



## Bird's Bush News 01.04.22

[Reception at Ash End Farm](#)

Reception had a wonderful day at Ash End Farm.







































































































## NEW UNIFORM SUPPLIER



A new online supplier is available for our school uniform - some items are reduced at the moment as stock is limited so definitely worth a look!

[www.schoolwearuk.co.uk](http://www.schoolwearuk.co.uk)

## Year 2 Fabulous Finish Spring 2

### Year 2 Fabulous Finish

During our topic this half term Year 2 have been looking at animals in Africa and comparing them to the animals we find in the UK. As part of our fabulous finish I would like for pupils to create their own African Savannah at home in a shoe box or any small box you have. I will provide some coloured paper for them to turn into animals and grass. Each child will also be coming home with a set of instructions for how to make one. Although, you may wish to make it in a slightly different way. The instructions are there as a guide should you need them.

Could pupils that have taken part please bring them into school on **Wednesday** for their 'presentation' and class discussion.



## EASTER! - LAST CHANCE TO GET THOSE RAFFLE TICKETS!



We will be having an Easter Raffle this term, digital tickets are £1 and can be bought on Parent Pay or by sending money in a named envelope which can be handed to the adult on the gate. The raffle will be drawn on **Friday 8th April**.

This year we are bringing back our traditional Easter Bonnet Parade for Lower School (Reception, Y1, Y2 & Y3). Children are invited to create their Easter Bonnet at home and bring it into school on **Friday 8th April**. We will then have a parade around the playgrounds (hopefully! depending on the weather) at 1pm. Parents and friends are welcome to come and watch.



For Upper School (Y4, Y5 & Y6) we invite children to enter our Decorated Egg competition by bringing in their decorated egg on **Thursday 7th April**. If using a real egg, please make sure the inside is blown out or it is very hard boiled no more than a week before it comes into school - we really want to avoid the smell of rotting eggs!! You could also use a polystyrene or plastic egg if you wish. We love the creativity of our children but ask that, if you are creating a scene with your egg it must be NO bigger than a shoebox as we don't have the space.

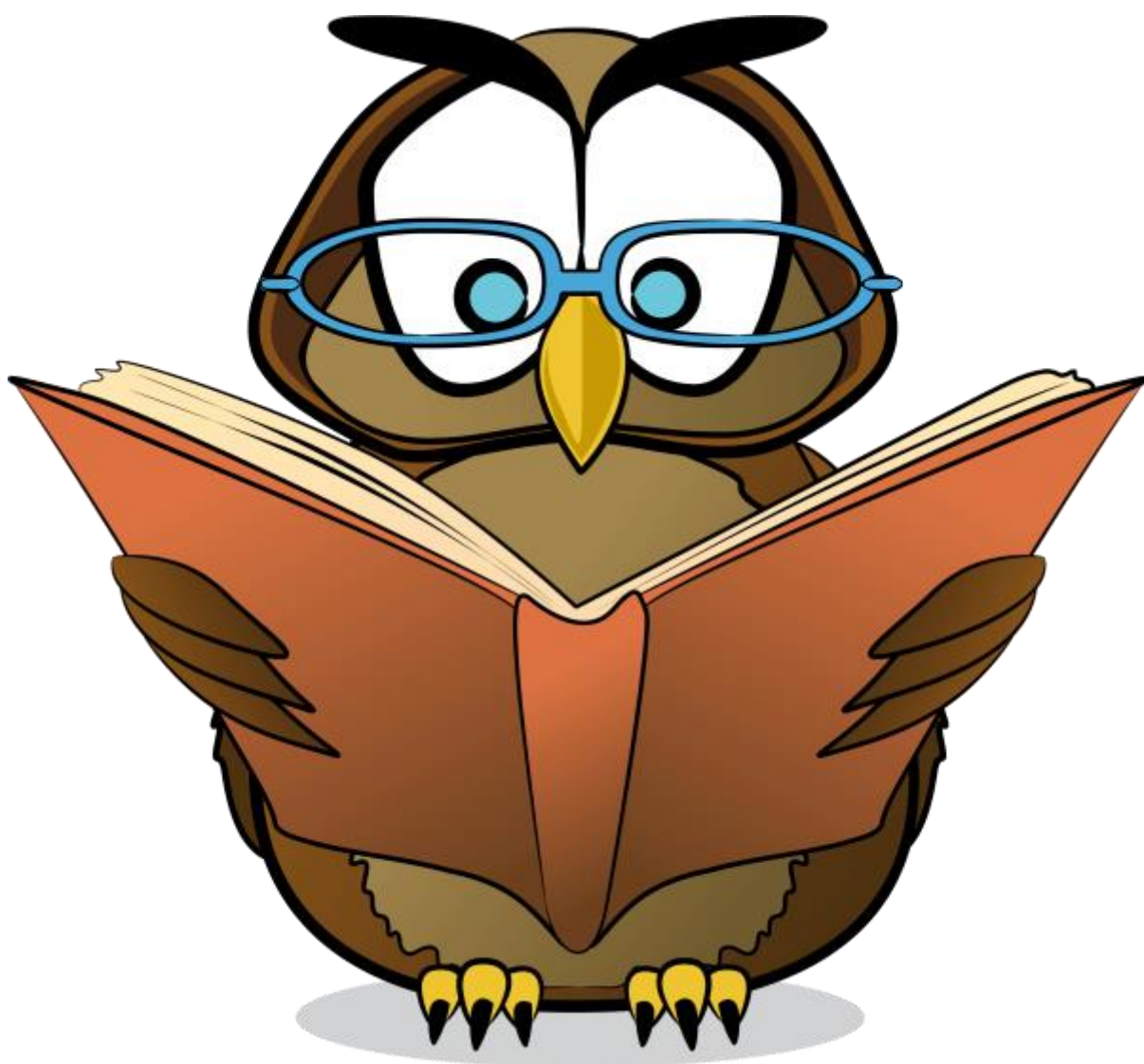
Our catering staff would also like to invite all of the children to send in an Easter picture of their choice which they have decorated themselves by **Thursday 7th April**. Prizes will be given in each year group.



