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Dear Parents,

PTA

The PTA has had another rewarding year culminating in a very successful summer fayre in June. We are very grateful for the funds raised throughout the year which have enhanced the children's experience in school with donations for the Year 1 canopy side screens, Wi-Fi installation in preparation for the Learn Pads, new books and the visiting theatre group at Christmas together with two way radios and the new PTA shed and base.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Rosie Guichard and Susie Lytle (joint chairs), Eulindi Gersbach (Treasurer), Leanne Irving (vice chair) and Jane Horne (vice chair) for all their enthusiasm and hard work on behalf of the school, which is very much appreciated.

My thanks also to all parents who are involved with the PTA for their commitment and dedication on behalf of the children, parents, staff and Governors. We are very fortunate at Prior Heath to have parents who do so much for the school and the children benefit a great deal from the extra resources the PTA is able to provide.

Volunteer Helpers' Assembly

Mrs Jones, staff and children organised a wonderful assembly and tea on 20th July to thank all of the volunteers who help regularly in school. Volunteer helpers, who include parents, grandparents, ex-parents and local residents, make an invaluable contribution to our team! We are able to provide more opportunities for children because of their support and they also provide vital support with photocopying and making resources. If you would like to help in school next year, there will be a letter coming out in September with more information.

Summer Reading Challenge – Animal Agents

Two representatives from Surrey libraries visited on 19th July to tell the children about this summer's exciting reading challenge. Every Surrey library will once again be giving children the opportunity to take part in the challenge. This year's theme is Animal Agents – a whole host of clever creatures, ready to solve all kinds of crimes!

The Summer Reading Challenge is aimed at children aged 4 – 11 years and is for everyone regardless of their reading ability. Taking part is easy and free. Just visit a library from Saturday 15th July to sign up. Children can borrow books through the summer and earn stickers and other



free rewards along the way. They will get a certificate after they have read 6 books. Children can read whatever they like – fact, fiction, joke books or poetry – and can even borrow audio books and listen if they prefer.

Taking part in the Summer Reading Challenge helps children to become more fluent, confident and happy readers and is a fabulous way to keep children entertained over the school holidays. Also, research shows that taking part in the summer reading challenge can help children maintain their reading skills ready for when they return to school in September.

For more information, call into your local library or visit the [Surrey website](#).

Ukulele Assembly – 20th July

On Thursday 20th July the ukulele group “No Strings Attached” came to perform to the children during morning assembly. They performed a number of well known songs and the children had a fantastic time. It was a wonderful opportunity to experience live music and one child commented that it was the best assembly she had ever had! The visit was initiated by a parent whose mother performs with the group.



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 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.

After School Clubs – September 2017

Our after school clubs will commence during the week beginning 18th September 2017. Further information, including booking details, will follow at the beginning of September. We are excited to be introducing some additional new clubs next term. On Tuesdays we are planning to offer a cookery club run by Nutritional Ninjas and on Fridays, Street Dance run by Nicola Bowen of Terri Jayne Theatre Arts. There will be taster assemblies at the beginning of term, after which further information will follow. These clubs will run if there is sufficient interest.

Unfortunately, from September, SCL are unable to provide Gymnastics club on a Thursday. However, they will be offering a Multi-Sport after school club instead which will include dodgeball, tag rugby, hockey, kwik cricket, athletics and bench ball.

A full list of clubs is as follows:

Day	Club	Provider	Time	Year Group
Monday	Football	SCL	3.05-4.05pm	1 & 2 Year R from April '18
Tuesday	Club Energy	SCL	2.50-3.50pm	1 & 2 Year R from January '18
	Cookery Club	Nutritional Ninjas	2.55-3.55pm	1 & 2
Wednesday	Tennis	David Gill	2.55-3.45pm	2 Year 1 from January '18
	Musical Theatre	Terri Jayne Theatre Arts	2.55-3.55pm	1 & 2 Year R from January '18
Thursday	Multi Sport	SCL	2.50-3.50pm	1 & 2
	French	Sue Leatherdale	2.55-3.55pm	1 & 2
Friday	Street Dance	Terri Jayne Theatre Arts	2.55-3.55pm	1 & 2
	Rocksteady	Rocksteady Music School	Sessions run From 1.30 to 3.30pm	1 & 2

Diary Dates

Please find attached diary dates for the 2017/18 school year.

Finally, the staff and I would like to thank all the parents who have helped the school this year. We greatly appreciate the help we receive from parents in the classrooms, on school trips and at PTA events, to mention but a few of the ways in which parents support the school and so contribute to their child's school life. To those parents whose children are moving on from Prior Heath, we wish you and your family every happiness and success in the future. To those whose children will be returning or parents with younger children starting at Prior Heath in September, we look forward to seeing you again next term.

I wish you all a very restful holiday.

With best wishes

Mrs Ellen McClelland
Headteacher

Diary Dates

2016/17 School Year		
Friday	21 st July 2017	End of Summer Term at 2pm – please note early closure

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