



Bird's Bush News - 18.09.2020

Please remember social distancing outside of school and when waiting on the path. Please keep the path clear for parents to come forward at home time when children appear.



We are now encouraging adults to wear face coverings when they pick up or drop off children at school. This is as an added preventative measure to help stop the spread of Covid-19 at a time when cases are rising. Social distancing is quite difficult, particularly at home time and we want to do everything we can to be as safe as possible and keep school open for all children.

A number of schools in Tamworth are having to close bubbles as children are testing positive, please help us keep open as much as possible by:

- Social distancing outside of school
- Following Government guidance about meeting others
- Encourage everyone to remember the Hands, Face, Space motto
- Keep children from different bubbles separate where possible outside of school
- Use the email contact if you need to give us a message
- Allow older children to meet you outside the gates to save you waiting on site
- Only have 1 person on site to drop off/collect children

Wearing of face masks is not compulsory, but everything we can do which may help is worth trying!

Thank you for all of your support during these strange times and adapting to the new routines in school, we want everyone to be safe and well so that we can be in school with lots of lovely learning.

If your child needs to isolate due to someone in the household having symptoms, please use Purple Mash activities to keep them active and engaged.

SPECIAL INVITATION FROM THE MAYOR OF TAMWORTH



On Sunday 13th September Mrs Barnes and Tracey Bromley were invited for Afternoon Tea with the Mayor of Tamworth.

The Mayor had asked for nominations for people who had supported their community during lockdown. We were very surprised and honoured to receive the invitation. We had a lovely time with a small group of people and a lovely tea! Thank you for whoever nominated us.





Uniform reminders



We expect all children to be in school uniform now that we are all back in school. This is one of the normal factors that the children can relate to. Please make sure that children are wearing the

correct school uniform, this includes school shoes - trainers are not acceptable except on their PE day. Black jeans are not allowed.

Please make sure the you have put your child's name in their jumper/cardigan. Even with working in bubble groups there are still up to 35 children wearing the same jumpers and it is impossible to tell who it belongs to without a name in it.

Just a reminder that jewellery, nail polish, make up or non-natural hair colour is not allowed in school. Please also consider how quickly children grow and ensure that clothes are not too small that they become uncomfortable, especially skirts which should be no higher than just above the knee.

OUR UNIFORM

- Burgundy school logo jumper or cardigan
- Pale blue polo shirt (with or without logo)
- Grey or black trousers, skirt or school shorts
- black or grey tights or black, grey or white socks
- Black school shoes (not trainers)

On PE day children can come to school in their PE kit - Black shorts or joggers, school t-shirt and school jumper

One other reminder - please do not bring dogs onto the school grounds. We have some children with severe allergies and some who are very frightened.

BIRD'S BUSH CHAMPIONS!



All of us are Champions. These children have demonstrated Champion Characteristics this week in extra special ways, we are very proud of them.

- **RECEPTION - Mylo B - Making good choices and being kind**
- **YEAR 1 - Katie G- Fantastic independent maths**
- **YEAR 2 - Eva N - Being honest about her learning and asking for help when needed**
- **YEAR 3 - Faith S - Never giving up**
- **YEAR 4 - Zachary H - he has shown that he never gives up with his art learning**
- **YEAR 5 - Chloe B - Never giving up, especially in maths this week**
- **YEAR 6 - Archie T - Being confident and safe to contribute to class discussion**

ATTENDANCE



Attendance has dropped this week which is understandable with the usual Autumn term coughs and colds as well as the concerns about Coronavirus. Children can come to school with a cough or cold if that is the symptoms they are displaying.

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK – 97.37%

HIGHEST CLASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK - Class 5 (98.79%)

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE THIS YEAR SO FAR – 96.64%

Our target is 96%

Reading Godmother



It is lovely to hear about all of the books you have been reading over the summer and during lockdown. Lots of 'Read It!' tickets have been given out this week and the Reading Godmother Shelves are fully stocked for winners to choose their books.

READ IT! WINNERS THIS WEEK

Aria Billy M Olivia L Ruby W Tia A Gracie Mae RL Dayton F

ENJOY READING!

