

18th December 2025

Dear Parents,

The Autumn term is always exciting as a new cohort of pupils arrive in Year R and have to get used to the routine of the school day.

One of the highlights of the year for me as a Governor, is attending the Christmas play. After a long term, it is wonderful to see how enthusiastic and excited the children are. Congratulations to all those involved in the production.

Our role continues to challenge and support the school in equal measure. One of the primary tools that we use for this is our monitoring visits, during which we have opportunities to meet with the children and staff. During these visits, we try to be present on the playground at drop off time so if you do see one of us outside, please feel free to say hello and ask any questions that you may have.

As well as taking part in many monitoring visits this term, we have also used the new OFSTED framework, issued in September, to realign our individual roles and responsibilities. This term has been one of new learning for us all!

The Governors continue to support Mrs Chivers and her staff with the biggest challenges facing all schools. Mrs Chivers and the staff team do an amazing job managing the day to day running of the school within the constraints of Government funding.

We appreciate the huge efforts made by parents to support the school throughout the year, including financial contributions via the PTA events. This makes a huge difference to the finances of our school and the events contribute to the great sense of community that we have. I enjoyed visiting the school for the Christmas Panto/Fayre recently and it was lovely to see how much the children enjoyed the show. The event highlighted that the PTA is not just about fundraising but also adds to the wonderful experience that your children have at Prior Heath.

Finally, on behalf of all of the Governors, I would like to wish you a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

Paul Heagren
Chair of Governors