

Prior Heath Infant School



Status confirmed 2010!

3rd April 2019

Meeting of the Governing Body Tuesday 5th March 2018 at 7.30pm

Dear Parents

It feels like it's been a long term! Easter is a variable date given that it falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon following the Spring equinox which I'm sure you all knew!!! This means it can fall any time between March 22 and April 25. Unfortunately we're in a year where it's towards the end of April which means that the 2 week holidays fall before Easter rather than straddling it and I think the children (and teaching staff) are all looking forward to a well-deserved break. Our Governing Body have also been very active in this period, elements of which are highlighted below, and we continue to support the school in many aspects throughout the full academic year. I would like to thank you, on behalf of the Governing Body, for your continuing support of Prior Heath. We appreciate the involvement in the education and welfare of our children that is offered by many groups associated with the school as we continue to keep Prior Heath an 'outstanding' school.

The Governing Body

The Governing Body represents all the key stakeholders in the school, with members nominated by Surrey County Council, the parents and the staff, and additional members to represent the community. We are now seeking one co-opted and one parent Governor to strengthen the Governing Body, ideally one with an IT background or association. Should parents have contacts that may be interested in the co-opted Governor vacancy and have the time commitment to join us please contact the school office for further information.

All the Governors sign a Code of Practice which serves as a reminder of the objectives and expectations of the role. In the interest of full transparency Governor business interests and attendance are published on the school website. Information about the makeup of the Governing Body and their roles can be found in the "Our School" section of the website <https://priorheathinfant.co.uk/>.

One topic that is constantly on our agenda relates to Academies and whilst this is an ongoing process we have still not seen any benefit for the children in joining or commencing academy status. We will, of course, inform parents should our review show any significant shift as this will be a major change in the school structure.

Strategy and Planning

The annual review of the School Development Plan (SDP) took place in March which is a Governor-led initiative. There were representatives from staff, PTA, parents and Governors, to review what we outlined last year and what we can develop during the next 12 months. One very pleasing aspect was that more and more parents are becoming involved in this meeting. From those who attended not only did they feel engaged in the process they also felt that their voice was heard and they could contribute towards the future development of the school. The results of that meeting are being used for prioritising and planning action and will be reviewed by Governors at our next full Governing Body meeting.

Learning Walks

Each term Governors undertake learning walks to monitor and challenge progress against School Development Plan objectives, these are updated following analysis of data for Key Stage One and EYFS results each year to ensure that all children reach their full potential while at Prior Heath. This is a highlight for the Governors to see the school in action, talk to pupils and review the progress in School Development priorities. This term Governors looked at Safeguarding, Literacy and Pupil Premium.

School Curriculum

The staff have completed training for Computing, Phonics and SEND, and are to attend further training in SEND and spelling in the summer term.

The following policies/documents were agreed for adoption: The use of Restrictive Physical Intervention, Touch, Accessibility, Complaints Policy & Procedure, Curriculum Policy, Home School Agreement, SEN and Inclusion, Recruitment and Selection, Freedom of Information and, finally, Whistle Blowing. Copies of all the school policies are available from the school office.

School Upgrades

Parents have responded positively to the new online parent consultation sign up system. Having completed refurbishment of all the classrooms we are finalising plans for our next capital building project; to develop the entrance to the school, enhancing security and providing a space for children to have a pleasant space who have to remain inside temporarily at break times for medical reasons, a dedicated volunteer area, upgrade to the school office and medical room

The school website publishes statutory and other useful information online. This includes the Pupil Premium and Sports Funding strategy and the "Local Offer" for Special Educational Needs.

The Governing Body plans to meet on

Tuesday, 25 June 2019

Tuesday 24 September 2019 Business Meeting/Safeguarding update

Tuesday 19 November 2019

I would like to thank all the Prior Heath Staff for their hard work in keeping children healthy and happy while producing excellent results again and for the wonderful contribution that parents/carers add to this achievement.

On behalf of The Governors I would like to wish you all a pleasant Easter break.

Martyn Keates
Chair of Governors