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Dear Parents,

School closes for half term this Friday 26th May at the usual time of 2.50pm and re-opens on Monday 5th June. We hope you have a lovely week.

A Big Thank you Parents and the PTA

The children and staff would like to say thank you for their updated Wi-Fi which is working brilliantly and is now ready for the Learn Pads which the PTA are to help purchase for the children.

Also, as you can see, the children love playing the ukuleles kindly donated by the PTA and parents. Caden told me 'I love them because we learn different chords and Rosie said 'I love them because they make lovely sounds'.



PTA Summer Ball

The PTA are holding their annual summer ball on Friday 7th July and all parents are invited. This is always a wonderful event and if you wish to attend please follow this link:
<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/priorheath/>

Parent Governor Vacancy

We are pleased to report that Mr Holmes, parent of a Year R child has offered to take on this role following our recent advertisement for a governor with IT expertise. A further vacancy will exist from September and we have received an application from a parent with a child due to start in Year R who could offer skills that would also compliment those of our present governing body. However, as new vacancies are open to all interested parents, if you wish to apply would you please contact the school office by Monday 5th June for further information.

Helen Dalford, Clerk to the Governing Body

Dogs in the school grounds

As you are aware, we do not allow dogs onto the school grounds for health and safety reasons. Please note that this includes the path that runs behind the tennis club. If you are walking to school with your dog, please would you leave it securely tied outside the school grounds and away from the gates. If other adults are dropping off or collecting your child, please would you ensure that they are aware of this. Thank you.

School Closure Reminders

As previously advised, the school will be closed for polling on **Thursday 8th June** and the remaining inset days for the current school year are **Friday 23rd June and Monday 26th June** when school will be closed for staff training.

Inset Days for 2017/18 school year

Our five Inset Days for the 2017/18 school year when school will be closed for staff training are as follows:

- **Monday 4th September 2017** (therefore children in Year 1 and Year 2 will return to school after the summer holidays on Tuesday 5th September. Children in Year R will start school on Thursday 7th September.)
- **Friday 24th November 2017**
- **Monday 19th February 2018**
- **Monday 4th June 2018**
- **Friday 29th June 2018**

Please note that there may be an additional closure day if the school is required for polling and we will inform parents as soon as we receive information from the Council.

Golden Boot Challenge

Each summer, around 250 Surrey schools take part in the Golden Boot Challenge which promotes healthy and sustainable travel and Prior Heath will once again take part in this year's challenge. Each child can earn a point for their class if they walk, scoot, cycle, travel by public transport, car share or park n' stride to school. (If you park somewhere safe away from the school and have at least a 10 minute walk in your child can say that they used 'park 'n' stride'). At the end of the challenge, the class with the most points will receive the coveted Golden Boot.



We have opted for a 4 day challenge and will record how the children have travelled to school on:

Friday 9th June
Friday 16th June
Thursday 22nd June
Friday 30th June

Fidget Spinners

We have had a number of children bringing in fidget spinners to school recently. Unfortunately as these are proving to be a distraction during lessons and at playtime we request that they are kept at home in future. Thank you for your support.

Class Photographs

A reminder that the school photographer will be in school on Friday 16th June for class photos.

Sun Safety

As the sun has recently made a welcome appearance, there are several points you may wish to consider during periods of hot weather:

- The Local Authority advises that children should wear clothing which protects the shoulders, arms and neck together with appropriate headwear for prolonged activity in the sun.
- Please ensure your child brings a named sun hat to school every day. Legionnaire style hats that protect the face and neck are advisable. We have a small supply of Legionnaire hats in the office which can be purchased at £3.50 each.

- Sun screens provide added protection and we would encourage you to apply sun screen to your child before they come to school. We recommend the use of a long term (6 hour) sun screen with a factor of 15 or above. It is worth remembering that in the summer this applies even when you can't see the sun.
- Please ensure your child has a named bottle of water in school every day. Children having school lunches have a drink with their meal and there is always water available, should they require more than one drink. If your child has a packed lunch, please make sure they have a drink included.
- Please would you ensure your child brings a sweatshirt to school every day even if it looks fine and dry in the morning. On very wet or cold days they will also need a coat.

We are fortunate to have a number of shaded areas within the school grounds and children are encouraged to play in these areas during hot weather. We also review the length of playtimes and outdoor PE lessons in light of extreme weather conditions, including hot weather.

Diary Dates

Monday-Friday	29 th May to 2 nd June 2017	Half Term
Tuesday	6 th June 2017	Year 2 Crossing Continents & Oceans workshop in school
Thursday	8th June 2017	Polling Day – school closed
Friday	9 th June 2017	Mufti Day – the children can wear home clothes to school in return for tombola items.
Friday	16 th June 2017	Photographer in school to take class photos
Saturday	17 th June 2017	PTA Summer Fayre – 11.30am to 2.00pm
Monday	19 th June 2017	Open Session for parents 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
Wednesday	19 th July 2017	Year 2 concert and picnic (1.30pm) for parents who have children in Year 2
Friday	21 st July 2017	End of Summer Term at 2pm – please note early closure

Yours sincerely,

Ellen McClelland
Headteacher