



Bird's Bush News - 23.10.2020



## Have a great Half Term Break! School reopens for children on TUESDAY 3rd November

We hope that everyone has a safe and healthy half term break. If there are any changes or Government decisions during the week off, we will keep you updated via email and text.

It has been challenging half term for everyone and I would like to thank all of the children, parents and staff for their continuing support and understanding to keep school as safe as possible for everyone. Thankfully we have only had a very small number of cases in school which have been single cases and have not led to an outbreak. This is due to everyone's hard work at staying safe and working within the guidelines. Fingers crossed we can continue to do so well during Autumn 2.

Over half term we will keep a close eye on the news for any changes to the guidance. Cases of the virus in Tamworth have been rising over the past few weeks so further restrictions may be enforced. We will keep you updated.

If any one in your household has a positive test result or if you are contacted by Test and Trace to self isolate over the holiday, please let us know by email to [s.office@perryhallmat.co.uk](mailto:s.office@perryhallmat.co.uk) - this will help us to have a picture of how many cases may affect us in school and enable us to prepare home learning if necessary.

Home learning packs will be available for any child who needs to isolate. Packs can be sent by email or can be collected from the front of school (by arrangement with the office). The BBC Bitesize website and The Oak Academy have home learning videos and activities for children available all of the time.

### HALF TERM FREE SCHOOL MEALS VOUCHERS

COVID-19 has changed the way we live, work and learn. We know that family life is harder at the moment with families facing increased pressure on household budgets, so Staffordshire County Council is seeking to support families through a COVID-19 October Half-Term Free School Meals Fund. This will enable eligible children (and their families) to be supported during the school break with access to supermarket eVouchers purchased by the Local Authority. This Fund is operated by Staffordshire County Council and does not form part of a national scheme.

All details for those who completed the application for have been submitted to Staffordshire County Council. eVouchers will be provided directly to you by 5:00pm on Monday 26th October 2020 at the latest. If you have not received their eVoucher by this point, then you should contact the local Family Hub.

Once families have received the eVoucher, you will be able to redeem them in store at the selected retailer by either:

- Presenting the eVoucher on a smartphone or tablet
- Presenting a paper copy of the eVoucher

Should you have any issues redeeming the eVoucher you are asked to contact the appropriate District Family Hub.

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Coronavirus/Family-Hubs.aspx>

## Year 4 Photography

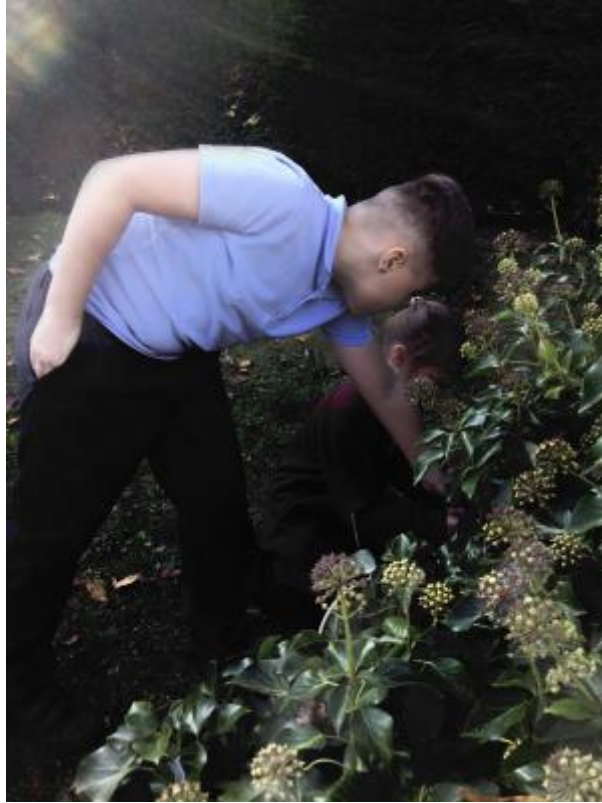
This week in Year 4, the children explored photography using iPads. First, we had to choose a subject and think about the composition of our photographs. Our next job was to edit using the tools on the iPad. We were very impressed with the final results!











## Autumn Term Parent Consultation Meetings

We are unable to hold face-to-face consultation meetings this term due to our Covid restrictions.

All parents will be invited to book an appointment for a telephone or video call (via Teams) with class teachers. Mrs Davies will also be available for appointments about pupils on the Special Needs Register.

Parent meetings will be held during the 2nd week back (9th November) and more information will be sent out straight after half term. We will be offering appointments during an afternoon and after school to give more flexibility for parents to speak with class teachers.

Please remember that you can contact the class teacher using the class email addresses which are always at the bottom of the newsletter.

