



Prior Heath Infant School

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Dear Parents

Harvest

Thank you very much for your kind and generous donations of groceries, fruit and vegetables for our Harvest Celebrations and thank you to all of the parents who helped to display, pack and deliver the goods. We would also like to thank Simon Strachan and Louisa Adams from St Paul's Church for joining us. I would like to express a special thank you to all those who helped with the crèche either in the morning or the afternoon.



The residents of Ballard Court, Derek Horn Court and Whitebourne thoroughly enjoyed their visits from the children and parents on Thursday 12th October, and the gifts were very much appreciated. The Rotary Club & Saint Vincent de Paul Society and The Besom in Camberley were also very grateful for the donations of food.

New Menus – November 2017 to March 2018

Commercial Services have introduced new menus for winter 2017 & spring 2018 and these are attached. When there is a short week, for example if school is closed for an inset day or the beginning or end of a term falls mid-week, the menus are revised. Separate menus are attached for the short weeks that take place between November and March. The menus are also available on the school website <http://priorheathinfant.co.uk/parents/school-meals-2/>

National School Meals Week is an annual initiative run by the Local Authority Caterers Association. The menu for Wednesday 15th November is a revised menu to “celebrate everything that is great about a school lunch” which all children are invited to join. As the menu has been revised there is also a separate sheet for this week.

The school lunches provided by our caterer, Mrs Pears, have been awarded a ‘Gold’ Food for Life Served Here award by the Soil Association. The award recognises Commercial Services’ dedication to providing meals that not only meet the national School Food Standards, but that are also fresh, local and honest.

You can find out more about the award here: www.foodforlife.org.uk/servedhere and win educational food prizes for our school by searching the online school food map here. Please do take a look and learn more about the quality of meals on offer at lunchtime across the country and help us to win these fantastic prizes.

School Uniform

A number of children are coming to school without ties. The tie is part of our school uniform and should be worn to school every day. If your child does not have a tie, they are available to purchase from Brenda's Schoolwear. Thank you.

Information about Bullying

The week beginning 13th November is National Anti-Bullying week and, as in previous years, we will be participating. We aim to tackle bullying by trying to prevent it from happening in the first place and by tackling it consistently, fairly and effectively when it does. The activities that your child will be doing in school during the week are part of this preventative work, and will help all the children in the school to understand what bullying is, how it feels and what to do if it happens to them or they see it happening.

In your child's class or group, the focus will be on celebrating similarities and differences, because differences are often used as a reason for bullying – something that we make clear is unacceptable in our school. Young children are still at the stage of learning to manage their responses to new people and experiences and will notice and comment on things that are 'different'. This should not be discouraged but we will be emphasising that the differences are part of what makes the world so exciting and interesting, not a reason to treat some people unfairly. Children will work on finding out what they can do when people are unkind or unfair and think about how they can make their own classroom and behaviour kind and fair to everyone.

In this school we believe that bullying is unkind behaviour. It can include physical hurting and leaving people out as well as damaging people's things and making fun of people.

We don't allow unkind or cruel behaviour in our school but not all unkind behaviour is bullying. The key characteristics that turn unkindness into bullying are:

- that it is repeated and goes on over time;
- that it is deliberate and not accidental;
- that it involves the person doing the bullying having some sort of power over the person experiencing the bullying – usually at your child's age this power will come from being bigger, having a 'gang' of friends or having a toy or something that everybody wants to play with.

Children will often fall out with friends or say unkind things when they are angry. This is often perceived by children as bullying. We will be explaining to children that this is different from bullying.

We believe that most children both use and experience bullying behaviour at one time or another, and that all children can change their behaviour, with appropriate support.

Remembrance Day Poppies

Remembrance Day poppies will be on sale in school after half term. If you would like your child to have a poppy, please send them to school with a donation. Year 2 children take the poppies round to each class during the afternoon and the children who have brought in a donation are able to take a poppy home.

The Royal British Legion will also be providing a special fundraising pack for children. This pack will not be sent round to the classrooms but will be available in the office after school if parents wish to bring their children in to contribute to the Poppy Appeal.

Christmas Play

This year's Christmas Production will be held on the mornings of Tuesday 12th to Thursday 14th December. Babies and pre-school children are such an active and vocal audience that they

can be a distraction to those performing and also to the rest of the audience. Therefore, the performances will be **adult only**. Babies and pre-school children are welcome to attend the dress rehearsal on Friday 8th December. A local company will be recording the performance on Tuesday 12th December and will produce a DVD for parents to purchase, if they wish. Copies of the DVD will need to be ordered in advance for delivery before the end of term. Further information will be issued after half term detailing all arrangements for Christmas activities.

I hope you all have a very enjoyable and relaxing half term.

Yours sincerely,

Ellen McClelland
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

Friday	20 th October	End of half term at normal time of 2.50pm
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
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
Tuesday	19 th December	Christmas Lunch – further details to follow
Thursday	21 st December	Pied Piper theatre company visiting school (am)
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