

10.09.21 - Bird's Bush News



It has been an amazing first week back. The children have loved being able to mix again and working in groups instead of sitting in rows. We are delighted by their independence, coming into school on

their own with bright, shining smiles. Being together for celebration assembly today was just wonderful (classes were socially distanced) Mrs Barnes was nearly in tears!

Please can all parents activate their Parent Pay account if you haven't done so already. If you are not sure how to do this, please email the office. Even if you don't need to use it yet, activation is easy and then it's ready for you.

Thank you for supporting us with the new arrangements, we know Covid hasn't gone away but it is so nice to have some things more normal.

The following four **control measures** will remain in place in-order to control the spread of the virus:

- 1. Ensure good hygiene for everyone.
- 2. Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes.
- 3. Keep occupied spaces well ventilated.
- 4. Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.

Our Pets as Therapy dog came for her first visit on Monday and met some children in The Nest, our new Sensory room. This room will be used for intervention groups and social skills work.

















Reception children loving learning!





















What have we been learning in Early Years this week?



This Early Years Newsletter will be sent out weekly. We like to keep parents updated with the learning we are doing in school so you can talk to and support your child at home knowing what we have been facusing on each week. Please remember you can send any special pictures or "MOW" wawserts to authorize the hard support while the send of the property was to be added to your child's Magic Moments book.

The children have been mixing lets of new friends this week, we have spent a lot of time getting to know one another and learning names. It has been lovely to watch the children explice their new environment as they discover new things to learn with each day. Nies Hezelton and I are so impressed with how well they have settled in, they really have had a wenderful first week!

How do we teach in Reception?

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Story time

We have really enjoyed story time together this week. Our fovourite has been Fete the Cat Rooking in

my School Shoes! Ask your shild obe

Reed Write Inc (RWI)

The shidnes will be storting their Read Write Enc lessons dwortly. Exfore we start learning the escule, we have started to learn the measuring to motth each cound as we find this makes it easier for the shidnes.

Keep your eyes peoled for information regarding a phenics parent workshop that will be taking place during the Astume term. In the recordine, Ruth Makkin's youtube cleaned does have late of helpful videos if you would like to view them.

Here are the measuring we have laureed this week. Ask your child what the pictures are.

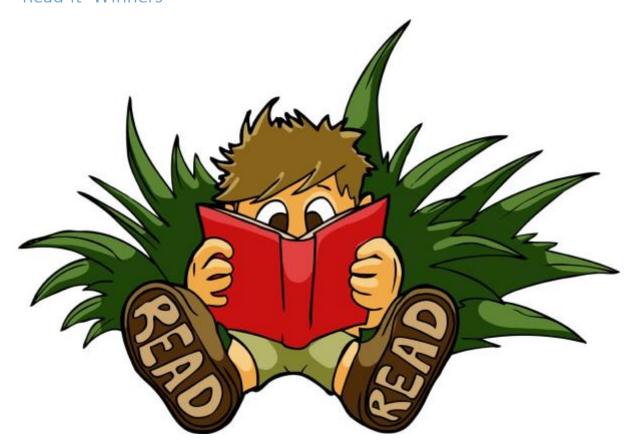








'Read it' Winners



Reception - Bella

1D - Ethan

2F - Henry

3C - Isabella T

4G - Isla

5H - Erin

6J - Evie

BIRD'S BUSH CHAMPIONS!



Champions **–** 10.9.21

Raya	1 1D	Pride	Raya has made a fantastic start to year one. She is an excellent role model in class.
Savannah	2 2F	Motivation	Savannah has been motivated with all her lessons and has been a brilliant example to all the class.
Scarlett	3 3C	Pride	We are incredibly proud to have Scarlett in our class! She always takes pride in her learning. She has shown every CHAMPION characteristic this week and is a great role model to all. She is an absolute star!
Faith	4 4G	Confidence	Faith has made an amazing start to Year 4! She is organised and ready to learn in every lesson. Her confidence has been amazing. Good girl Faith!
Lennon	5 5H	Pride	I am so proud of how you have overcome those first day nerves and settled back into school Lennon. You are an excellent role model for others in the classroom. It's going to be another fantastic year!
Emily	6 6J	Motivation	Emily has had a fantastic start to Year 6. She has done an incredible amount reading over the summer and has come back to school with an amazing attitude to her learning. Keep it up!
Ava	Reception RS	Confidence	Ava has been very brave and confident to try new things on her first week of big school! Well done Ava!