School Lunches - hot and cold option menu



Birdsbush Primary
Bespoke Grab N Go - Autumn 2020

WEEK 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Sandwich Grab N Go Bag	Cheese Or Ham Or Tuna Sandwich	Cheese Or Ham Or Tuna Sandwich	Cheese Or Ham Or Tuna Sandwich	Cheese Or Ham Or Tuna Sandwich	Cheese Or Ham Or Tuna Sandwich
Hot Option Grab N Go	Cheese & Bean Wrap with veg sticks	Meatballs & Rice & Pasta	Turkey Bap & Mini Potatoes With Carrots	Pizza & Mince with Saucescorn	PakFingers & Chips with Baked Beans
Hot Wash Grab Bag	Crunchy Veg Sticks Piece of Fruit Bottled Water	Crunchy Veg Sticks Piece of Fruit Bottled Water	Crunchy Veg Sticks Piece of Fruit Bottled Water	Crunchy Veg Sticks Piece of Fruit Bottled Water	Crunchy Veg Sticks Piece of Fruit Bottled Water
Sweetening Jarret...	Cooko Bake of the Day	Cooko Bake of the Day	Cooko Bake of the Day	Cooko Bake of the Day	Cooko Bake of the Day

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Hot Drink Grab N Go	Tomato Bolognese Pasta with cheese	Mac N Cheese Pot with Garlic Bread Wedges	Sausage & Mash Pot with carrots	Quorn Dipper Sautéd Whip with veg sticks	Fishlings & Chips with baked beans
Ice in each Grab Bag	Crunchy Veg Sticks Piece of Fruit Bottled Water	Crunchy Veg Sticks Piece of Fruit Bottled Water	Crunchy Veg Sticks Piece of Fruit Bottled Water	Crunchy Veg Sticks Piece of Fruit Bottled Water	Crunchy Veg Sticks Piece of Fruit Bottled Water
Something new...	Cook's Bake of the Day	Cook's Bake of the Day	Cook's Bake of the Day	Cook's Bake of the Day	Cook's Bake of the Day

Free school meals - are you missing out?

Who is eligible?

These are the Government's eligibility criteria for benefits-related Free School Meals (FSM):

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit) and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018, your household income must be less than £7,400 a year, equivalent to £616.67 a month (after tax and not including any benefits you get) to qualify for benefits-related Free School Meals (FSM)

If you are entitled to Working Tax Credit (apart from during the four-week run-on period), you will not qualify for benefits-related Free School Meals (FSM), regardless of your income. If you are receiving Child Tax Credit only, your annual income must be less than £16,190 to qualify.

IF YOU THINK YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE - email us your name, date of birth and National Insurance number and we will check for you. Even if your child is in the infants and has an universal FSM, if you are eligible for benefits-related FSM please apply as this generates extra funding for the school too!

Office 365

All of the children now have their log on details for Office 365. This is a free suite of apps/programmes that we will be using for home work and contact this year. In the event of a bubble isolation, we will be using it for virtual learning.

Please log on to your Office 365 account and have a look. The children have seen it in school and are all part of a class 'team'. Any problems, please get in touch.

Covid-19 related pupil absence

A quick reference guide for parents and staff (September 2020)

What to do if...	Action Needed	Return to school when...
...my child has Covid-19 symptoms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school - Contact school to inform us - Self-isolate the whole household - Get a test - Inform the school immediately about the test result 	...the test comes back negative or a period of 10 days has passed since the symptoms started, and the child feels well.
...my child tests positive for Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 10 days). - Self-isolate the whole household. 	...10 days have passed since symptoms began, even if they still have a cough or loss of taste/smell. (These symptoms can last for several weeks.) AND the child feels well.
...my child tests negative.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contact school to inform us. - Discuss when your child can come back (same day/next day). 	...the test comes back negative.
...my child is ill with symptoms not linked to Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Ring on each day of illness. 	...after 48 hours following the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea (as per attendance policy)
...someone in my household has Covid-19 symptoms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Self-isolate the whole household. - Household member to get a test. - Inform school immediately about test result. 	...the test comes back negative.
...someone in my household tests positive for Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 14 days). - Self-isolate the whole household. 	...the child has completed 14 days of isolation.
...NHS test and trace has identified my child as a close contact of somebody with symptoms or confirmed Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 14 days). 	...the child has completed 14 days of isolation.
...NHS test and trace has identified a household member (other than my child) as a close contact of somebody with symptoms or confirmed Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The household member must self-isolate for 14 days. - Child can continue to attend school. 	...child can continue to attend school
... a sibling attending another school has been sent home to self-isolate due to their being a positive case in their school.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sibling must self-isolate for 14 days. - SCHOOL NAME child(ren) can continue to attend. 	...child can continue to attend school
... my child has travelled abroad from a country or territory that is NOT on the exempt list of countries.	<p>If returning from a destination where quarantine is needed*:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - minimum of 14 days self-isolation for all those who travelled. - contact school to inform us you are back in the country and we will agree an earliest date for possible return to school. - Self-isolate the whole household. <p>*Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) ¹³ for up to date travel information</p>	...the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed.
... my child has travelled abroad from a country or territory that IS on the exempt list of countries.	<p>If returning from a destination where quarantine is NOT needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Check the current Exempt countries and territories list¹³ to confirm the country you have travelled from or through is on the exempt list. 	... you have informed the office of your return to the UK (the office will ask you a few questions about your travel).
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ring school to inform us you have returned to the UK and agree a return date to school. 	
...I have travelled from a country that requires us to quarantine (but my child didn't travel).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - As long as you do not have / have not had symptoms in the last 14 days, your child can continue to attend school. - The person who has travelled MUST NOT leave the house, including to do pick-ups and drop offs (please contact school if you need support getting your child to school). 	...child can continue to attend school
...we have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again. 	...school inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again. ...you receive medical advice that your child may return to school.
...my child's bubble is closed due to a Covid-19 outbreak in school.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Child must not come to school. - Support your child at home with remote education provided by your school. - Your child will need to self-isolate for 14 days. - Other siblings may continue to attend school. 	...school inform you that the bubble will be reopened.
... I am unable to get a test for someone in the household who has symptoms	<p>If you are not able to get a test in the first 5 days of having symptoms, your child and anyone they live with must stay at home and self-isolate for 14 days. Anyone in your support bubble must also stay at home.</p>	...the child has completed 14 days of isolation.

