



Bird's Bush News - 4.9.2020

WELCOME BACK



It's great to see everyone - we have missed you! School is so much better with the sound of children laughing and learning together!

Thank you for trusting us and sending your children back to school. I'm sure it is a relief for you to have them back in school and please don't worry about 'lost learning', we have redesigned our curriculum to make sure we are covering everything. First and foremost we want to make sure that children are safe and secure and ready to learn, remembering our CHAMPIONS characteristics to be CHAMPION learners.



1 - Year 6



2 - Year 4



3 - Year 2



4 - Year 5



5 - Year 2



6 - Year 3



7 - year 5



8 - Year 1

The children have been just amazing in adapting to the new routines and expectations and thank you to parents for reading the information and following the new plans - this has really helped us settle in.

As we get used to the new way of doing things, we will start to introduce and develop more 'normals'.

FROM MONDAY 7th September:

- Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Children **can** bring in their school BOOK BAG to keep their home reading books safe. Junior children do not need to bring bags as we are not using the lockers at the moment.
- Junior children **can** bring lunches in a lunch box which they will bring home again each day. Please make sure it is cleaned well. R, 1 & 2 will all continue to have a free school lunch



Start of the day:

This has been going really well. Children are coming in with smiles and separating from parents without any tears. Please keep social distancing while you are waiting and try to only have 1 adult bringing children in - if you have older children with you who are at high school, please leave them at the gate as this increases the number of people on site unnecessarily.

The staggered entry times are working well, please don't worry about waiting at the bottom of the path for your exact time slot. If it is clear just come up and children can come in. We just want to have a steady flow to avoid congestion.

End of the day:

This is getting better after a bit of a chaotic first day - the children didn't want to leave! We are now getting family groups to meet on the back playground before coming round to be collected so that you only need to come forward when all of your children are there.

Please come forward when you see you child/children and stand, socially distanced at the sides of the path to allow other parents to come though.

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

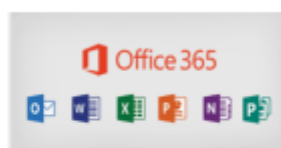
Year 5 - Tuesday

Year 6 - Thursday

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

Homework

We are not going to be sending homework out for a few more weeks. Children will not be having homework books this year, all homework will be sent out through Purple Mash or through our new Learning Platform on Office 365. We will be sending out user guides over the next few weeks for you to access your Office 365 account with your children. Junior children will be shown how to use it in school too. Don't worry - we'll let you know when it's ready.



As a MAT we have been preparing for 'if' a local lockdown happens. We want to ensure that as a staff we can still provide a valuable education for your children. We have invested in an office 365 account for all of our students. This will make it easier for their class teacher to contact and share work with them. You will have access to Microsoft word, PowerPoint, SharePoint and TEAMS, just to name a few. So look out for the information about getting started. The log in details will come out next week, with instructions on how to set up and secure your child's account.

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



**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

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bb.y5@perryhallmat.co.uk bb.y3@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.