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Dear Parents,

Parent Interviews

As mentioned in the newsletter of 8th September, parent interviews will take place on Tuesday 17th, Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th October with later appointments on Wednesday 18th. Lists of times will be posted outside the classrooms from Monday 9th October for you to book a "slot". If you are not able to book your time in person, please contact the office from Monday 9th October. Appointments are for 10 minutes only, so if you feel that you will need longer, please see the class teacher concerned to make alternative arrangements. Due to the limited number of time slots available, it is preferable that both parents attend the same appointment. Thank you.

Harvest Festivals – Wednesday 11th October

You should have received a separate letter about this year's Harvest celebrations. Year R will be holding their Harvest Assembly at 10.15am on Wednesday 11th October and the Year 1 and Year 2 event will be at 2.00pm. We would like to thank parents for their offers of help with the display, packing or delivery of produce and letters will be sent to these parents in their child's book bag.

If you have booked the crèche for a younger sibling you will have received a letter to confirm their place. Please note that we require exact numbers well before the day to ensure the correct adult/child ratio is adhered to. For this reason, **under no circumstances** will children be accepted for care on the day without prior arrangement.

Contributions of fresh fruit, bread and cakes (homemade or bought), vegetables, flowers, tins or packets of food would be very much appreciated on the morning of the service. **(Please ensure all produce is in date.)**

Distribution of the produce will take place on Thursday 12th October. As in previous years we will be sharing the produce between three local residential homes, the Saint Vincent de Paul Society (in conjunction with Rotary Club of Camberley) and The Besom in Camberley who help the needy across Surrey Heath. The Besom and Saint Vincent de Paul Society look for non-perishable gifts such as tea, coffee, tins and packets of food. The residents of the homes really enjoy meeting the children and parents and we receive lovely comments from the homes every year. At present, we have not received many offers of help to distribute the produce and we would welcome more volunteers for this very worthwhile activity. If you would be available to deliver produce with your child, please contact the school office as soon as possible. Thank you.

Parking

Unfortunately we have received complaints about parking this term. We are well aware that parking is not easy at Prior Heath, in common with all other schools, and it is an on-going cause for concern. Please note the following:

- Please ensure that you park considerately at all times and do not block other cars in.
- Please do not park in the disabled parking bay in the Prior Road car park unless you are a blue badge holder (even if this is the only remaining parking space). We do have parents/grandparents who need to use this space.
- Please do not park on the yellow markings in the Prior Road car park as this is illegal and makes it difficult and dangerous for parents and children crossing the access road to get onto the pavement. Do not move the cones that are on the yellow lines as these have been placed specifically to stop cars from parking in this area.
- Please follow the one way system in the car park and make your drop-off as brief as possible.
- If you park in the side roads off Prior Road, please ensure that cars are parked at a safe distance from junctions and do not block residents' driveways.

We regularly liaise with our Police Community Support Officer, Vince Wakeling, about parking issues and have requested that regular patrols are carried out.

Inset Days Reminder

A reminder that school will be closed for staff training on the following dates:

Friday 24th November 2017
 Monday 19th February 2018
 Monday 4th June 2018
 Friday 29th June 2018

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 Trim Trail as we are not insured for children to use this equipment 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.

Illness

As usual at this time of year there have been a few cases of illness in school. In order to minimise the risk of any bugs spreading, please note the following:

- Children should not be sent to school if they are unwell.
- Children who have contracted a sickness virus and/or diarrhoea should not return to school until they have been free of symptoms for **48 hours from the last bout of illness**.
- If children are feeling unwell at school they will be sent home.
- Please remind your child of the importance of hand washing after using the toilet and before handling food.

If your child is absent due to illness or unforeseen circumstances, please inform the school by telephone before 9.30 am on the first day of absence. When your child returns, a letter of explanation is required for our records in addition to the original phone call. Thank you.

Uniform

As the weather has become colder, please would you ensure that your child has a sweatshirt and coat in school every day; not only for playtimes but also for outdoor learning which is part of the everyday curriculum for all year groups. Thank you.

PTA

The PTA AGM was held on 21st September. At Prior Heath we have a long tradition of generous donations to the school by the PTA to enhance what we can provide for all the children. More recent projects have included: mobile lunch tables, remote control cars, rubber mulch surface in Year R, classroom computers and the Trim Trail.

We would like to thank Rosie Guichard and Susie Lytle for chairing the PTA last year. They were very well supported by Vice Chairs Jane Horne and Leanne Irving and the Treasurer, Eulindi Gersbach, I would also like to thank all of you who contributed to the wonderful PTA events throughout the year.

We are delighted that Lucy Holmes (Holly Class parent) has agreed to take on the role of Chair this year. She will be supported by Sarah Rees, Vice Chair, Eulindi Gersbach, Treasurer and Emma Maxwell, Secretary.

People Who Help Us

As part of their "Super Me, Super You" topic, Reception children were very excited to have a visit from the real life superheroes from Camberley Fire Station on Monday 2nd October. The firefighters talked to the children about fire safety and showed them how the fire engine works.

As many of you will have seen, we also had a surprise visit from the air ambulance on Thursday 28th September. This was an unplanned visit; they had been called to be on standby for an incident that had taken place in the local area.



After School Clubs

We are delighted that two new clubs have started this term for Year 1 and Year 2 children: Street Dance and Nutritional Ninjas. Both clubs are currently full and children are thoroughly enjoying these new experiences. Please be aware that, as stated in the materials provided by Nutritional Ninjas, children must wear an apron provided by parents in order to participate.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "E. McClelland".

Ellen McClelland
Headteacher

Diary Dates

Wednesday	11 th October	YR Harvest Assembly 10.15 to 10.30am
Wednesday	11 th October	Y1 & Y2 Harvest Festival 2.00 to 2.40pm
Thursday	12 th October	Harvest produce delivery (am)
Tues, Wed & Thurs	17 th , 18 th & 19 th October	Parent interviews after school – later appointments on Wednesday 18 th
Monday-Friday	23 rd to 27 th October	Half Term
Thursday	2 nd November	Year 2 trip to Windsor Castle
Thursday	9 th November	Winchester Planetarium visiting Year R classes – further details to follow
Monday	13 th November	Flu Immunisation (am)
Friday	24th November	Inset Day – school closed for staff training
Thursday	7 th December	Christmas Play photos – further details to follow
Friday	8 th December	Christmas Play dress rehearsal – younger siblings able to watch with their parents: further details to follow
Tues/Wed/Thurs	12 th , 13 th & 14 th	Christmas Plays for parents 9.30 until approx.10.30am – further details to follow
Thursday	21 st December	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