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Dear Parents,

### **Summer Fayre**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our PTA Chair, Rosie Guichard, and her team for organising such an enjoyable, successful and well-run event. It was lovely to see such generous support by parents in terms of their time, donations and support on the day. Special thanks to the parents who helped to set up on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning and clear up so efficiently after the event, especially as it was such a hot day. Such support from parents is a great strength at Prior Heath and benefits all the children in so many ways. My sincere thanks to you all.

### **Parental Survey**

You will find a questionnaire in your child's book bag today. I know it is a busy time of year but I would very much appreciate it if you could fill it in and return to school by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July. The information you provide will feed into our self-evaluation process and will inform future development. Thank you in anticipation of your help.

### **Open Session**

We are delighted that so many of you were able to attend our open session on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June to celebrate the children's work. We would value your feedback about this event and there is space in the parental survey to provide this. Thank you.

### **Sports Morning: Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July**

As you are aware, sports morning takes place at 9.30am on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July (weather permitting). You will have received a request from your child's class teacher to send a coloured t-shirt into school by 29<sup>th</sup> June. Please would you ensure that t-shirts are in school by Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at the latest. The children will be practising at every opportunity next week and will therefore need the following items in school each day in addition to the t-shirt:

- Full PE kit and plimsolls (please ensure your child's plimsolls fit correctly)
- Sun hat
- An extra drink of water in a suitable plastic container (please ensure it is water as insects may be attracted to sugary drinks).

Please administer sun cream before your child comes to school as even if it is overcast the children can be affected by the sun.

### **Art Exhibition – 2.55 to 4.30pm Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July**

The Art Exhibition will take place after school on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July (regardless of the weather). We rotate the Art Exhibition activities on a three yearly basis and this year each child has created a painting or drawing which will be professionally framed and displayed in the school hall for parents and children to view. The artwork is available to purchase at a cost of £8.50.

Funds raised from this event are to be used to book an artist based workshop for the children in the next school year. Parents are welcome to view and purchase their child's artwork from 2.55pm until 4.30pm on 7<sup>th</sup> July. Please note that there is no obligation to purchase the artwork.

### **Reports**

End of year reports will be sent out on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July. If you wish to meet with your child's class teacher to discuss the report further please speak to the teacher after school to arrange a suitable time.

### **Inset Days for 2017/18 school year**

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

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

### **Attendance Update & Revised Policy**

Our Education Welfare Officer, Mrs Vanessa Curry, has recently carried out her termly monitoring visit and register check and was pleased to see that our attendance for the current school year continues to be very good and we are on track to meet our target. Mrs Curry also reviewed the number of sessions that children had been recorded as late to registration and emphasised the importance of arriving on time for school and being prepared and ready for learning.

Following the judgement in a recent High Court appeal, our attendance policy and leave of absence form have been reviewed and revised in line with Surrey County Council guidelines and these are attached. Please note that children are expected to attend school 100% of the time unless their absence is authorised by the Headteacher. While absence due to illness is unavoidable, we expect parents to book holidays during school holiday dates which are published a year in advance and are available on the school website <http://priorheathinfant.co.uk/news/calendar/>. Holidays taken during term time are not deemed an exceptional circumstance and will not be authorised. They are also disruptive to the child concerned and to others in the class.

Please be aware that The Education (Pupil Registration) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 state that Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are **exceptional circumstances**. The Headteacher should determine the number of school days a child can be away from school if leave is granted.

In accordance with the above Regulations, requests for leave of absence are treated sympathetically but only in exceptional circumstances can they be approved. The policy of Surrey County Council, to which this school has agreed, states that parents who take their child out of school for five days or more during term time, without the authority of the Headteacher, will each be liable to receive a penalty notice. Penalty Notices are issued per parent/carer per

child and the amount payable is £60 if paid within 21 days, rising to £120 if paid after 21 days but before 28 days. If the penalty notice remains unpaid after 28 days, the Local Authority must consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court.

Thank you for your continued support.

### **School Uniform**

Please would you ensure your child wears their school tie every day (although this is not required for girls who are wearing a summer dress!). We do allow ties to be removed at school if the weather is very hot but would like them to be worn to school every day. Thank you.

### **Multiskills Competition**

Several Year 2 children recently took part in a multi-skills competition between local infant schools. The children took part in a carousel of activities which allowed them to demonstrate balance, co-ordination, agility and speed.

These termly competitions are organized by PE Subject Leaders through the PE networks and our hub of local infant schools organised and participated in it. We came third in the competition and were very proud of the sportsmanship and exemplary behaviour shown by our children.



### **World Book Day Competition Runners Up**

Miss Tancock entered Prior Heath in a Walkers Book competition to show how we celebrated World Book Day in March. We have just been notified that we were runners up in the competition and have won some books for the school, together with a cardboard Wally which has found a home in the entrance hall. The children celebrated in an assembly this week and have all been given a sticker. They will have the opportunity to share the books in class.



### **Diary Dates**

Please find below diary dates for the remainder of this year and initial dates for 2017/18.

Yours sincerely,

*E. McClelland*

Mrs Ellen McClelland  
Headteacher

## Diary Dates

<b>2016/17 School Year</b>		
Friday	7 <sup>th</sup> July 2017	Sports Morning (9.30 to approx. 11.00) & Art Exhibition (2.55 to 4.30pm)
Thursday	13 <sup>th</sup> July 2017	7.00pm Meeting for current Year R parents re September Year 1 curriculum
Monday	17 <sup>th</sup> July 2017	Year 2 (Cherry Class) Pedals Road Safety training
Tuesday	18 <sup>th</sup> July 2017	Year 2 (Rowan Class) Pedals Road Safety training
Wednesday	19 <sup>th</sup> July 2017	Year 2 concert and picnic (1.30pm) for parents who have children in Year 2
Friday	21 <sup>st</sup> July 2017	End of Summer Term at <b>2pm</b> – please note early closure

<b>2017/18 School Year</b>		
<b>Monday</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> September 2017</b>	<b>Inset Day – school closed</b>
Tuesday	5 <sup>th</sup> September 2017	Start of Autumn Term for Year 1 and Year 2 children
Thursday	7 <sup>th</sup> September 2017	Start of Autumn Term for Year R children
Thursday	14 <sup>th</sup> September 2017	6.30pm Year 2 curriculum information meeting for parents
Monday-Friday	23 <sup>rd</sup> to 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2017	Half Term
<b>Friday</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup> November 2017</b>	<b>Inset Day – school closed for staff training</b>
Thursday	21 <sup>st</sup> December 2017	End of Autumn Term at <b>2pm</b> – please note early closure
Thursday	4 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	Start of Spring Term
Monday-Friday	12 <sup>th</sup> to 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2018	Half Term
<b>Monday</b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup> February 2018</b>	<b>Inset Day – school closed for staff training</b>
Thursday	29 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	End of Spring Term at 2pm – please note early closure
Monday	16 <sup>th</sup> April 2018	Start of Summer Term
Monday	7 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	Bank Holiday – school closed
Monday-Friday	28 <sup>th</sup> May to 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Half Term
<b>Monday</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> June 2018</b>	<b>Inset Day – school closed for staff training</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>29<sup>th</sup> June 2018</b>	<b>Inset Day – school closed for staff training</b>
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