Children will still experience the usual 'back to school' coughs and colds, runny noses and sore throats. Please do not confuse these with Corona Virus symptoms. Phone 111 if you are not sure if you need to have a test.



1 - PE Days

Children will be having outdoor PE this term (unless it is raining). On their PE day, they can come to school in their PE Kit - Shorts/joggers/PE top/trainers - and their school sweatshirt. This will avoid the need to bring kits into school and avoid children having to change for the lesson. Children will have other outdoor learning opportunities built into the timetable to ensure they have physical activity during the day and plenty of fresh air.

PE DAYS

Year 1 - Thursday

Year 2 - Thursday

Year 3 - Monday

Year 4 - Wednesday

Year 5 - Tuesday

Year 6 - Thursday

Please have a look at the Curriculum Passports on the website for more information about learning topics this half term.

Looking for help or advice?



Denese Hill (Family Support Worker) is always on hand to offer support for our families and children. She can't operate a drop-in at the moment but you can contact her by phone or email - d.hill@perryhallmat.co.uk and she is part of the unofficial Facebook group. Please get in touch if you have worries and concern about your child, school or anything else. She has access to a range of community services that can give support - it's not just all about school!

Friday 26th September 2020 Macmillan Coffee Morning.

As you know we hold our Macmillan Coffee Morning every year to support this wonderful cause, but unfortunately, this year it seems to be another casualty of COVID-19! As we are unable to host a live event we have continued to register for this in the hope some of you may be able to help us to raise something towards this. The code is attached for any donations to be made in the hope we can help support in some way. Please use this link to donate. <https://thyg.uk/BUU004084516> i

Term Dates 2020 - 2021



Term Dates for 2020/2021

Autumn Term 2020

- **Term Time:** Wednesday 2 September 2020 to Friday 23 October 2020
- **Half Term:** Monday 26 October 2020 to Friday 30 October 2020
- **Term Time:** Tuesday 3 November 2020 to Friday 18 December 2020

Spring Term 2021

- **Term Time:** Tuesday 5 January 2021 to Friday 12 February 2021
- **Half Term:** Monday 15 February 2021 to Friday 19 February 2021
- **Term Time:** Monday 22 February 2021 to Wednesday 31st March 2021

Summer Term 2021

- **Term Time:** Monday 19 April 2021 to Friday 28 May 2021
- **Half Term:** Monday 31 May 2021 to Friday 4 June 2021
- **Term Time:** Monday 7 June 2021 to Tuesday 20 July 2021

Inset Days

- **Tuesday 1st September 2020**
- **Monday 2nd November 2020**
- **Monday 4th January 2021**
- **Thursday 1st April 2021**
- **Wednesday 21st July 2021**

Ways to contact us

Email us: s.office@perryhallmat.co.uk



If you have a question for the class teacher or want to share what your child is doing outside school, you can use the Class emails:

eyfs@perryhallmat.co.uk

bb.y1@perryhallmat.co.uk

bb.y2@perryhallmat.co.uk

bb.y3@perryhallmat.co.uk

bb.y4@perryhallmat.co.uk

bb.y5@perryhallmat.co.uk

bb.y6@perryhallmat.co.uk

Use the contact us link on the App or website to email us.

Download our App from Google play or the App store (it's the one with the burgundy writing not yellow)

There is an unofficial Facebook group that has been set up by parents. It is not monitored by school, although Denese is in the group and will share appropriate information when needed. You can also ask Denese to contact you if you need her. The group is a good way to share information but please do not use it to discuss concerns or issues - you need to contact us directly.

Perry Hall Multi Academy Trust will not tolerate any abusive or defamatory comments about pupils or staff, and legal and/or police action will be considered if necessary.

Due to Covid-19 we have all had to learn new ways of keeping in touch. We are still not allowing parents and visitors into the building.