



Bird's Bush News - 4.12.2020

HM Government NHS

TIER 3 VERY HIGH ALERT

FROM 2 DEC

MEETING FRIENDS AND FAMILY No mixing of households indoors, or most outdoor places, apart from support facilities. Maximum of 6 in same outdoor public space (e.g. park, public garden).	BAWS, PUBS AND RESTAURANTS Restricted to 6 seated, with the exception of pubs for takeaway, drive-through or delivery.	RETAIL Open.	WORK AND BUSINESS Business who can work from home should do so.
EDUCATION Only open settings, schools, colleges and universities open. OGCs, other support activities for children, and children's facilities permitted.	INDOOR LEISURE Open. Group activities and classes should not take place.	ACCOMMODATION Closed (with limited exceptions).	PERSONAL CARE Open.
OVERNIGHT STAYS No advice against overnight stays within 6m with household or support bubble.	WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS 15 guests for weddings, civil partnerships and funerals. 25 for funerals. Standing receptions not permitted.	ENTERTAINMENT Indoor venues closed.	PLACES OF WORSHIP Open, but cannot meet with anyone outside household or support bubble.
TRAVELLING Avoid travelling outside your area, unless this is either necessary or for work or education. Travel exemptions apply. Reduce the number of journeys where possible. Plan ahead and avoid busy times and routes on public transport. Avoid car sharing with those outside of your household or support bubble.	EXERCISE Groups and organised adult sport can take place outdoors, but people should avoid higher risk, contact activity. Group exercise sessions and sports sessions should not take place, unless with your household or bubble. Organised activities for elite athletes, under 16 and disabled people can continue.	RESIDENTIAL CARE COVID-19 control arrangements such as individual rooms, visiting pods, and infection pods. Outbreaks may still occur (with or without rapid testing) and people should take no testing contacts.	LARGE EVENTS Events should not take place. One-to-one permitted.

Countdown to Christmas - 3 weeks to go!

Our Christmas tree is just amazing!!! The children were nearly as excited as Mrs Barnes was when they saw it. A massive THANK YOU to JTF for donating it to school for us to enjoy. Because we are in our 'bubbles', we are not using the hall so we wouldn't see the big tree that we usually put up. Every class has their own tree but it is lovely to have this one for us all to share.

Thank you Mrs Stait (Parent Governor) for arranging and delivering the tree - we love it!

Year 6 helped Mrs Barnes and Tracey decorate the tree this morning.















Christmas Events

Wednesday December 9th - Reception Nativity Dress-up day

Friday December 11th - Whole school Christmas Jumper day - £1 to wear your Christmas jumper and enter the Christmas Card competition - money bucket at the gate. (No need for uniform)

Wednesday 16th December - Christmas Dinner Day - this will need to be ordered by 8th December through this link

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=-tMev0YxpkClf8DsI48CEoemOFIqDxOrR-4nm3dcH9UQIMzTVpFRDRMVTE4TDRXR05URVM1MVk4QS4u>

Christmas Raffle prize draw (see below)

Thursday 17th December - Christmas 'Bubble' Party lunch (order by 8th December same link as above) and 'Bubble' party afternoon - £1 to wear non-uniform or your favourite party sparkles! - money bucket at the gate.

Friday 18th December - Christmas jumpers - Non uniform (let's have another chance to wear them!)

Children finish for the Christmas holiday after lunch on Friday 18th December. There will be NO Friday club available on this day. Further details of exit times will be sent out nearer the date.

Collection of money for Non-uniform days etc will be done at the gate. There will be a collection bucket for you to drop your money into - please bring the correct amount as we cannot give out change. This will be quarantined for 72 hours before it can be handled.

Christmas Raffle details

We have made a great start with our virtual raffle ticket sales and collecting at the gate. Tickets are £1 for 5 entries into the raffle draw, you can have as many as you like - to buy tickets you need to put the correct amount of money in a **sealed envelope or plastic bag** with the names you want on the 'tickets' clearly labelled OR you can pay for 'tickets' via your ParentPay account, please make sure you select Christmas Raffle.



