



Prior Heath Infant School
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Dear Parents,

Welcome back after half term; we hope you had an enjoyable and relaxing week.

Thank you PTA

The children and staff would like to say a big thank you to the PTA and parents for the recent purchase of a set of Learn Pads. The children will now be able to access a greater range of exciting technology to support their learning.

Inset Day 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

Child left unattended in car

I have been informed by a concerned member of the public that a young child has been left unattended in a car in the Southcote Park car park while their parent/carer collects an older child from school. Leaving children alone in cars places them at risk and parents/carers could be prosecuted. I would expect parents and carers to keep the children in their care with them at all times. In exceptional circumstances, for example if a younger sibling is unwell and a parent doesn't want to remove them from their car, the office can be contacted and arrangements can be made to park in the staff car park.

Please note the following information which is on the Gov.UK website about the law on leaving children on their own:

"The law doesn't say an age when you can leave a child on their own, but it's an offence to leave a child alone if it places them at risk.

Use your judgement on how mature your child is before you decide to leave them alone, eg at home or in a car.

The [National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children \(NSPCC\)](http://www.nspcc.org.uk) says:

- children under 12 are rarely mature enough to be left alone for a long period of time
- children under 16 shouldn't be left alone overnight
- babies, toddlers and very young children should never be left alone

Parents can be prosecuted if they leave a child unsupervised 'in a manner likely to cause unnecessary suffering or injury to health'."

Parking

As you are well aware, parking is not easy at Prior Heath. We regularly receive complaints from parents and local residents about the Prior Road car park and parking in the local side roads. We have recently received another complaint from a Springfield Road resident about

cars that are parked on both sides of the road dangerously close to the junction with Prior Road at the beginning and end of the school day. Please would you ensure that you park considerately at all times and when parking 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. Thank you.

Remembrance Day Poppies

Remembrance Day poppies will be on sale in school next week. 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 has also provided 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. The pack contains wristbands, reflectors, friendship bracelets and snap bands (please see attached for pictures).

Consultation on admission arrangements for Surrey's community and voluntary controlled schools for 2019

Surrey County Council is consulting on the proposed changes to admission arrangements for some community and voluntary controlled schools from September 2019. It is a statutory requirement that we circulate this notice of changes to admission arrangements in Surrey, even though it does not affect Prior Heath."

Surrey County Council is consulting on:

- proposed changes to admission arrangements for some community and voluntary controlled schools for September 2019
- the admission arrangements for all remaining community and voluntary controlled schools for September 2019

Full details of the consultation and the changes being proposed are available at [Surrey Says](http://www.surreysays.co.uk) (www.surreysays.co.uk).

Why we are consulting

We have a statutory duty to consult on admission arrangements if we intend to make a change.

The changes being proposed are as follows:

1. **Cranmere Primary School** – reduction in published admission number for Reception from 90 to 60
2. **William Cobbett Primary School** – reduction in published admission number for Reception from 40 to 30
3. **The Dawnay School** – introduction of a feeder link from Polesden Lacey Infant School at Year 3
4. **Reigate Priory School** – introduction of a feeder link from Dovers Green and Holmesdale Community infant schools on a tiered basis

How can I respond to the consultation?

The consultation on the admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools and the proposed changes will run from Wednesday 1 November 2017 to Tuesday 12 December 2017. If you would like to take part please complete an online response form at [Surrey Says](http://www.surreysays.co.uk) (www.surreysays.co.uk). Alternatively if you would prefer to respond on a paper form, please telephone the Surrey Schools and Childcare Service on 0300 200 1004 to request a copy. Please note that only response forms which are fully completed with the respondent's name and address will be accepted.

What happens next?

After the closing date, responses will be collated and presented to the County Council's decision making Cabinet on 30 January 2018. It will decide whether or not to proceed with

the proposed changes as well as determining the admission arrangements for all community and voluntary controlled schools for which no changes are proposed. Cabinet's decision will then need to be ratified by the full County Council on 6 February 2018. Once determined the final admission arrangements for all community and voluntary controlled schools will be placed on Surrey's website at www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Ellen McClelland
Headteacher

Diary Dates

Thursday	9 th November	Winchester Planetarium visiting Year R classes
Friday	10 th November	Mufti Day – children can wear home clothes to school in return for contributions to PTA fayre
Monday	13 th November	Flu Immunisation (am)
Saturday	18 th November	PTA Christmas Fayre 11.30am to 2.00pm
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
Wednesday	20 th December	Class Christmas parties – 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