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Dear Parents,

As we come to the end of the academic year I would like to take this opportunity to say how wonderful your children have been. I felt so proud when reading their annual reports. I would like to thank the staff and Governors for their continued hard work and commitment to the children. Our school community is a very special one and I feel incredibly lucky to be part of it. Although this newsletter is a very lengthy one, please take time to read through all of the information carefully.

Safeguarding

Last week in our KS1 assemblies, we have been talking about water safety in preparation for the summer holidays. The children were shown this image which generated a lot of discussion about the best colour of swimwear to wear in water to stay visible.

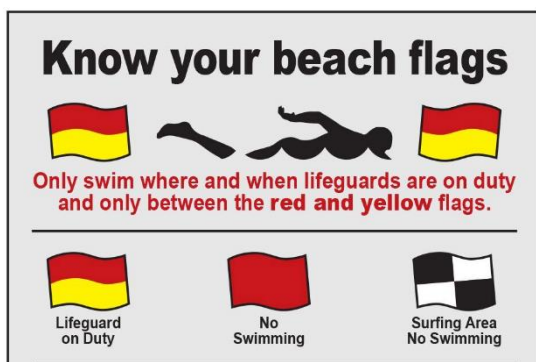
In the Lake



In the Pool



We also talked about how to keep safe at the beach. The children were shown the different coloured flags and are now able to say what they mean.



Staffing update

I would like to thank Mrs Ryan and Ms Hart who both stepped in to provide TA support this year. Both Mrs Ryan and Ms Hart will continue to be part of the Prior Heath staffing team in a supply cover capacity. Ahead of September, I would like to welcome Mrs Anderson and Mrs Coates to our school.

Class arrangements for September 2024:

	Teaching Staff	Class	Teaching Assistants
Year R	Miss Bates	Chestnut	Mrs Daly (Mon & Tues) Mrs Maynard (Wed, Thurs, Fri)
	Miss Myring	Willow	Mrs Sweeney (Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri am) Mrs Maine (Thurs, Fri pm)
Year 1	Mrs Anderson (Mon & Tues) Mrs Shah (Wed, Thurs, Fri)	Holly	Mrs Maine (Mon, Tues, Fri) Mrs Burr (Wed, Thurs)
	Mrs Bradford	Oak	Miss Brewer (Mon to Thurs) Mrs Hearnshaw (Fri)
Year 2	Mrs Bewley	Cherry	Mrs Northcote
	Mrs Haygarth	Rowan	Mrs Nelson (Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri) Mrs Hearnshaw (Wed, Thurs)

Support Teaching Assistants:

Mrs Burditt
Mrs Coates
Mrs Diovisalvi
Mrs Turner

PTA

As the school year draws to an end, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our PTA Chair, Selena Ramsey, and her team for organising such an enjoyable, successful and exceptionally well-run circus and summer fair on 8th June which raised an amazing £6,992.30. It was lovely to see such generous support by parents in terms of their time, donations and attendance on the day. Special thanks to the parents who helped to set up on the Friday evening and the morning of the event and to those who stayed to clear up so efficiently after the event.

We are incredibly grateful to our hardworking PTA for arranging a whole host of fundraising activities throughout this year and I am absolutely thrilled to say that the library refurbishment project, that has been the main focus for their fundraising, is scheduled to be completed during the summer holidays!

I would like to thank Selena Ramsey (Chair), Sarah Conquer (Vice Chair), Inga Lebednykiene (Treasurer), Tori McIntyre (Vice Treasurer), Kripa Joshi (Secretary) together with the PTA committee and class reps for their enthusiasm and hard work on behalf of the school, which is very much appreciated.

My thanks also to all parents who are involved with the PTA for their commitment and dedication on behalf of the children, parents, staff and governors. We are very fortunate at Prior Heath to have parents who do so much for the school and the children benefit a great deal from the extra resources the PTA is able to provide.

End of Term timing

A reminder that we will be finishing at the earlier time of **2.00pm** on Tuesday 23rd July, the last day of term.

PE days for the 2024/25 academic year

The PE days for the 2024/25 academic year, when children wear their PE kit to school, will be:

Chestnut:	Tuesday & Wednesday (from week commencing 16 th September)
Willow:	Tuesday & Wednesday (from week commencing 16 th September)
Holly:	Monday & Thursday (from week commencing 2 nd September)
Oak:	Tuesday & Friday (from week commencing 2 nd September)
Cherry:	Monday & Thursday (from week commencing 2 nd September)
Rowan:	Monday & Wednesday (from week commencing 2 nd September)

If PE days change, parents will be notified by ParentMail.

With reference to my email of 4th July, we will be changing to a zipped PE hoodie which will be available to purchase from Brenda's this summer. This should be easier for the children to put on and take off as we have received comments that the neck is very tight on the unzipped hoodie, making it difficult for the children to manage independently. The PE hoodie is an optional uniform item and children are able to wear a school jumper or cardigan instead on their PE days.

Please remember that, for reasons of health and hygiene, jewellery of any kind must not be worn during PE. Children wearing pierced earrings should not wear them to school on PE days or they must be able to remove them by themselves otherwise they will not be allowed to take part in PE lessons. We do not allow children to cover earrings with tape during PE lessons. If you are planning to have your child's ears pierced, please arrange it at the beginning of the summer holidays so there is plenty of time for everything to heal.