Times Table Rock Stars!



- Y3 Eva
- Y4 Harrison
- Y5 Ella C
- Y6 Alfie C

School Meals









1 - Denese Hill - Family Support Worker

Denese is available for help and support during this time. Just drop her an email and she will be in touch. $\underline{\text{d.hill@perryhallmat.co.uk}}$



Click here to join the group

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! Our children have contributed to this notice too...

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 or use option 1 to inform school of any absence, giving a reason for the absence. The telephone answering machine can be used 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/2021/09/Academy-Attendance-Policy-July-2021.pdf. There is an expectation to keep in contact with school at least 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.

"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

SCHOOL TIMES

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 or can be emailed to you.
- 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
- School gates open at 8.35.am and close at 8.45am. Children arriving after 8.45am 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 9.15am 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 head teacher to highlight potential attendance issues and absence patterns.
- 100% attendance will be celebrated termly and yearly.

Exceptional Circumstances

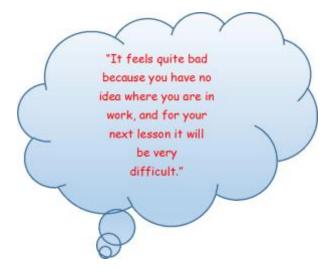
The Head teacher may, in exceptional circumstances agree leave of absence in a school year. The application must be made in advance and the head teacher must be satisfied that the circumstances warrant the leave. A leave of absence is granted entirely at the head teacher's discretion and is not a parental right. This does not include general family holidays taken during term time. The fundamental principles the school adopts for defining 'exceptional circumstances' are rare, significant, unavoidable and short. Unavoidable meaning that the event that could not be reasonably scheduled for another time.

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



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

"You could earn certificates for being in school."

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



2 - Collect vouchers on the Morrisons App or in store

Collection on 14th September



Bag2School is a trading name of Next Best Clothing Ltd, the largest textile collection company working with schools in the UK. Founded in 1999, it has now paid over £27 million to schools, nurseries, playgroups, pre-school groups and churches and diverted thousands of tonnes of clothing from landfill. With trading stablemate Bag2TheFuture, it provides a free fundraising service for anyone wanting to raise funds using a resource EVERYONE has got in their wardrobe —unwanted clothes.

What can be included in the collection? We are collecting good quality items for RE-USE:

- Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags
- Hats
- Bags
- Scarves and ties
- Jewellery

- Lingerie
- Socks
- Belts
- Soft toys
- Household linen
- Household curtains
- Household towels
- Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

We DO NOT accept:

- Duvets and blankets
- Pillows and cushions
- Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)
- Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing
- School uniforms with and without logo
- Corporate clothing and work wear
- Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material

Our school collection: please can you bag things up and bring into school on 14th September 2021. Only this day please due to storage issues. We are very grateful for your contributions!

Ways to contact us - Don't forget to send emails to your child's new class!!!!



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Term Dates for 2021-2022

Autumn Term 2021

- **Term Time:** Monday 6th September to Friday 22nd October 2021
- Half term: Monday 25th October 2021 to Friday 29th October 2021
- STAFF TRAINING DAY: Monday 1st November 2021
- Term Time: Tuesday 2nd November to Friday 17th December 2021 Spring Term 2022
- STAFF TRAINING DAY: Tuesday 4th January 2022
- Term Time: Wednesday 5th January 2022to Friday 18th February 2022
- Half term: Monday 21st February 2022 to Friday 25th February 2022
- Term Time: Monday 28th February 2022 to Friday 8th April 2022 Summer Term 2022
- Term Time: Monday 25th April 2022 to Friday 27th May 2022
- Half term: Monday 30th May 2022 to Friday 3rd June 2022
- Term Time: Monday 6th June 2022 to Thursday 21st July 2022
- STAFF TRAINING DAY: Friday 22 July 2022

