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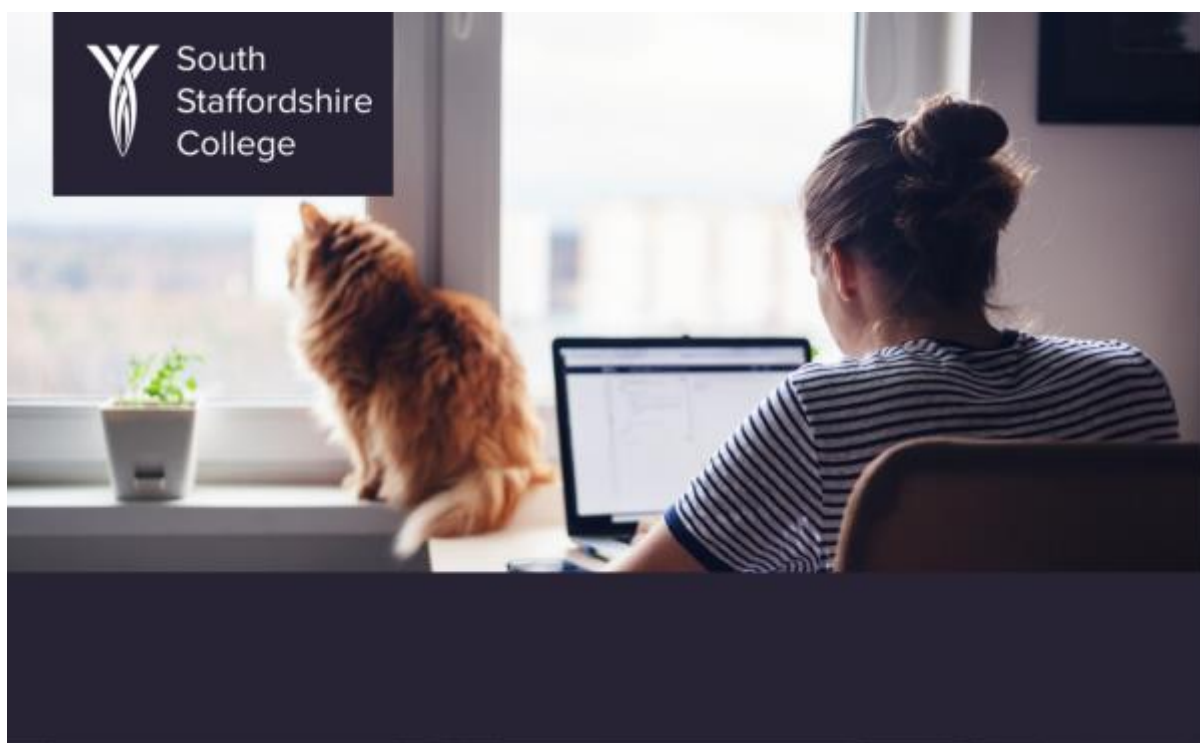
Year one have been learning about foodbanks in their RE lesson this week. We are collecting food donations as part of our learning to care for others. It would be great if the children could bring in a donation of a tin or packet of food. No glass please as the children will be setting a mini food bank up in the classroom until the items are ready to send.



Many thanks!

DATA COLLECTION - Pupil data collection sheets will be sent home next week. It is important that you check, update, sign and return these with the correct contact details. We ask for at least 2 emergency contacts please in addition to the main carer as contact 1.

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Level 2 certificate in principles of care planning
Level 2 certificate in principles of end of life care
Level 2 certificate in the principles of dementia care
Level 2 certificate in the principles of the prevention and control of infection in health care settings
Level 2 certificate in understanding dignity and safeguarding in adult health and social care
Level 2 certificate in understanding personal care needs
Level 2 certificate in understanding technology enabled care
Level 2 certificate in understanding the safe handling of medication in health and social care
Childcare
Level 2 certificate in awareness of bullying in children
Level 2 certificate in common childhood illnesses
Level 2 certificate in understanding adverse childhood experiences
Level 2 certificate in understanding behaviour that challenges in children
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Level 2 introducing caring for children and young people
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Level 2 certificate in LGBT inclusion in the workplace
Level 2 certificate in mental health first aid and mental health advocacy in the workplace
Level 2 certificate in principles of working with individuals with learning disabilities
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Level 2 certificate in understanding safeguarding and prevent
Level 2 certificate in understanding specific learning difficulties
Level 2 certificate in understanding the care and management of diabetes
Level 2 certificate in working with people with mental health needs

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What is a parent governor?

Parent governors are a core part of a school's Local Governing Board. The role is voluntary and will appeal to parents who want to make a positive impact on their child's education and school life.

What do parent governors do?

Parent governors bring their wealth of experience and knowledge, contributing to the successful running of their child's school. Being a governor is a "hands off" role – decisions made by the board influence the whole school, but governors are not responsible for, or involved in, the day-to-day running of the school. The role is a necessary part of ensuring the good functioning of school leadership. Governors set the ethos of the school and drive for continuous improvement.

What responsibility and influence do parent governors have?