Class email addresses

The class email addresses will continue to be available for parents to communicate directly with their child's class teacher. A reminder that these are as follows:

chestnut.class@prior-heath.surrey.sch.uk
willow.class@prior-heath.surrey.sch.uk
holly.class@prior-heath.surrey.sch.uk
oak.class@prior-heath.surrey.sch.uk
cherry.class@prior-heath.surrey.sch.uk
rowan.class@prior-heath.surrey.sch.uk

INSET Days for 2024/25

A reminder that the INSET days for the 2024/25 school year when school will be closed to children, are as follows:

Monday 2nd September 2024: (School will re-open for children in Year 1 and Year 2 on Tuesday 3rd September. The children in Year R will join us in school from 10th September).

Monday 18th November 2024

Friday 4th April 2025

Tuesday 6th May 2025

Monday 30th June 2025

The school term and holiday dates for 2024/25 and 2025/26 are available on the school website.

After School Clubs

After school clubs will operate from the week commencing 9th September. Further information including sign-up details for all clubs will be sent via ParentMail on 2nd September. Bookings will open at 7.00pm on 2nd September. Details are as follows:

Day	Club	Provider	Time	Year Groups
Monday	Coding	Jam Coding	2.55 – 3.55pm	1 & 2
Tuesday	Football	360 Sports Education	2.55 – 3.55pm	1 & 2
Wednesday	Tennis	David Gill	2.55 – 3.45pm	1 & 2
	Musical Theatre	Terri Jayne Theatre Arts	2.55 – 3.55pm	1 & 2 Year R from January 2025
Thursday	French	La Jolie Ronde	2.55 – 3.25pm	1 & 2
	Multi Skills	360 Sports Education	2.55 – 3.55pm	1 & 2 Year R from January 2025
Friday	Street Dance	Terri Jayne Theatre Arts	2.55 - 3.55pm	1 & 2 Year R from January 2025
	Rocksteady	Rocksteady Music School	Sessions run between 1.30 & 2.50pm	1 & 2

Menus for September/October 2024

The current menus will continue until the October half term and these are available on the [school website](#). Please note that the first week back (week commencing 2nd September) is the Week 3 menu.

Surrey Libraries Summer Reading Challenge 2024

The Surrey Libraries Summer Reading Challenge is back! To ensure children continue their reading journey over the summer holidays, **The Reading Agency** has designed this amazing Challenge. Created in partnership with the charity **Create**, and delivered by libraries, the theme this year is 'Marvellous Makers'. A celebration of the Creative Arts, children will be inspired to express themselves in creative ways, tap into a world of imagination and storytelling and of course to read!

All children aged 4 to 11 can now sign up for the challenge at their **local Surrey library** for free. The aim of the challenge is to keep children reading over the summer holidays when there can sometimes be a 'reading dip'. Children can set their own goals, but to complete the challenge they will need to read 6 books before Saturday 14 September.

Younger children can join in with the Mini Challenge, aimed at anyone 3 years and younger. Children will need to be a member of the library to participate, but joining the library is free and can be done at their **local Surrey library**.

There are lots of reading formats to keep children interested. Fact books, stories, poetry, graphic novels, ebooks, joke books and audiobooks, it is all reading! When they have finished their books, children can tell library staff and volunteers what they've been reading and receive rewards for how far they have come. Children who manage to read 6 books will receive a certificate and a medal.

The Challenge is suitable for all reading abilities, so head along to your **local Surrey library** from Saturday 6 July to start your summer reading journey! If you are not a member of Surrey libraries you can **join the library**, it is free to join.

Keeping us Informed

It is important that we keep up to date information on the children. Please would you inform the office if contact details change and also if we need to update the children's medical information or dietary requirements. Thank you.

Lost Property

We have a very large quantity of lost property in school. The lost property box is located near the school office – please do come and check it at any time. Any unclaimed items will be given to the PTA for the second hand uniform supply or disposed of at the end of term.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a safe and restful summer break. Good luck to the children in Year 2 and their families who will be moving on from Prior Heath. We will miss you all but very much hope that you come back to visit us. I look forward to welcoming everyone else back for the new academic year in September.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs L. Chivers
Headteacher

Diary Dates

2023/24 School Year

Thursday	18 th July 2024	Year 2 leavers' assembly for Year 2 parents at 1.30pm.
Friday	19 th July 2024	Year 2 leavers' disco 5.00 to 6.00pm.
Monday	22 nd July 2024	Afternoon tea for parent helpers at 2.00pm.
Tuesday	23 rd July 2024	End of summer term at 2.00pm – please note early closure.

2024/25 School Year

Monday	2nd September 2024	INSET Day – school closed for staff training.
Tuesday	3 rd September 2024	Start of autumn term for Year 1 & Year 2 children.
Monday – Friday	28th October to 1st November 2024	Autumn half term.
Monday	18th November 2024	INSET Day – school closed for staff training.
Friday	20 th December 2024	End of autumn term at 2.00pm – please note early closure.
Monday	6 th January 2025	Start of spring term.
Monday – Friday	17th to 21st February 2025	Spring half term.
Thursday	3 rd April 2025	End of spring term at 2.00pm – please note early closure.
Friday	4th April 2025	INSET Day – school closed for staff training.
Tuesday	22 nd April 2025	Start of summer term.
Monday	5th May 2025	Bank Holiday – school closed.
Tuesday	6th May 2025	INSET Day – school closed for staff training.
Monday – Friday	26th to 30th May 2025	Summer half term.
Monday	30th June 2025	INSET Day – school closed for staff training.
Tuesday	22 nd July 2025	End of summer term at 2.00pm – please note early closure.