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Dear Parents,

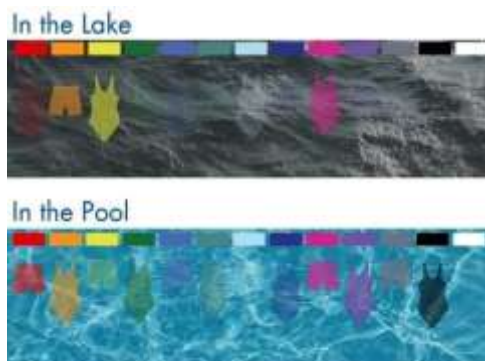
As we come to the end of the academic year I would like to take this opportunity to say how wonderful your children have been. I felt so proud when reading their annual reports. I would like to thank the staff and Governors for their continued hard work and commitment to the children. Our school community 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.

End of Term timing

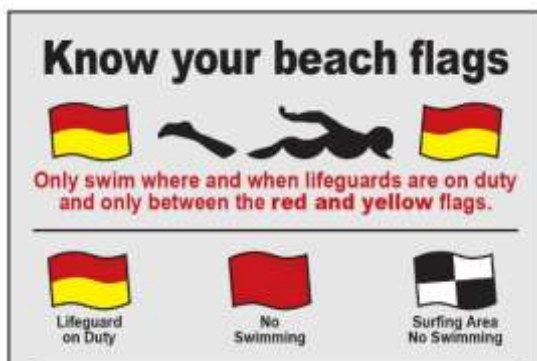
A reminder that we will be finishing at the earlier time of **2.00pm** on Tuesday 22nd July, the last day of term.

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.



We also talked about how to keep safe at the beach. The children in Years 1 and 2 were shown the different coloured flags and are now able to say what they mean. If you are a parent of a child in Year R, please take the time to discuss these with your child if you have a beach visit planned this summer.



Staffing update

As communicated previously, Mrs Anderson will be leaving us at the end of term. I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for everything that she has done for our school and wish her well for the future.

Mrs Haygarth will be taking on the new role of Assistant Headteacher from September. Alongside her class teaching role, she will be assisting me in the day to day running of the school as well as leading on aspects of our school development plan and deputising in my absence.

In September, we will be welcoming some new staff to Prior Heath. Mr Clarke and Mrs Emmitt will be joining the teaching team and Miss Boshier will be joining us as a lunchtime supervisor. We look forward to welcoming them all into our school community.

Class arrangements for September 2025:

	Teaching Staff	Class	Teaching Assistants
Year R	Miss Bates	Chestnut	Mrs Diovisalvi Mrs Burr Mrs Hearnshaw Mrs Coates
	Mrs Haygarth	Willow	Mrs Maine Mrs Sweeney Mrs Hearnshaw Mrs Coates
Year 1	Mrs Emmitt (Mon & Tues) & Mrs Shah (Wed, Thurs, Fri)	Holly	Mrs Northcote Mrs Hopkins
	Miss Myring	Oak	Mrs Sweeney Mrs Maynard
Year 2	Mrs Bewley	Cherry	Mrs Turner Mrs Hearnshaw
	Mr Clarke	Rowan	Mrs Hopkins Mrs Nelson Mrs Burditt

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 summer fair and inflatazone on 21st June. It was lovely to see such generous support by parents in terms of their time, donations and attendance on the day, particularly as it was so warm! 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. They have raised a total of £17,380 this year which is astounding. The extra funds that they have been able to provide for the school have enabled us to purchase new curriculum resources for our outdoor spaces in all year



groups. We have also been able to give the go ahead to a long-awaited IT upgrade which will include replacing the current LearnPads with a more up to date product. Additionally, we will be using the funds for a complete resurface of the Year R outdoor area during the autumn term. Should there be anything left in the pot, we will also be able to begin to extend the library design into our music room.

I would like to thank Selena Ramsey (Chair), Sarah Conquer (Vice Chair), Grace Sekumade (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.

During the last two years, Selena has worked tirelessly to not only raise much needed funds for the school but also to provide the children with a range of memorable experiences. Unfortunately, as she will no longer be a Prior Heath parent in September, Selena will be stepping down from her role. She has certainly set the standard incredibly high for her successor and will be sorely missed. Once we have had our PTA AGM in the first half of the autumn term, we will be able to share with you who has been voted into the key roles.

