



Prior Heath Infant School

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Dear Parents,

There is a wonderful sense of excitement in school as we head towards Christmas and I look forward to seeing many of you at the PTA Christmas fair on Saturday.

Donations of whiteboard pens

Following my email of 16th November, the staff and I have been absolutely overwhelmed by the number of whiteboard pens that have been donated. Thank you so much for your generosity; it is very much appreciated during these challenging financial times.



Uniform – hair accessories

If your child wears a headband to school, please would you ensure that this is small and in school colours. Large, colourful headbands (including cat ears and tiaras) and hair accessories are not appropriate for school. Thank you for your support.

Christmas Reminders

Further to the Christmas newsletter of 9th November, the following information provides reminders about events taking place before the end of term:

Christmas Play

The Christmas play this year is a whole school production entitled “It’s a Baby” which is being performed on Monday 11th December at 1.30pm, Tuesday 12th December at 9.30am and Wednesday 13th December at 9.30am.

Ticket request forms have been sent home in book bags and should have been returned to the office by 27th November. Tickets will be sent home in children’s book bags by Thursday 7th December at the latest. We are able to allocate two tickets per family across the three performances and hope to be able to provide the majority of parents with their first preference performance. However, please be aware that currently the performance on Monday 11th is very popular. Where we can, we will issue additional tickets but we will not be able to accommodate every request.

Entrance to all performances will be by TICKET ONLY - please remember to bring your tickets with you.

Christmas Play Costumes

Further to the information from your child’s class teacher, please note the following regarding Christmas play costumes:

Year 1 and Year 2 children will need to bring their costumes into school in a named carrier bag by Monday 4th December. The costumes will remain in school until the final performance day.

Reception children will need to bring their play costumes into school in a named carrier bag on Monday 4th December to be checked. The costumes will then be sent home on Monday 4th. Reception children will then need to wear their costumes to school on Friday 8th December (for the dress rehearsal) and on Monday 11th, Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th December (for the performances).

Thank you for your support with the costumes for the play.

Christmas Post Box

As in previous years, there will be a Christmas post box in each class during the week of 4th December. Please ensure that each envelope has the recipient's FULL NAME. This will be a great help when sorting cards and ensure that they are not accidentally given out to the wrong children. Last day for posting will be Friday 8th December.

Christmas Jumper Day

On Thursday 7th December we will be taking part in Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day. We're asking for a £1 donation for the charity in return for the children wearing home clothes to school, which includes a Christmas jumper/dress. If this is one of your child's PE days, please ensure that their clothes are suitable for taking part in PE and that they also wear their trainers to school.



Christmas Lunch

The school Christmas lunch is also on Thursday 7th December. We try to make the hall and tables as festive as possible and an enjoyable occasion for the children. The PTA are kindly providing Christmas crackers and squash for the children. A traditional Christmas lunch will be served and the menu is as follows:

Roast British turkey with pork chipolata sausage or
Quorn fillet with meat free chipolata sausage (V)
served with roast potatoes, seasonal vegetables & gravy (V)
followed by a festive shortbread biscuit

Fred in the Shed

The children's entertainer, Fred in the Shed, will be visiting school on the morning of Thursday 14th December to entertain the children with his show which includes comedy, games, magic and balloon modelling. The whole school will watch the show together which will be a very enjoyable way to end the term. The PTA very kindly fund this event.

Class Christmas Parties

Class Christmas parties will be held on the afternoon of Thursday 14th December. Children are invited to come into school wearing suitably festive party clothes. We strongly advise that special clothes are not worn, as there will be plenty of glue and glitter in the classroom, not to mention accidents with food and drinks! The PTA will kindly be providing squash and a biscuit for the children.

End of term

Please note we will be finishing at the earlier time of **2.00pm** on the last day of term, Friday 15th December. School re-opens for the start of the spring term on Wednesday 3rd January 2024.

After School Clubs

Please note that after school clubs all finish during the week of 4th December. Clubs will re-start in the spring term during the week commencing **8th January** and booking information will be sent by email before the end of term. Please note that there are no after school clubs between 3rd and 5th January.

Reception children will have the opportunity to join Musical Theatre (Wednesday), 360 Multi Skills (Thursday) and Street Dance (Friday) in the spring term.

Registration for September 2024

Just a reminder that if you have a child who is five between 1st September 2024 and 31st August 2025 inclusive, or you have a child currently in Year 2, all admissions applications for Reception and Year 3 places for September 2024 need to be received by Surrey County Council by **15th January 2024**.

The Surrey Admissions team have asked us to advise you 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. Surrey County Council admissions information leaflets are available from the school office and further information can be found on their website www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions.

If you should have any questions, please don't hesitate to email the school office: info@prior-heath.surrey.sch.uk.

INSET Days

A reminder that the remaining INSET days for the school year when school will be closed for staff training are:

Tuesday 2nd January 2024
Thursday 28th March 2024
Monday 3rd June 2024

School will also be closed on Monday 6th May 2024 as this is a bank holiday.

Children in Need



On Friday 17th November the children came to school in home clothes with something spotty or stripy to show our support for Children in Need. We raised a total of £168 for the charity. Thank you very much for your generosity.

We very much hope that your children enjoy the last couple of weeks of term.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs L. Chivers
Headteacher

Diary Dates

Saturday	2 nd December 2023	PTA Christmas Fayre – 11.30 am until 2.00pm
Monday	4 th December 2023	Christmas Play costumes to be in school
Monday to Friday	4 th to 8 th December 2023	Christmas post boxes open
Thursday	7 th December 2023	Christmas Play tickets issued by this date
Thursday	7 th December 2023	Christmas Jumper Day – children are invited to wear home clothes including a Christmas jumper into school in return for a donation to ‘Save the Children’
Thursday	7 th December 2023	Christmas lunch
Monday	11 th December 2023	Christmas Play – afternoon performance at 1.30pm (adults only)
Tuesday & Wednesday	12 th & 13 th December 2023	Christmas Play – morning performances at 9.30am (adults only)
Thursday	14 th December 2023	Fred in the Shed (am)
Thursday	14 th December 2023	Class Parties (pm) – children are invited to wear home clothes to school.
Friday	15 th December 2023	End of autumn term at 2.00pm – please note early closure
Tuesday	2nd January 2024	INSET Day – school closed for staff training
Wednesday	3rd January 2024	School re-opens for the spring term
Monday – Friday	12th to 16th February 2024	Half term
Wednesday	27 th March 2024	End of spring term at 2.00pm – please note early closure
Thursday	28th March 2024	INSET Day – school closed for staff training
Monday	15th April 2024	School re-opens for the Summer term
Monday	6th May 2024	Bank Holiday – school closed
Monday – Friday	27th to 31st May 2024	Half term
Monday	3rd June 2024	INSET Day – school closed for staff training
Tuesday	23 rd July 2024	End of summer term at 2.00pm – please note early closure