

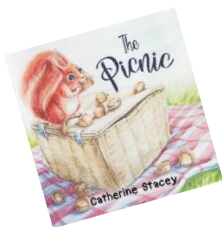


Dear Parents,



We are very excited to announce that our new school library is now complete! We would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful PTA for leading our fundraising efforts with this project and thank everyone who donated through the various events that have taken place over the last few years.

This week, the children have started to visit the library in their classes and have been taught about how the books are categorised. Children in Year 2 will be taking on the role of 'Junior Librarians' this year and will be responsible for keeping the library tidy and sorting books as they are returned. In addition to our junior librarian team, we are looking for any parents or grandparents who would like to regularly volunteer their time to help with the upkeep and organisation of our library. If this is something that would interest you, please do get in touch via [info@prior-heath.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@prior-heath.surrey.sch.uk).



On Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September, we have a local author, Catherine Stacey, coming to visit us to mark the 'official' opening of our library. She will be sharing her book, 'The Picnic,' with the children in Year 1 and Year 2 and will then be spending some time in their classrooms completing activities relating to the book. We will be purchasing some copies of 'The Picnic' for our school library which Catherine has kindly signed and there will be an opportunity for you to purchase a copy for your child too should you wish - further information will follow.

From next week, the children will be bringing home library books. Please remember that these are books for sharing together and we do not expect the children to be able to read these independently. Our aim at Prior Heath is to foster a love of reading and we expect all children to treat books with care. Class teams will be keeping a record of the books that your child brings home and our Year 2 librarians will be checking that the books have been well looked after. If your child loses a library book or if it is damaged upon its return to school, we will be asking parents for either a £5 fee or a replacement copy of the book. Please be advised that this also applies to phonic reader books which will be charged at £3.50 per book if lost or damaged.



A huge thank you too all of the parents who have kindly donated books for our library. As a school we have compiled a wish list should you wish to contribute to our collection, the details of this will be sent out shortly.

Thank you for your continued, valuable support.

Kind regards,  
Mrs Sarah Haygarth  
English Leader

