Prior Heath Infant School

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Dear Parents,

What a busy but wonderful term it has been at Prior Heath. It was fantastic to end on such a high with the children's performance of 'It's a Party!' We are so pleased that we were able to go ahead with this and our other Christmas events as it has been magical to see the children's excitement over the last couple of weeks.

Staffing & Volunteers

A huge thank you to all of our parent volunteers who have helped in school this term. Their help is very much appreciated by all of our staff.

It is with great sadness that I inform you that Anne Prior, a grandparent of past pupils, passed away suddenly last week. Anne has helped with our Year 2 gardening club on a Tuesday lunchtime for the past six years and has shared her enthusiasm for gardening with many of our children during that time. Anne will be greatly missed by the staff and children and we send our deepest condolences to her family. If your child has been involved with the gardening club this term, you may wish to share this news with them before they return to school in the spring term.

We are pleased to inform you that we have recruited Mrs Meera Gill as our new School Administrator from January 2022 following Mrs Heslop's departure in September. We would like to thank Mrs Searle and Mrs Ryan for their invaluable help in the office this term. We look forward to welcoming Mrs Gill to our staff team.

Thank you PTA

We were delighted to have been able to hold our PTA Christmas fayre this year. Although it was a little chilly, it was wonderful to see our community having fun together.

Thank you to Allison Hopkins, PTA Chair, and the PTA executive committee: Verity Coles (Vice Chair), Jo Williams (Treasurer), Roz Bind (Secretary), Sarah Foley and Sophie Henderson for organising such a successful event. It takes a huge amount of effort to put everything together for the Christmas fayre and we are very fortunate to have such a hardworking and supportive PTA team. Thank you also to all of the parents who helped on stalls and supported the event on the day.

Christmas Events

Your positive comments regarding this 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 in to watch. The staff and children worked incredibly hard and I think you will agree it was a wonderful production.

A big thank you to Miss Day for filming the dress rehearsal of the play and for the time spent editing it. A link to the video was shared via ParentMail earlier today.

It was lovely to see the children in their Christmas outfits on Friday 10th December. We raised an amazing £114 for Save the Children. Thank you very much for your support and generosity.

The children all thoroughly enjoyed their Christmas lunch on Wednesday 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 all! The Pied Piper Theatre Company performed their play "Robin's Winter Adventure" to the children this morning which was enjoyed by everyone. Thank you to the PTA for funding this event.

Children in Need

On Friday 19th November the children came to school in home clothes with something spotty or stripy to show our support for Children in Need. We raised at total of £183.72 for the charity. Thank you very much for your generosity.

Inset Days 2022

A reminder that school will be closed for staff training on the following dates in 2022:

Monday 21st February 2022
Tuesday 19th April 2022
Friday 27th May 2022

School will also be closed for the bank holiday on Monday 2nd May 2022.

School Lunch Menus

The spring term school lunch menus will remain unchanged and these are available on the school website. As the first week back is a four day week, there is a separate menu for this week.

Parent interviews

Parent interviews with the class teachers will take place towards the end of the spring term. Further information will be sent out to you after the Christmas break.

Registration for September 2022

As previously mentioned, if you have a child who is five between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023 inclusive, or you have a child currently in Year 2, all admissions applications need to be received by Surrey County Council by **15th January 2022**. 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.

Photographs

The school photographer will be in school on the morning of Friday 4th March 2022 to take individual photographs of the children.

Diary Dates

Please find attached an updated list of diary dates.

A reminder that school finishes at the earlier time of 2.00pm tomorrow and we re-open on Tuesday 4th January 2022.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a happy and healthy new year.

With best wishes,

Mrs L. Chivers
Headteacher

Diary Dates

Friday	17th December 2021	**Term finishes at 2.00pm**
Tuesday	4th January 2022	Start of Spring term
Monday – Friday	14th to 18thFebruary 2022	Half term
Monday	**21st February 2022**	**INSET Day – school closed for staff training**
Friday	4th March 2022	School Photographer in school to take children's individual photos
Friday	1st April 2022	End of Spring term at 2.00pm – please note early closure
Tuesday	**19th April 2022**	**INSET Day – school closed for staff training**
Wednesday	20th April 2022	Start of Summer term
Monday	2nd May 2022	Bank Holiday – school closed
Friday	**27th May 2022**	**INSET Day – school closed for staff training**
Monday – Friday	30th May to 3rd June 2022	Half term
Friday	22nd July 2022	End of summer term at 2.00pm – please note early closure