Catering Team Christmas Colouring Competition

Our catering staff would like to invite all of our children to send in a Christmas picture that they have coloured or painted or decorated themselves for a competition. A prize will be given to the winner in each class. Can the pictures please be sent into school by Monday 14th. Please make sure their name and class is clearly written on the back. Entries will be collected at the gate (in a plastic wallet or envelope if possible) and quarantined before handling.

Christmas Amazon Wish Lists

The gifts have started arriving already!!!! Thank you so much for your kind thoughts and messages, we really appreciate your kindness and generosity.

General list https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1KVLFLV93WK62?ref=wl_share

RT https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3LXN7GNCFHCJ?ref=wl_share

1S

2C https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/33NR8RU686PHI?ref=wl_share

3F https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/QUB6NV8WKKIQ?ref=wl_share

4H https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/38AV2FATI224U?ref=wl_share

5J https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/P7FW2PDACEO?ref=wl_share

6G https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/27J7FDPPZGDCQ?ref=wl_share

BIRD'S BUSH CHAMPIONS!



Charlie K - 2C - Never Gave Up - Charlie is always ready to learn and he never gives up. He tries really hard in all his lessons and is a brilliant role model! He is a star pupil!

Alfie H - RT - Independence - For fantastic independent writing

Zachary H - 4H - Pride - We're so proud of Zachary this week for his independent attitude towards his writing. He's even worked out how to write a neat, joined letter k (which is really tricky!)

Tia L - 5J - Pride - Tia has been trying really hard in Maths and I am really proud of the progress which she has made in arithmetic. Well done!

Nadia M - 6G - Motivation - Nadia has shown huge amounts of motivation this week in assessment week. We are all very proud of her! Go Nadia!

Jayden T - 3F - Motivation - Jayden has been trying very hard this week and making more and more progress as a result! His big write this week was excellent especially, showing how hard he is trying!

Mila L - 1S - Organised - For always completing her independent learning challenges!

CHARACTERISTIC OF THE WEEK - Proud

Times Table Rock Stars!



Year 6 - Tallulah - takes the lead!

Year 5 - Talia W - Super!

Year 4 - Reece - Awesome!

Year 3 - Harry W - Takes the lead!

Year 2 - Lucy May - 3rd week running - Amazing!

ATTENDANCE



School attendance for last week = 97.55%

Best class attendance for last week = **3F 100% - Fantastic!**

Whole school attendance (sept-now) = 96.9%

Our target is 96% - Yeah! we are still on target!

Isolation due to Coronavirus is not counted in school absence figures

Reading Godmother



Read it Winners this week

Ellie Mae Q, Rebecca W, Livia J, Daisy J, Archie K, Mila L, Lola H

Enjoy Reading!



1 - <http://www.onceaweektakeapeek.com/>



2 - Denese Hill - Family Support Worker

Looking for help or advice?

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Feature On.....Attendance

PROMOTING GOOD ATTENDANCE

Regular and punctual attendance at school is both a legal requirement and essential for pupils to maximise their educational opportunities. In recognition of this, the law makes it an offence for a parent or carer to fail to secure the regular attendance of their child at a school at which the child is a registered pupil, without good reason or the agreement of the school. Parents and children should also be supported by their school to overcome barriers to regular attendance, through a range of support strategies.

Procedures for attendance have to be clear, understandable & consistent.

Here are a few of ours:

REMEMBER: we are happy to support with any issues!

Daily Absence:

The school applies the following procedures in deciding how to deal with individual absences:

- We operate a first day contact system 01827 214666. Parents should call the school office to inform school of any absence, giving a reason for the absence. The office is open from 8.30 am and there is a telephone answering machine for earlier calls. A note can also be dropped in at the office or by sending an email to s.office@perryhallmat.co.uk. If no contact has been made to the school, we will send a text message asking for parents to contact us as soon as possible, this may be followed up by a verbal telephone call
- In line with the Perry Hall Academy Trust's attendance policy: <https://www.perryhallmat.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Academy-Attendance-Policy-July-2020.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 to you for updates.

