



Prior Heath Infant School

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Dear Parents,

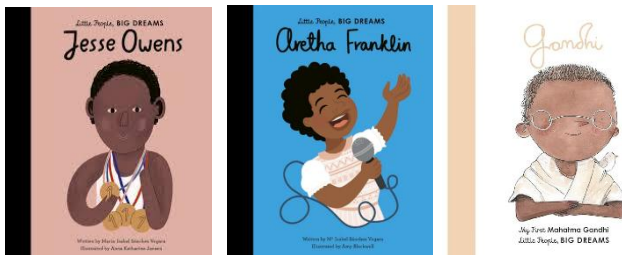
It has been lovely to see the new Year R children settle so happily into our school. The children in Years 1 and 2 have been wonderfully demonstrating our school values of kindness and responsibility by helping the younger children, particularly during lunchtimes.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a HUGE thank you to all of you that have contributed towards our resources fund. Your generosity is **very** much appreciated and will make such a difference to the children at Prior Heath.

Black History Month

To mark Black History Month, this week, in our KS1 assemblies, we have been sharing and celebrating the impact of black heritage and culture.

In our school library there are many books celebrating key figures from throughout History which include the Little People, Big Dreams collection. If you haven't had a chance to explore these wonderful texts with your children, they would make lovely stocking fillers!



Health & Safety within the school grounds

In order to keep everybody safe within the school grounds, please could I politely remind you of the following:

- Children should not play on any of the outdoor equipment before or after school. This includes the stage area outside the Year R classrooms.
- If children ride their bikes or scooters to school, they need to walk these through the school grounds rather than riding on them.
- Children should not walk or run through the staff car park unattended at the beginning or end of the school day. Children must be accompanied by an adult in the staff car park as staff and delivery vehicles use it throughout the day. Please use the pedestrian access at all times unless you need to visit the school office.
- Finally, children must not walk around the wall outside the office as it is very high and they may seriously hurt themselves should they should fall off.

Thank you for your support.

Parent Interviews

As mentioned in my previous newsletter and email, parent interviews with your child's class teacher will take place after school on Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd October, with later appointments being available on Tuesday 21st.

If you haven't yet booked your appointment using the Parents Evening application within your ParentMail Account, please be aware that the booking system will close on Saturday 18th October. If you are unable to book your parents' evening appointment online, please contact the school office.

Harvest Celebrations – Thursday 23rd October

You will have received a separate letter from Mrs Shah, RE Leader, about our Harvest celebrations which will take place on Thursday 23rd October (a copy of the letter is attached). The children have been invited to come to school dressed as something Harvest related (e.g. farmers, scarecrows or farm animals) and to bring a food donation for two local charities: The Besom Camberley and The Hope Hub.



Throughout the day we will be celebrating Harvest by enjoying a variety of cross-curricular activities. This will include a visit from a representative from St. Paul's Church who will be attending our Harvest assembly. We will take photos of our special day which we will share with you after the event.

Illness

At this time of year and throughout the autumn/winter it is usual to have a few cases of illness in school.

In order to minimise the risk of any other bugs spreading, please note the following:

- Children should not be sent to school if they are unwell. However, if your child appears to be only slightly ill, send them in to school. We have staff who will contact you if their condition deteriorates. Please refer to the NHS Guidance: [Is my child too ill for school?](#) which provides some helpful information.
- Children who have contracted a sickness virus and/or diarrhoea should not return to school until they have been free of symptoms for 48 hours from the last bout of illness, as advised by the NHS.
- If children become unwell at school they will be sent home.
- Please remind your child of the importance of hand washing after using the toilet and before handling food.

If your child is absent due to illness or unforeseen circumstances, please leave a message by 9.20am either on the absence answerphone, via the ParentMail app or email info@prior-heath.surrey.sch.uk. The message should include your child's name and class and the reason for their absence.

Inset Days Reminder

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

Friday 24th October 2025
Friday 27th March 2026
Tuesday 5th May 2026
Monday 29th June 2026

The school will also be closed on Monday 4th May 2026 which is a bank holiday.

PTA

The PTA AGM was held on 24th September and I would like to say a personal thank you to all those parents who gave their valuable time to attend. It was lovely to see so many of you there.

