



# Parent Helpers



*Did you know that your help in school can make a difference?  
The children thank you because....*



*"She helps me write letters properly." "She plays games with me" EYFS children*



*"I read to her every week and I get to talk about the stories that I read. It has helped me to understand the stories ." Year 1 child*



*" I love it when Mrs ..... comes in because we do gardening club on Tuesday lunchtime." Year 2 child*



## The staff thank you because....

*In Reception, our parent helpers offer support to children with a range of activities such as reading , sound or number games, handwriting practise or outdoor learning. They 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.*



*In Year One , our parent helpers support the children with reading, writing, handwriting, phonics and maths games. The children look forward to them coming and working with them to support them in their learning. In addition to this parents support us with photocopying , resource preparation as well as mounting work for displays which is fantastic.*

*In Year Two parent helpers make such a huge difference. The children benefit from having an additional adult in working with them and we find the help with photocopying and resource preparation invaluable. Parent helpers are worth their weight in gold!*



## *Parent helpers have said ....*

*"Despite working I have helped at Prior Heath school as a parent helper for the last 3 years. You don't need to be artistic, just willing to have a go! Parent helper roles are varied and can involve either being with the children (helping with small groups or listening to children read) or providing admin support such as photocopying/laminating, mounting work. Any time you can commit to helping at school, whether it be 15 minutes or a whole morning, means that the teachers are able to spend more time with your children. My children are very proud that I help at the school and would encourage everyone to have a go."*  
Parent helper 2014—2017

**Whether you have got an hour or a few hours, regularly, once a week or fortnightly, please see the information overleaf and return the form.**

**We look forward to welcoming you.**





Helpers normally come into school for a given session once a week; the times are listed below. Having a specified session each week means that the class teacher can plan to make the best use of the parent helper's time. We are looking for willing recruits to help in any class, not necessarily their own child's class.

Additionally, we are aware that many of you have strengths and interests i.e. hearing readers, art, computers etc. If you do, please let us know so we can try and match your strengths to a given curriculum area; for instance we are looking for volunteers to help with the Year 2 gardening club on a Tuesday lunchtime.

It is a Surrey County Council requirement that all volunteers undergo a Disclosure and Barring Service Check. Volunteers can start helping once their DBS clearance has been received by the school. A DBS check incurs a cost to the school, which is another reason why we ask that volunteers are able to commit to a regular time throughout the school year.

Please fill in the form below by **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September** if you are able to help. We will then get in contact with you with further details.

Looking forward to hearing from you,



Mrs Sara Jones  
Curriculum & Standards Leader and  
Co-ordinator of parent help

Name of parent: Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms \_\_\_\_\_

Existing parent helper: yes / no

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Class: \_\_\_\_\_

I have a DBS check through Prior Heath School / I need to apply for a DBS check through Prior Heath School (please delete as necessary)

Please tick as appropriate:

I would be able to help a *class weekly / once a fortnight / once a month on:*

	9.00 - 10.30 am	11.00 am - 12.15 pm	1.10 - 2.50 pm
Monday			
Tuesday			
Wednesday			
Thursday			
Friday			

Yr 2 Gardening Club	Every Tuesday 12.00 - 1.00 pm	
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I have a strength or interest in \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return by Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September. We will then write to you with further details.** Thank you - we really appreciate any offers of help.