



# Prior Heath Infant School

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Dear Parents,

## **Harvest Day**

Thank you very much for your kind and generous donations of groceries for our harvest celebrations on 13<sup>th</sup> October. It was brilliant to see the children enjoying their day of special activities in their themed outfits. You should have been able to view some photos of the day via Tapestry.



We would like to take this opportunity to thank Bethany Larby from St Paul's Church for coming into school to join us for our harvest assembly. The Besom Camberley were extremely grateful for the donations of food which will be distributed to the needy and vulnerable across Surrey Heath. Thank you again for your generosity.

## **Friendship week**

The week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> November will be a special friendship week in school. As part of this week, we will be discussing bullying, which we aim to prevent through effective education about the importance of kindness (one of our school values). To start the week, the children are invited to come into school on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November wearing odd socks (of any colour) to celebrate their uniqueness. During the week there will be a focus on speaking out about unkind behaviour.

## **Information for parents from Children & Family Health Surrey**

Children & Family Health Surrey have asked us to share the following information with you:



### **Drop In Clinics**

The Surrey Heath School Nursing Team can provide advice and information for parents about a range of issues and run child health drop-in sessions every other Tuesday at The Old Dean Family Centre. Further information can be found in the attached flyer.

### **Parent videos on supporting sleep**

Sleep is essential for children's growth and development, and important for our mental, emotional, and physical wellbeing. If your child or young person is struggling to sleep it can be exhausting for them and for the whole family. More than half of all children may have difficulties settling or sleeping at some point in childhood. Children with additional needs and learning disabilities can be more likely to experience sleep difficulties.

The following link includes videos and resources on supporting young children, teens and young people with their sleep: <https://childrenshealthsurrey.nhs.uk/services/sleep>

### **Department of Work and Pensions Help with Childcare**

The DWP have asked schools to share the attached 'Help with Childcare' leaflet with parents which provides information about childcare support that may be available.

### **Inset Days Reminder**

A reminder that school will be closed for staff training on the following dates during the current academic year:

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024

### **New Menus – Winter 2023 to Spring 2024**

New menus for winter 2023 & spring 2024 have been produced by Twelve15 and these have been sent by a separate email. A reminder that the menus are also available on the school website: <https://priorheathinfant.co.uk/parents/school-meals-2/>

### **Children in Need 2023**

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November, we would like to show our support for Children in Need by inviting all children (and staff) to come to school in home clothes including something spotty or stripy. This can be their whole outfit or just one item of spotty / stripy clothing (e.g. a t-shirt, jumper or pair of socks). We would ask that face paints are not used please but children can wear a pair of Pudsey ears if they wish. Please ensure that children's clothing and footwear is suitable for a normal day at school which will include playing outside at break times. If your child usually has PE on a Friday, please also ensure that their clothing is suitable for physical activity and includes trainers. In exchange for wearing home clothes, we kindly request that each child brings in a suggested donation of £1 for the Children in Need charity please.



I hope you all have a very enjoyable and relaxing half term. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs. L. Chivers  
Headteacher

## Diary Dates

<b>Monday – Friday</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>30<sup>th</sup> October 2023</b>	<b>INSET Day – school closed for staff training</b>
Thursday	2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2023	Prospective parents (Sept 2024 intake) meeting & tour at 9.15am
Friday	3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2023	Flu immunisation in school
Monday	13 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	Friendship week odd socks day. Children invited to wear odd socks (of any colour) to school today.
Tuesday	14 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	Prospective parents (Sept 2024 intake) meeting & tour at 9.15am
Friday	17 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	Children in Need – spotty/stripy mufti day
Wednesday	22 <sup>nd</sup> November 2023	Prospective parents (Sept 2024 intake) meeting & tour at 9.15am
Monday	27 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	Prospective parents (Sept 2024 intake) meeting & tour at 5.30pm
Saturday	2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2023	PTA Christmas Fayre – 11.30 am until 2.00pm
Friday	15 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	End of autumn term at 2.00pm – please note early closure
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024</b>	<b>INSET Day – school closed for staff training</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024</b>	<b>School re-opens for the Spring term</b>
<b>Monday – Friday</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024</b>	<b>Half term</b>
Wednesday	27 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	End of spring term at 2.00pm – please note early closure
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup> March 2024</b>	<b>INSET Day – school closed for staff training</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> April 2024</b>	<b>School re-opens for the Summer term</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> May 2024</b>	<b>Bank Holiday – school closed</b>
<b>Monday – Friday</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024</b>	<b>Half term</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024</b>	<b>INSET Day – school closed for staff training</b>
Tuesday	23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2024	End of summer term at 2.00pm – please note early closure