## 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 - Isaac B - he has grown in confidence this week and has tried very hard to be independent!**
- **YEAR 1 - Sophia S - she has been doing absolutely fantastic independent writing this week!**
- **YEAR 2 - Ruben C - he has increased his motivation and independence in learning tasks. He has shown a great attitude towards his learning and taken on advice to improve. He is a star!**
- **YEAR 3 - Isla M - she has been very confident this week, performing a drama in front of the whole class and going into any task with energy and enthusiasm!**
- **YEAR 4 - Harvey L - he is always independent and is becoming more confident to participate in class discussion**
- **YEAR 5 - Olivia H - For supporting her classmates to do their best in school council votes**
- **YEAR 6 - Heidi M - she has been amazing. She has shown her ever increasing confidence in many areas of school. We are very proud of her!**

**Characteristic of the week - Proud**

## Times Table Rock Stars!



Year 6 - Nikola M



Year 5 - Silvin S

Year 4 - Lennon P

Year 3 - Ruby W

Year 2 - Isabelle T

## ATTENDANCE



WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK – 98.01%%

HIGHEST CLASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK - 2C - 99.62% WELL DONE

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE THIS YEAR SO FAR – 96.68%

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**

**Nikola Danni-Leigh Annabelle P Karter Lucy-May Juliette Aria**

**ENJOY READING!**

## School Council



*1 - We held our school council elections this week whereby the children had to submit a written application as well as present a speech to the class before the classroom votes took place. Our school council for this year are:*

*Y1-Theodore and Savannah*

*Y2-Owyn and Eva*

*Y3-Ethan and Isla*

*Y4-Louie and Harvey*

*Y5-Olivia and Rebecca*

*Y6-Liam and Jensen*

*They are all very proud to be elected! Well done.*

## School Lunches - hot and cold option menu - NEW 3 week menu starting after the holiday



Children will still be eating in their bubble groups at lunchtime and we extending our hot meal offer by including the option of Jacket potato every day and there will be a choice of fillings.

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Winter 2020

**Food Super Heroes**

WEEK 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Sandwich Grab N Go Bag	Sandwich Ham or Cheese Or Tuna	Sandwich Ham or Cheese Or Tuna	Sandwich Ham or Cheese Or Tuna	Sandwich Ham or Cheese Or Tuna	Sandwich Ham or Cheese Or Tuna
Hot Option Grab N Go	Cheesy Tomato Pizza with Dough Balls	Peck Sausage in a Roll (V) available	Beach Dinner Roll with Mini Roadies	Pasta Bolognese with Garlic Bread Wedge	Fish Fingers & Chips
Also available	Hot Jacket Potato + cheese or beans	Hot Jacket Potato + cheese or beans	Hot Jacket Potato + cheese or beans	Hot Jacket Potato + cheese or beans	Hot Jacket Potato + cheese or beans
All with	Crunchy Veg Sticks Or Veg of The Day	Crunchy Veg Sticks Or Veg of The Day	Crunchy Veg Sticks Or Veg of The Day	Crunchy Veg Sticks Or Veg of The Day	Crunchy Veg Sticks Or Veg of The Day
Something sweet...	Cookies Baked of the Day	Cookies Baked of the Day	Cookies Baked of the Day	Cookies Baked of the Day	Cookies Baked of the Day

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WEEK 2	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Sandwich Grab N Go Bag	Sandwich Ham or Cheese Or Tuna	Sandwich Ham or Cheese Or Tuna	Sandwich Ham or Cheese Or Tuna	Sandwich Ham or Cheese Or Tuna	Sandwich Ham or Cheese Or Tuna
Hot Option Grab N Go	Cheesy Tomato Pizza with Rainbow Pasta	Sausage & Mash (V) available	Beach Dinner Roll with Mini Roadies	Milk 'N' Cheese with Herby Bread Wedge	Fish Fingers & Chips
Also available	Hot Jacket Potato + cheese or beans	Hot Jacket Potato + cheese or beans	Hot Jacket Potato + cheese or beans	Hot Jacket Potato + cheese or beans	Hot Jacket Potato + cheese or beans
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Hot Option Snak N Go	Cheesy Tomato Pizza & Wedges	Chicken Breast Burger with Wedges	Beef Dinner Roll with Mini Biscuits	Cottage Pie with Carrots	Pub-Fingers & Chips
Also available	Hot Jacket Potatoes + Cheese or Beans	Hot Jacket Potatoes + Cheese or Beans	Hot Jacket Potatoes + Cheese or Beans	Hot Jacket Potatoes + Cheese or Beans	Hot Jacket Potatoes + Cheese or Beans
All-veggie	Crunchy Veg Sticks Or Veg of The Day	Crunchy Veg Sticks Or Veg of The Day	Crunchy Veg Sticks Or Veg of The Day	Crunchy Veg Sticks Or Veg of The Day	Crunchy Veg Sticks Or Veg of The Day
Something SWEET...	Cookin Bake of the Day	Cookin Bake of the Day	Cookin Bake of the Day	Cookin Bake of the Day	Cookin Bake of the Day



## Flu immunisations

The health team was in school on Wednesday to complete the immunisations for all children in school that had registered for the vaccine. If your child was not in school on Wednesday or you had not registered, you can contact your local surgery or pharmacy to attend one of their Flu clinics.

<https://www.ssscb.org.uk/documents/child-death-overview-panel-newsletter-flu-vaccination/>

Click on the link to find out more information about the vaccination.

## 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](mailto: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 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.**

## Term Dates 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

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Class teachers check these emails during the week. They are extremely busy so please do not expect an instant reply, they will get back to you within a few days at most.