Quite a lot. It is the Board of Governors' role to:

- Hold the school leadership to account
- Ensure school staff have training, support and resources to be effective
- Maintain oversight of the school's budget spending, including pupil premium allocation
- Decide on the aims, strategy, vision and ethos of the school
- Determine ways to put all of the above into practice as part of the school development plan
- Hear the later stages of staff grievances or pupil exclusion appeals

As you can see, school governors have both a creative and managerial remit. They develop ideas and strategies for putting those ideas in to practice, but also hold leaders to account and offer them constructive feedback on their performance.

Responsibility does not rest with any one individual. Decisions are made by the board as a whole, and individual governors are not held to account for collective decisions.

Boards of Governors can also work with building a 'whole school' community, connecting with the wider community and engaging prospective parents.

How big a commitment is being a parent governor?

The term of office is usually four years, though it can be decided when parents are elected to the board. During this time, you would be expected to attend and contribute thoughts and ideas to the governing board's meetings.

Governors meet 6 times a year – 3 Full Governing Board meetings and 3 Curriculum and Standards focus meetings. Meetings are usually on a Wednesday or Thursday at 5pm and last around an hour and a half. Information is sent to you a week before the meeting to read in advance.

We also ask governors to make an appointment to visit school, ideally once per term to see school in action and the evidence of things discussed in the meetings.

You may resign at any time by giving written notice to the clerk on your board of governors.

What skills do parent governors need?

There is no set skillset that marks out an ideal parent governor. So long as you are over 18 years of age and have a child at the school you can express an interest in becoming a parent governor for the school. It falls to the judgement of the board that any parent wishing to act as a governor has the relevant skills and experience to govern effectively and contribute to the success of the school. Prospective candidates should be given as much information about the responsibilities and expectations of the role before putting themselves forward for election. There's also a legal requirement for parents to be DBS checked before starting their post as a governor.

What's in it for parents?

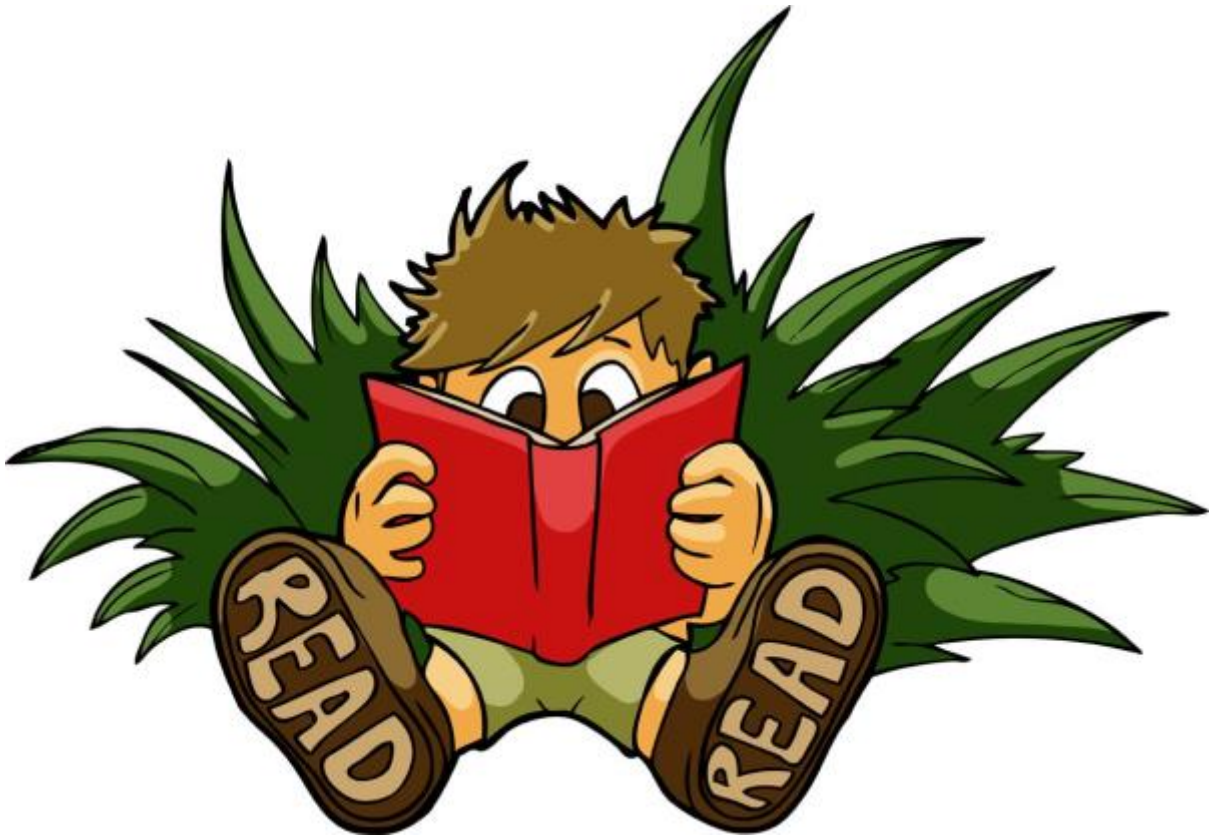
There's plenty of opportunity to learn new skills, working with others to help to develop useful policies that will benefit the education of children. The role may sound formal, but governors play a vital role in the running of the school and most people enjoy their time as a governor, as well as appreciating the sense of duty and opportunity to show loyalty to their school. You may also progress to being a chair, which brings added responsibility. The experiences of school governorship look great on any CV, and can even create career opportunities.