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.

PE days for the 2025/26 academic year

The PE days for the 2025/26 academic year, when children wear their PE kit to school, will be:

Chestnut:	Tuesday & Wednesday (from week commencing 15 th September)
Willow:	Tuesday & Wednesday (from week commencing 15 th September)
Holly:	Monday & Thursday (from week commencing 8 th September)
Oak:	Tuesday & Friday (from week commencing 8 th September)
Cherry:	Monday & Wednesday (from week commencing 8 th September)
Rowan:	Monday & Thursday (from week commencing 8 th September)

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

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 2025/26

A reminder that the INSET days for the 2025/26 school year when school will be closed to children, are as follows:

Wednesday 3rd September 2025: (School will re-open for children in Year 1 and Year 2 on Thursday 4th September. The children in Year R will join us in school from 12th September).

Friday 24th October 2025

Friday 27th March 2026
Tuesday 5th May 2026
Monday 29th June 2026

The school term and holiday dates for 2025/26 and 2026/27 are available on the school website: <https://priorheathinfant.co.uk/dates/school-term-holiday-dates/>

Volunteer Helpers

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our volunteer helpers who have given up their time to help in school across the year – your help and support is very much appreciated by the staff and children. If you would like to volunteer to help in school for the 2025/26 school year, further information will follow in September. We would be particularly grateful for volunteers to run our Year 2 gardening club every Tuesday lunchtime from 12.00 to 1.00pm.

After School Clubs

After school clubs will operate from the week commencing 15th September. Further information including sign-up details for all clubs will be sent via ParentMail on 3rd September. Bookings will open at 7.00pm on 3rd 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
	Kids on Stage	Terri Jayne Theatre Arts	2.55 – 3.55pm	1 & 2 Year R from January 2026
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 2026
Friday	Street Dance	Terri Jayne Theatre Arts	2.55 - 3.55pm	1 & 2 Year R from January 2026
	Rocksteady	Rocksteady Music School (from 12 th September)	Sessions run between 1.30 & 2.50pm	1 & 2

Menus for September/October 2025

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 1st September) is the Week 2 menu.

Surrey Libraries Summer Reading Challenge 2025

The Surrey Libraries Summer Reading Challenge is back! We had a visit yesterday from Holly from Camberley library who spoke to the children about the theme for this year which is:



If your child would like to participate in the challenge, you can visit your local library to sign up or alternatively, you can sign up online at <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/> We will celebrate any children in Year R or Year 1 that complete the reading challenge when we return to school in September and look forward to hearing about all of the wonderful books that they have managed to read!

Further information and flyers related to the Summer Reading Challenge are attached.

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. Let's hope that we haven't used up all of the sunshine! 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

<u>2024/25 Academic Year</u>		
Tuesday	22 nd July 2025	End of Summer term at 2.00pm – please note early finish.

<u>2025/26 Academic Year</u>		
Wednesday	3 rd September 2025	INSET Day – school closed for staff training.
Thursday	4 th September 2025	School re-opens for the Autumn term for Year 1 and Year 2 children.
Friday	24 th October 2025	INSET Day – school closed for staff training.
Monday – Friday	27 th to 31 st October 2025	Half term.
Friday	19 th December 2025	End of Autumn term at 2.00pm – please note early finish.
Monday	5 th January 2026	School re-opens for the Spring term.
Monday – Friday	16 th to 20 th February 2026	Half term.
Thursday	26 th March 2026	End of Spring term at 2.00pm – please note early finish.
Friday	27 th March 2026	INSET Day – school closed for staff training.
Monday	13 th April 2026	School re-opens for the Summer term.
Monday	4 th May 2026	Bank holiday – school closed.
Tuesday	5 th May 2026	INSET Day – school closed for staff training.
Monday – Friday	25 th to 29 th May 2026	Half term.
Monday	29 th June 2026	INSET Day – school closed for staff training.
Wednesday	22 nd July 2026	End of Summer term at 2.00pm – please note early finish.