

Bird's Bush News

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Primary Science Quality Mark!

We are delighted to have been awarded the Primary Science Quality Mark Bronze Award. Mrs Gould (Science subject leader) worked with all staff to develop how we teach science in our school and worked with teachers in other schools to share ideas. She had to submit all of her evidence to external assessors who have said...

"The subject leader has worked very hard and the school is very deserving of a bronze award. The subject leader has raised the profile of science, developed a clear understanding of science across the school and has good plans for the future. There are clear indications that in time the school can achieve so much more and I hope that over the next couple of years that the subject leader is able to drive forward her plans and I have every confidence that in future science will thrive and improvements will be recognised by a further PSQM award. Congratulations on your achievements so far!"

The Quality Mark is led by the University of Herefordshire to enable schools to celebrate a commitment to excellence in science teaching and learning.

Well done everyone!



**Class 5-Mr Taylor's
(Mrs Brooke's)
Class Assembly
FRIDAY 10th
NOVEMBER
9.00 a.m.
Parents/Carers of
Class 5 are very
welcome.**

Super Stars Out of Hours Club will be open on our inset days - Thursday 23rd November and Friday 24th November).

Please call Nursery on 01827 213898 if you would like your child to attend.

Learning Champions

R1-	Olly	Class 5 -	Ella
R2-	Ella	Class 6 -	Liam
Class 2 -	Archie	Class 7 -	Lilly-May
Class 3-	Haydn	Class 8 -	Kyle
Class 4 -	Lexie	Class 9 -	Emma
		Class 10 -	Liam



Happiness builds success.

READ IT!

We have an amazing selection of books to choose from for the lucky winners. Children earn a Read It! Ticket for every time they prove they have read at home. We have so many children earning lots of tickets we choose a winner from each year group!

Our lucky winners on Friday 20th October were:-

Reception	Harry
Year 1	Isabella
Year 2	Hannah
Year 3	Ella
Year 4	Lauren
Year 5	Erika
Year 6	Liliana



Our children have told us how much they love reading and earning 'Read it!' tickets!

Reading Workshops

To celebrate children's book week we will be hosting reading workshops in every class. Parents, carers, older siblings, or grandparents are more than welcome to support the children in a variety of reading challenges across the week. The workshops will begin at 2.30 p.m. until the end of the school day. If you have children in the same department but different classes we will arrange for the children to be in the same class for the session.

Dates

Year 1 and 2: Monday 20th November

Year 3 and 4: Wednesday 22nd November

Year 5 & 6: Tuesday 21st November



There will be 4 phonic workshops for Reception children from 9.00 a.m. until 9.45 a.m. on 14th, 15th 21st and 22nd November.

Further details are available on the notice boards outside the classrooms.

Coffee Mornings

Denese Hill (our Family Support Worker) holds a coffee morning every Friday 8.45 - 10.15 a.m.

Denese is also available throughout the week to discuss any issues, problems or concerns you may have.

The Flu Vaccination for Reception, Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be given in school on Wednesday 8th November.

INSET DAYS 2017

- Thursday 23rd November
 - Friday 24th November
- 1 more day is still to be confirmed**



Our catering staff will be serving a
BONFIRE NIGHT MENU

Monday 6th November

Sizzling Banger Hot Dogs or Bonfire Veggie
Sausage Rolls and Toffee Apple Crumble or
Pinwheel Biscuits.

Jackets and Sandwiches will also be available.

Dates for your diary

3rd November - FOBBS Chocolate Bingo
10th November - 9.00am Class 5 (Mrs Brooke) Assembly
17th November - 9.00am Class 10 (Mrs Gould) Assembly
20th/21st/22nd Nov - Reading Workshops (see above)
23rd & 24th November - School closed for training
29th November - 3.30 - 5.30 Y6 SATs drop-in
19th December - Pantomime and school closes
20th December - Christmas Holiday

CHANGES TO ATTENDANCE POLICIES AND PENALTY NOTICES FOR ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL

In light of the recent Isle of Wight court case and the subsequent Supreme Court ruling on school absences, we wanted to clarify our position for parents and carers where there may be the potential for any ambiguity and to also ensure we are fully compliant with legal requirements.

As a result, schools have new guidance to follow which will come into force from **1st January 2018** and is detailed below:

Penalty Notice for leave of absence (holiday) in term time From 1 January 2018 any period of unauthorised leave may result in you as a parent receiving a penalty notice fine. Your head teacher will continue to be the only person able to authorise leave in term time, but this will apply only in exceptional circumstances (see our guidelines for this). Any unauthorised absence will be referred by your head teacher to the local authority.

Penalty Notice for persistent lateness Previously a pupil had to achieve 20 unauthorised late marks before a penalty notice warning could be issued. This has now changed to 10 marks, and late marks do not have to be one after the other in order for the penalty notice to be issued. You are therefore encouraged where possible to ensure your child attends school on time. However, if your child is late you must inform the school of the reason(s) why, as they may be able to offer you some form of advice or support.

Period of time used to measure persistent absence and lateness If your child has had 10 days unauthorised absence or is late 10 times over a twelve week period, you may receive a penalty warning notice and also potentially a fine. These changes have been agreed with local head teachers and have been implemented to help promote and support good attendance to school. Further details and a copy of the revised Code of Conduct for issuing Penalty Notices can be obtained from the council's website www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education.

You will receive a letter from Staffordshire County Council with full details, Head Teacher guidelines for exceptional circumstances and a full list of school holidays.

In line with the Perry Hall Academy Trust's attendance policy (<http://www.perryhall.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/Academy-Attendance-Policy-July-2017.pdf>) there is an expectation to keep in contact with school every other day for illness over 2 school days in length (please also contact the school on the first day of any absence). Therefore, if we do not hear from parents and carers, we may make regular contact calls with you for updates. Currently, if we have no contact from parents, a home visit will be made by day 3 to ensure all is well.

Your child will have further information in their bag today. We thank you for your support with this.