Not only that, but you will also get to know your child's school, especially in terms of its strengths and development points. You will gain a great understanding of how the school is run, and this will have a positive knock-on effect on your child's education, academic outcomes and school life.

How to apply?

Email s.office@perryhallmat.co.uk with why you want to be a Parent Governor and what skills and experience you have - you will be offered training so don't worry if you think you won't know what to do at first. The main quality you need is the desire to help our school continue to improve and do our best for all of the Bird's Bush Family. Please send us your email by 24th September, our first meeting is Wednesday 29th at 5pm.

'Read it' Winners



Reception - Tadhg

1D - Milo

2F - Mila

3C - Aidan

4G - Daisy

5H - Haydn

6J - Talia

BIRD'S BUSH CHAMPIONS!



Chase	1 1D	Motivation	Chase is always motivated to learn and set a great example to his friends. He has worked so hard to learn to write his name correctly too!
Reggie	2 2F	Never Gave Up	Reggie is a kind member of year 2 and never gave up even when the challenge was difficult.
Isabelle FB	3 3C	Independence	Isabelle is beginning to learn with increasing independence. She is starting to show her ability to write interesting sentences and join in with RWI. Well done Izzy!
Maddison NT	4 4G	Motivation	Maddison has shown amazing amounts of motivation this week, she is motivated to complete her learning to the best of her ability. Well done.
Louie	5 5H	Confidence	Louie has been a computing whizz this week! He showed great confidence and could explain to his friends how to create a programme.
Talia	6 6J	Confidence	Talia has shown amazing confidence since starting Year 6- especially in her maths learning this week. Well Done!
Constance	Reception RS	Confidence	Connie has really come out of her shell this week and has loved learning with her friends and teachers!

Times Table Rock Stars!



Y3 - Eva

Y4 - Archie C

Y5 - Archie S

Y6 - Alfie



1 - <https://thyg.uk/BUU004084516>

Join us on Friday 24th September to support MacMillan coffee morning and enjoy a cuppa and a chat with Denese. If the weather is fine we will sit outside. Volunteers to help and donations of cakes (sealed) most welcome. Join us 8.45am - 9.30am.

If you can't make it but want to make a donation to this amazing charity, please use the link here

<https://thyg.uk/BUU004084516>



Rapid flow tests/Lateral flow tests (LFD tests) are for asymptomatic testing only. If there are any symptoms present then a PCR test is required.

We do have some confirmed cases of Coronavirus in school, thankfully we do not have to close any year groups but if cases continue to rise Public Health may instruct us to close school for a 'Deep Clean'. Please be assured that we still have enhanced cleaning in place but, with the isolation rules changing, the chances of transmission are significantly increased. Please support us to keep everyone safe by booking a PCR test if your child has any symptoms; new cough, temperature, loss of taste/smell being the main ones.

Kids Health network have extended the 3 main symptoms for children to also include:

What Are the Signs & Symptoms of Coronavirus (COVID-19)?

COVID-19 can cause a range of symptoms, including:

- a [fever](#)
- [cough](#)
- trouble breathing
- symptoms of a cold such as a [sore throat](#), congestion, or a runny nose
- chills
- muscle pain
- headache
- a loss of taste or smell
- nausea or [vomiting](#)
- [diarrhea](#)
- tiredness

Information about the different kinds of testing and how to book tests can be found here

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing/>

Please let us know if you are taking your child for a PCR test and the result as soon as you get it.

School Meals

WEEK 1	MEAT FREE/VEG	BY REQUEST	NOT SPECIFIED	VEG	PEK & PUB
Tomato Pasta @ or Sandwiches with a choice of things	Jacked Potato with a choice of things	Beef and Mushroom with a choice of things	Beef and Mushroom with a choice of things	Peas and Carrots	Peas and Carrots
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2 - 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.
d.hill@perryhallmat.co.uk



Bird's Bush Parents - Official

Private group

100 members








[Click here to join the group](#)



3 - Collect vouchers on the Morrisons App or in store



Bag2School

Thank you for recycling your clothes etc for us - this raised £36 for our school fundraising account. Denese is organising another collection date in November.

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 2022 to 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



Community Fun Day

Bird's Bush Primary School
Birds Bush Road
Tamworth B77 2NE

**Come and join us on Saturday 16th
October 2 - 4pm**

School will be open to have a look around and children
can show you in their classrooms!

Craft stalls, games, refreshments, cakes, tombola - fun
for all the family!

Is your child starting Primary School in September 2022?

Come and have a look around Bird's Bush Primary
School - see our wonderful learning environment and
meet our fantastic Bird's Bush Family.

