

# Prior Heath Infant School

19<sup>th</sup> July 2024

**Dear Parents**

**The end of an era....**

For our Year 2 children! Most of them will have enjoyed 3 full years at Prior Heath and the development that they have gone through during this time has been incredible. Whilst they will have another 9 years of schooling ahead of them let's recognise the building blocks that our staff have created for them in order to continue their educational journey. Whilst most of them will be moving on to Ravenscote we wish all of them, wherever they go, an enjoyable time at their new school.

**Meeting of the Governing Body 18<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

**Administration of the Governing Body**

After 10 years as Chair of Governors I have decided to step down with effect from the beginning of the new academic year. I feel that it's time for a new Chair to move the school forward. I'd like to thank all governors, past and present, who have supported me and can look back with fond memories with the stand out highlight being the appointment of Mrs Chivers as our Head Teacher. This does leave the opportunity for new people to join as Governors and we are looking for 2 Parent Governors (could also be Grandparents) and 2 co-opted Governors.

**Operational and Strategic Business**

Feedback regarding the new phonics scheme shows that it has been incredibly successful. The approach is now being adopted across the whole school and we are seeing positive results coming from it. Our data is showing that we are consistently higher than both the National average and also the Surrey average across the core subjects (reading, writing and maths) which is a great testimony to the excellent teaching embedded within the school.

Across the Education sector there continues to be significant strain on financial resources with some local schools working in deficit. Prior Heath continues to operate within budget, which is quite an achievement these days, thanks to good financial governance and a keen eye for optimising school funds by our previous bursar, Mrs Dalford and her replacement Mrs Noakes.

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



Martyn Keates  
Chair of Governors