm) – further details to follow in summer term |
| Friday | 21 st July 2017 | End of Summer Term at 2pm – please note early closure |

Yours sincerely,

Ellen McClelland
Headteacher