



Bird's Bush News - 25.09.2020

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.



It has been an eventful week (unfortunately!) As you are aware, we had our first confirmed case of Covid 19 affecting our Year 6 bubble. The Y6 bubble (including staff) now have to isolate for 14 days - this is up to 6th October. Yesterday they had their first live lesson via Teams. Fortunately, we have been working with all year groups to get this up and running - just in case!

Year 6 will have a daily lesson timetable with the teachers presenting live lessons via teams and then providing independent activities. We will also continue to provide free school meals to those eligible children. Thank you for your support and understanding at this time.

Children do not need to get tested unless they develop symptoms themselves. Also, siblings and the rest of the household do not need to isolate unless someone in the house has symptoms.

You may have noticed some other staff not around this week, this is because we all have to follow the guidelines that if someone in our households have symptoms, we have to isolate and wait for their test results. We are finding new ways of teaching and communicating through this difficult time.

As the cases in our area continues to rise, please follow social distancing and other guidelines to keep everyone safe.

Our bubble system in school is arranged to minimise risk of cross infection if there is a positive case, which we now have. Children have been working well in these and we have been talking to the children about 'Covid safe behaviours' that we all need to follow. Please keep reminding children about regular handwashing, sneezing or coughing into a tissue or their elbow and not getting too close. Any deliberate non-covid safe behaviours are not acceptable.

Office 365



1 - All children should now have their Office 365 log in details. Mrs Hall has shown every class how to use it and has sent out information by email to all parents. The whole Office 365 is available to use or download free as you can have it as part of our school licence!

Year 6 started live lessons via Teams today. This will be our main teaching tool in the event of a bubble closing so getting to grips with it now would be beneficial for all pupils.

All year groups have a maths challenge on their Teams classroom. Please access the account and change the password to something you will remember with your child - we cannot reset it for you if you forget!

Friday Club

Please remember that Friday Club spaces MUST be booked via the online form by 6pm on Wednesday EVERY WEEK. The form is sent out at the start of each week. We cannot accept children who have not been booked in by Wednesday as we have to organise Friday Club weekly due to working in bubbles.

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 - Ethan G - Never giving up**
- **YEAR 1 - Riley T - Ambitious with his learning**
- **YEAR 2 - Owyn T - Confident, superstar maths**
- **YEAR 3 - Raphael B- Motivation, always giving his best**
- **YEAR 4 - Kenzie - Ambitious vocabulary**
- **YEAR 5 - Emily W - Ambitious in her English learning**
- **YEAR 6 - Dayton - great organisation**

Characteristic of the week - Ambition

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 – 94%

HIGHEST CLASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK - Class RT (99%)

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE THIS YEAR SO FAR – 96%

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 lock down. 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

Hunter Isabelle S Lucy-May Miya Ellie-Rose Quinn

ENJOY READING!

School Lunches - hot and cold option menu



The launch of the hot meals option has gone really well this week and the children are enjoying their 'hot pots' each day.

Week 2 menu next week.

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	Minestrone & Rice & Peas	Turkey Wrap & Mini Potatoes With Corns	Pizza & Wingers with Secret Sauce	Fattings & Chips with Baked Beans
Hot 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
Sweetening sweet...	Cooks Bake of the Day	Cooks Bake of the Day	Cooks Bake of the Day	Cooks Bake of the Day	Cooks Bake of the Day

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Hot Option Quick N Go	Tomato Bolognese Pasta with sweetcorn	Mac N Cheese Pot with Garlic Bread Wedge	Sausage & Mash Pot with carrots	Quorn Dopper Stuffed Wrap with veg sticks	Fishfinger's & 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!



2 - 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!



3 - Hello. Today should have been my 6th year hosting the Macmillan Coffee Morning at our school, however, COVID has stopped this from happening this year! If you would like to donate something to this, please click on our link below. As always your support is appreciated.

<https://thyq.uk/BUU004084516>

Kind regards

Denese

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



**Bird's Bush
Primary School**



Ways to contact us:

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.