- If no contact has been made with a parent to explain reasons for absence by day 3, a text will be sent to advise that a home visit will be made by the Family Support Worker as part of our duty to ensure the safety of all pupils and to ensure all is well. If no-one is at home, a calling card will be left explaining the visit and then if no contact is still not made by day 5, a 'safe and well' check will be requested from the local police.

Our children have contributed to this notice too...

"It feels quite bad because you have no idea where you are in work, and for your next lesson it will be very difficult."

"If you are absent it affects your learning, so you don't know what you are doing when you come back."

"You could earn certificates for being in school."

"It affects your learning because you don't know what happens with each subject and you may get forgotten by your friends. You also don't know the homework that is set."

"You might miss exciting things."

Regular school attendance is an important part of giving your child the best possible start in life. It may be more challenging at the moment with isolation rules in place but school will provide Home Learning for all pupils who are isolating. If they engage in this then they will continue to receive their mark - just like being at school.

COVID SCHOOL START TIMES

- School gates **open** for staggered starts at 8.30am and **close** at 9am. Children arriving after 9am are deemed to be late and will receive a late mark.
- Lateness is monitored regularly and regular late comers noted. School will issue an advisory letter to parents. Registers close at 9.20am – arrival after this time will count as a session's unauthorised absence and may result in a penalty notice should these be excessive.
- Half termly reviews will be prepared for the headteacher to highlight potential attendance issues and absence patterns.
- 100% attendance will be celebrated termly and yearly.

Leave of absence (there is no automatic entitlement to be absent):

- Requests for leave of absence during term time need to be submitted in advance – forms are kept in the school office
- The school is required to respond, in writing, to both parents where appropriate, and make clear if the leave will be authorised or unauthorised. Any next steps will also be included in this letter
- Any further requests for leave in the next rolling calendar year will have a penalty notice request submitted to Staffordshire County Council, unless considered to be exceptional circumstances

If a penalty notice is submitted, this will only be done once the leave has been taken – please note the school does not receive any part of the penalty money and is paid fully to Staffordshire County

A 2 week holiday means your child can **only** achieve **94.7%** attendance

Attendance under 95% (reviews are every half term):

- A 'gentle' attendance advisory letter will be sent to parents with a copy of their child/ren's attendance certificate if attendance falls below 95%.
- Level one: School identification of absences and initial contact with parent to attempt to establish reasons for absence and affect a resolution. Level one work would also include initial meetings between school staff and parents to discuss concerns about absences, as is general practice for most schools now.
- Level two: If no improvement – A letter may be sent at any level requesting medical evidence to be provided for any absences, which can include:
 - Medical appointment card with one appointment entered
 - Letter from a professional
 - Medical note
 - Medication prescribed by a GP
 - Copy of prescription
 - Letters concerning hospital appointments
 - Slip with date, pupils name and surgery stamp, signed by Receptionist (Please be aware that telephone calls and handwritten notes from a parent/carer are **not** acceptable as medical evidence when attendance is of serious concern). If no evidence is provided the absence will be unauthorised, 20 sessions (10 days of unauthorised absence automatically if referred to statutory services).
- Final step: A request will be made for statutory services to become involved

“The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you.”

B.B. King

School Lunches - hot and cold option menu



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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	Pork Sausage in a Roll (if avail)	Roast Dinner Roll with Mini Roasties	Pasta Bolognaise 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...	Cookie Bake of the Day	Cookie Bake of the Day	Cookie Bake of the Day	Cookie Bake of the Day	Cookie Bake 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 Mushroom Peas	Sausage & Mash (if avail)	Roast Dinner Roll with Mini Roasties	Mac 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
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
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Sandwich Snak 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 Snak N Go	Cheesy Tomato Pizza & Wedges	Chicken Breast Burger with Wedges	Roast Dinner Roll with Mini Mashies	Cottage Pie with Carrots	Fish 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 week	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



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**

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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.