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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 18<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 Gillian Fernandes from St Paul's Church for coming into school to join us for our harvest assembly. The Besom Camberley and The Hope Hub 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.

### **School Council**

The newly elected School Council met for the first time this year and found out about their very important roles. Their first job was to help display the harvest donations ready for the whole school assembly. They did a great job!

### **Voluntary Donation Request**

Following my email of 11<sup>th</sup> September, a huge thank you to everyone who has contributed to our request for a termly voluntary donation to purchase classroom supplies. We would be very grateful for any additional donations.

The reason for the request is that it is becoming increasingly challenging to balance school budgets due to many years of underfunding in education and increasing financial pressures on schools. Last year, we sent out requests to parents for donations of additional resources e.g. whiteboard pens, which you were so generous at providing and we were incredibly grateful. In response to parental feedback, this year, instead of asking for voluntary donations for resources at different times throughout the year, we are asking for a termly monetary donation of £10 per child. This money will be ring fenced and will be solely used to purchase classroom supplies to support the play-based approach that we take to deliver the curriculum. The additional funds will provide your children with opportunities to continue to be independent learners who can access a wide range of exciting resources.

We understand that with the cost of living continuing to increase, some families will be unable to donate the suggested £10 per child. If you are in this position, please understand that we would gratefully appreciate any monetary donation, however small, and all requests are voluntary and not enforced. After all, every little helps! Please be assured that all children will have access to the same resources whether or not their parents have been able to donate.

If you wish to donate, money can be paid via the bank details below:

Account Name: Surrey County Council Prior Heath Community Infant School  
Account Number: 61319256  
Sort Code: 40-16-05

Please be aware that this is different to the school trip bank account which you may previously have contributed to.

Thank you in advance for your support.

### **Friendship week**

The week beginning 11<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). During the week there will be a focus on speaking out about unkind behaviour.

### **New Menus – Winter 2024 to Spring 2025**

New menus for winter 2024 & spring 2025 have been produced by Twelve15 and these are attached. The menus are also available on the school website:

<https://priorheathinfant.co.uk/parents/school-meals-2/>

A polite reminder that children need to choose to have the school meal option or a packed lunch option every day. Due to storage limitations in the kitchen, we are not able to offer the option to chop and change between a school meal and packed lunch during the week. If your child wants to change from a packed lunch to a school meal, or vice versa, we request a week's notice in advance please.

### **Children in Need 2024**

On Friday 15<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.



### **School Website**

Our current school website host are no longer able to support us after April 2025 and, as a result, we are looking to re-design our website. We wondered whether there are any parents or relatives who work for website design and development companies that would be interested in meeting with us. If so, please contact the school office.

### **Inset Days Reminder**

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

Monday 18th November 2024  
Friday 4th April 2025  
Tuesday 6th May 2025  
Monday 30th June 2025

The school will also be closed on Monday 5th May 2025 which is a bank holiday.

I hope you all have a very enjoyable and relaxing half term. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Chivers', written in a cursive style.

Mrs. L. Chivers  
Headteacher

**Diary Dates**

Wednesday & Thursday	23 <sup>rd</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	Parent interviews with class teachers after school.
Friday	25 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	End of Autumn half term 1 at 2.50pm.
<b>Monday – Friday</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup> October to 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024</b>	<b>Half Term.</b>
Thursday	14 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Prospective parents (Sept 2025 intake) meeting & tour at 9.15am.
Friday	15 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Children in Need. Children are invited to come to school in spotty or stripy clothing.
<b>Monday</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup> November 2024</b>	<b>INSET Day – school closed for staff training.</b>
Tuesday	19 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Prospective parents (Sept 2025 intake) meeting & tour at 9.15am.
Friday	22 <sup>nd</sup> November 2024	PTA Bingo Evening for parents – further details to follow.
Wednesday	27 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Prospective parents (Sept 2025 intake) meeting & tour at 5.30pm.
Friday	20 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	End of Autumn term at 2.00pm – please note early closure.
Sunday	29 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	PTA Pantomime event: Sleeping Beauty at New Victoria Theatre, Woking. 1.00pm performance.
<b>Monday</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> January 2025</b>	<b>School re-opens for the Spring term.</b>
<b>Monday – Friday</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025</b>	<b>Half term.</b>
Thursday	3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2025	End of Spring term at 2.00pm – please note early closure.
<b>Friday</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> April 2025</b>	<b>INSET Day – school closed for staff training.</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025</b>	<b>School re-opens for the Summer term.</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> May 2025</b>	<b>Bank Holiday – school closed.</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> May 2025</b>	<b>INSET Day – school closed for staff training.</b>
<b>Monday – Friday</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> May 2025</b>	<b>Half term.</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>30<sup>th</sup> June 2025</b>	<b>INSET Day – school closed for staff training.</b>
Tuesday	22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2025	End of Summer term at 2.00pm – please note early closure.