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Dear Parents,

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all an enjoyable Christmas holiday and a happy and healthy New Year.

Christmas Events

Your wonderful comments regarding last week's Christmas production were greatly appreciated by staff and I would like to thank you for your help in providing the costumes and coming to watch. The staff and children work very hard to produce the Christmas play and I think you will agree it was an outstanding production.

We are delighted to inform you that the collections for Disability Initiative and The Rainbow School, Namibia raised an amazing £282.43 which will be shared equally between the two organisations. Thank you very much for your generosity.

If you had ordered a DVD of the Christmas play, these were sent home on Monday.

The children all thoroughly enjoyed their Christmas lunch yesterday and their class parties today. They were particularly excited that Father Christmas managed to take time out of his very busy schedule to visit us.

Measles Outbreak in Surrey

The Local Authority has asked us to provide you with the following information:

There is a measles outbreak in Surrey affecting unimmunised children and adults. Measles is highly infectious. It can cause serious illness and can sometimes be fatal. Vaccination with 2 doses of MMR is the only way to protect children and young people. There are also measles outbreaks occurring in Europe, particularly in Romania, Italy and Germany, and if you are planning to travel overseas please ensure that your child is up to date with their routine immunisations, including MMR.

The first MMR vaccine is given to toddlers at the age of 13 months and the second injection at around 3 years and 4 months before your child goes to school. MMR can be given to older children, teenagers and young adults if they missed their injections when they were younger. Contact your GP practice if your child needs an MMR vaccine. The vaccine is free. If you are not sure if your child needs an MMR vaccine, you can contact the GP to ask.

Measles is not just a little kids' problem. Teenagers, young adults and anyone who has missed their MMR vaccination can get measles. The first signs of measles are fever,

cough, runny nose and red sore eyes. After a few days, a spotty rash will appear. It starts on the face and neck before spreading to the rest of the body.

If you think your child has measles, ring your GP practice for advice. Don't turn up to the surgery, walk in centre or to accident and emergency without calling ahead. The doctor will make special arrangements to see your child so that if your child has measles – they won't pass it on to others. Keep people with symptoms of measles away from others to avoid spreading measles, and stay away from school, nursery or work for 5 days after the onset of rash.

If you would like more information, see <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/>

Parking

Unfortunately we have recently received further complaints about parking from local residents and parents. 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. A number of parents have returned to their cars in the Prior Road car park after dropping their children in school to find they have been blocked in. This is not only frustrating for parents but it also disrupts the flow of traffic around the car park.
- 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.
- Please follow the one way system in the car park and make your drop-off as brief as possible.
- If parents 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.

When we receive complaints about parking we always liaise with our Police Community Support Officer, Vince Wakeling, and request that regular patrols are carried out. PCSO Wakeling has the authority to issue Penalty Notices to those who are parked illegally.

Inset Days 2018

A reminder that school will be closed for staff training on the following dates in 2018:

Monday 19th February 2018

Monday 4th June 2018

Friday 29th June 2018

Please note that school will also be closed for the Bank Holiday on Monday 7th May 2018.

School Lunch Menu 4th & 5th January

As the first week of the Spring term is a 2 day week, the menu has been amended slightly. The revised menu is attached and is also available on the school website.

Registration for September 2018

As previously mentioned, if you have a child who is five between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019 inclusive, or you have a child currently in Year 2, all admissions applications need to be received by Surrey County Council by **15th January 2018**. Online applications are encouraged, however parents can also request a paper application form or seek impartial help in completing an application via the Surrey

Schools & Childcare Service (0300 200 1004). Full information is available on Surrey's website at www.surreycc.gov.uk/primaryadmissions.

Please note that applications received after the closing date without good reason will be treated as late and will not be considered until all on time applications have been processed. This may jeopardise the chance of parents being offered one of their preferred schools for their child.

Prior Road Car Park – Christmas Tree Recycling Scheme

It has come to our attention that the Surrey Heath Borough Council car park on Prior Road is to be used for the recycling of Christmas trees between the 2nd and 14th January 2018. This may mean some disruption and that fewer spaces will be available for parents to park. I would suggest therefore that, where possible, you use the Southcote Park car park during this time.

Parent Interviews – 6th & 7th February 2018

Parent Interviews will take place after school on Tuesday 6th and Wednesday 7th February 2018. Lists of times will be posted outside the classrooms from Monday 29th January for you to book a "slot". If you are not able to book your time in person, please contact the office by phone or e-mail, from Monday 29th January. 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.

We have reviewed the arrangements for parent interviews and have decided to make some slight alterations to the organisation so that parent appointments are both informative and timely.

As a result we have made some changes to where these will take place as follows:

- Reception consultations will take place as usual in your child's classroom and parents will be asked to wait in the small library area outside the Reception classes where you will be able to look at your child's books.
- Year 1 and Year 2 consultations will take place in the main school hall. Parents will be asked to wait in the small hall adjacent to this where you will be able to look at your child's books. Teachers will then collect you from the small hall at the allotted time.

We will survey the impact of these changes as part of our annual parent survey in the summer term to enable you to provide feedback to ensure we meet your needs effectively.

Photographs

The school photographer will be in school on the morning of **Friday 2nd March 2018** to take individual photographs of the children.

Diary Dates

Please find attached an updated list of diary dates for 2018.

With best wishes,



Mrs. Ellen McClelland
Headteacher

Diary Dates

Thursday	21 st December	Pied Piper Theatre Company visiting (am) Term finishes at the earlier time of <u>2.00pm</u>
Thursday	4 th January 2018	Start of Spring Term
Tuesday & Wednesday	6 th & 7 th February 2018	Parent interviews
Monday - Friday	12 th to 16 th February 2018	Half Term
Monday	19th February 2018	Inset Day – school closed for staff training
Friday	2 nd March 2018	Individual photographs
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
Tuesday	19 th June 2018	Year R Trip to Alice Holt Forest – further details to follow
Tuesday	26 th June 2018	Year 1 trip to Marwell Zoo – further details to follow
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