The staff, children and I are very grateful to the PTA, parents and carers for their support. By providing additional funds for resources, the PTA helps the school to direct as much money as it can towards our staffing requirements, in turn providing as much support for the children's learning as possible within the allocated budget available to us.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Selena Ramsey (Chair), Sarah Conquer (Vice Chair), Grace Sekumade (Treasurer), Kripa Joshi (Secretary), and the whole PTA team for their enthusiasm and hard work on behalf of the school last year, which is very much appreciated. They brought exceptional skills and creativity to the team.

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. The funds raised last year have enabled us to replace IT equipment and purchase curriculum resources for the classrooms and outdoor spaces. We also now have enough funds to organise for the Year R outdoor area to be resurfaced and go ahead with the installation of the second stage of our library project.

We are delighted that Lauren Casanova has taken on the role of PTA Chair this year. She will be supported by a core team of volunteers including: Grace Sekumade (Treasurer), Alice Chalfoun (Secretary), Kyle and Tam Gilham (sponsorship & grants), Claire Hawkins (uniform), Natalie Reid (website). The class reps for the year will be:

Chestnut:	Verity Coles & Lisa Judd
Willow:	Tam Gilham
Holly:	Sarah Wagner
Oak:	Hollie Francis
Cherry:	Becky Wreford
Rowan:	Natalie Donald

The PTA are also looking for a Vice Chair and additional volunteers. If you are able to help, please contact Lauren: ptachair@prior-heath.surrey.sch.uk.

Coats

Please ensure that your child brings a coat to school EVERY day, even if there is no rain forecast. Much of our learning at Prior Heath takes place outside and we want every child to be suitably dressed so that they are able to join in with all outdoor activities.

Children in Need

This year we will be supporting the 'Children in Need' charity by inviting the children to come to school on Friday 14th November wearing their home clothes, preferably including something spotty or stripy, in exchange for a suggested donation of £1. We politely request that the children do not come into school wearing face paint. Please ensure that your child's clothing and footwear are 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.



Diary Dates

Please find attached an updated list of diary dates.

I hope that you all have a wonderful half-term break when it arrives. Fingers crossed for some autumn sunshine!

Yours sincerely,

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

Mrs L. Chivers
Headteacher

Diary Dates

Monday	20 th October 2025	Prospective parents (Sept 2026 intake) meeting & tour at 9.15am
Tuesday & Wednesday	21 st & 22 nd October 2025	Parent interviews with class teachers after school – bookings open on Monday 13 th October at 7.00pm
Thursday	23 rd October 2025	Harvest Day
Friday	24th October 2025	INSET Day – school closed for staff training
Monday – Friday	27th to 31st October 2025	Half Term
Wednesday	5 th November 2025	Flu Immunisation in school
Friday	7 th November 2025	Prospective parents (Sept 2026 intake) meeting & tour at 9.15am
Wednesday	12 th November 2025	Phonics and early reading information session 9.00 to 9.30am in the school hall
Friday	14 th November 2025	Children in Need – spotty/stripy mufti day
Tuesday	18 th November 2025	Prospective parents (Sept 2026 intake) meeting & tour at 5.30pm
Wednesday	3 rd December 2025	Prospective parents (Sept 2026 intake) meeting & tour at 9.15am
Friday	19th December 2025	End of autumn term at 1.15pm – please note early closure
Monday	5th January 2026	School re-opens for the Spring term
Wednesday	7 th January 2026	Prospective parents (Sept 2026 intake) meeting & tour at 9.15am
Monday – Friday	16th to 20th February 2026	Half term
Thursday	26th March 2026	End of spring term at 1.15pm – please note early closure
Friday	27th March 2026	INSET Day – school closed for staff training
Monday	13th April 2026	School re-opens for the Summer term
Monday	4th May 2026	Bank Holiday – school closed
Tuesday	5th May 2026	INSET Day – school closed for staff training
Monday – Friday	25th to 29th May 2026	Half term
Monday	29th June 2026	INSET Day – school closed for staff training
Wednesday	22nd July 2026	End of summer term at 1.15pm – please note early closure