

Prior Heath Infant School

20th July 2023

Dear Parents

We've now come to the end of yet another school year and delighted to see the progress that the children have made since September. Whilst the summer break will come at a welcoming time for the staff (and the children) there will still be a focus on preparing for the new school year at Prior Heath – the walls will become bare waiting for the new work to be displayed and we welcome a new teacher, Mrs Haygarth, whilst saying goodbye to Mrs Aldridge, Mrs Horne, Mrs Porter, Mrs Ryan and Mrs Thebault and many thanks for their hard work during their time at the school.

We would also say a farewell to the children in Y2 there are exciting times ahead as they move to their new school and, not only do we wish them every success in their next stage of school life, we hope that they have enjoyed their school life at Prior Heath.

Meeting of the Governing Body 20 June 2023

Administration of the Governing Body

A term of office for a Governor is 4 years and Chris Williams' tenure concludes in September however due to work commitments he has decided not to extend his role. Furthermore, with Mrs Horne leaving the school at the end of August she will no longer act as Staff governor. I would like to thank them both for their insight and support to the school.

Operational and Strategic Business

This is the first full academic year that we have used the new phonics system. All governors have experienced this during our visits and the feedback has been very good. The system has been embedded and we anticipate that the children will benefit from this scheme whilst developing and enhancing their learning.

In May of this year, we had a quality assurance visit from a representative from the Schools Alliance for Excellence (SAfE). SAfE work on behalf of Surrey County Council to coordinate a school-led improvement system. I'm pleased to report that feedback from the visit was excellent. The main areas that were looked at were; **Safeguarding** (noting that policies and procedures were up to date and that the school has excellent provision in place), **Early Reading** (highlighting the success that the new phonics scheme has already achieved with the pupils), **Quality of Education** (the representative spoke very highly of the level of education that he experienced on his school walk) and **Effectiveness of Leadership and Governance** (again this was highly acclaimed and confirms that we are continuing in the right direction). In order to receive such favourable comments highlights the success running through the school and, on behalf of the Governing Body, would like to express our thanks to our Headteacher and all of the staff at the school who consistently strive for the best for our children.

On behalf of The Governors I would like to thank you all, as parents and carers, for the support you give to the school and the encouragement that you offer to your children and wish you all a very happy summer break.



Martyn Keates
Chair of Governors