## Champions 1.4.22

Zachary J	1 1D	Ambition	Zachary has worked so hard to improve his writing skills. He is able to identify adjectives and even use his own in a sentence!
Henry H	2 2F	Confidence	Henry has had confidence and enthusiasm within handwriting this week, challenging himself to apply the skills throughout his work.
Finley R	3 3C	Motivation	Finley's motivation in writing has been growing this year and I am proud of his writing! Well done Finley! Metaphors were tricky to use.
Cory T	4 4G	Motivation	Cory has shown great motivation in all his learning, but in particular our learning about the Wooden horse at Troy. Good job Cory!
Sophia G	5 5H	Pride	For being the most kind and supportive friend to other children. Sophia is always there with a high-five and a 'well done' to her friends when they succeed. We are so proud of your attitude towards other children in the class Sophia.
Olivia H	6 6J	Motivation	Olivia has contributed in all lessons and has been an amazing talk partner to her peers. Keep up the good work!
Portia J	Reception RS	Pride	Portia represented the school really well at the farm on Monday. She was a super star!

## READ-IT WINNERS



Reception - Tadhg

Y1 - Chloe

Y2 - Lincoln

Y3 - Olivia

Y4 - Jayden

Y5 - Lexie

Y6 - Dillon

Reading Volunteers - can you help?

**Do you have time to spare?**

**THE IMPORTANCE  
OF READING**



- Improve your communication skills
- Educates You
- Keep your brain healthy
- Reduce stress and anxiety
- Motivates and inspire You
- Stimulates your creativity
- Strenghtens your writing abilities



Would you like to  
make a difference?

Do you enjoy reading?

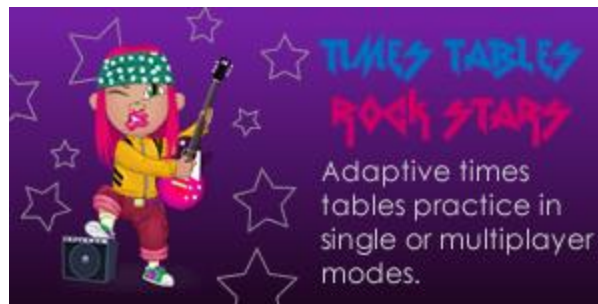
Our children need  
you!

If you (or anybody you know) have answered yes to the above and would like to support our Bird's Bush Champions with their reading in school, please contact Mrs Hall at [d.hall@perryhallmat.co.uk](mailto:d.hall@perryhallmat.co.uk) or give the office a call on 01827 214666

We would love to welcome you.



## TTRS & Numberbots winners



Y1 - Raya

Y2 - Katie

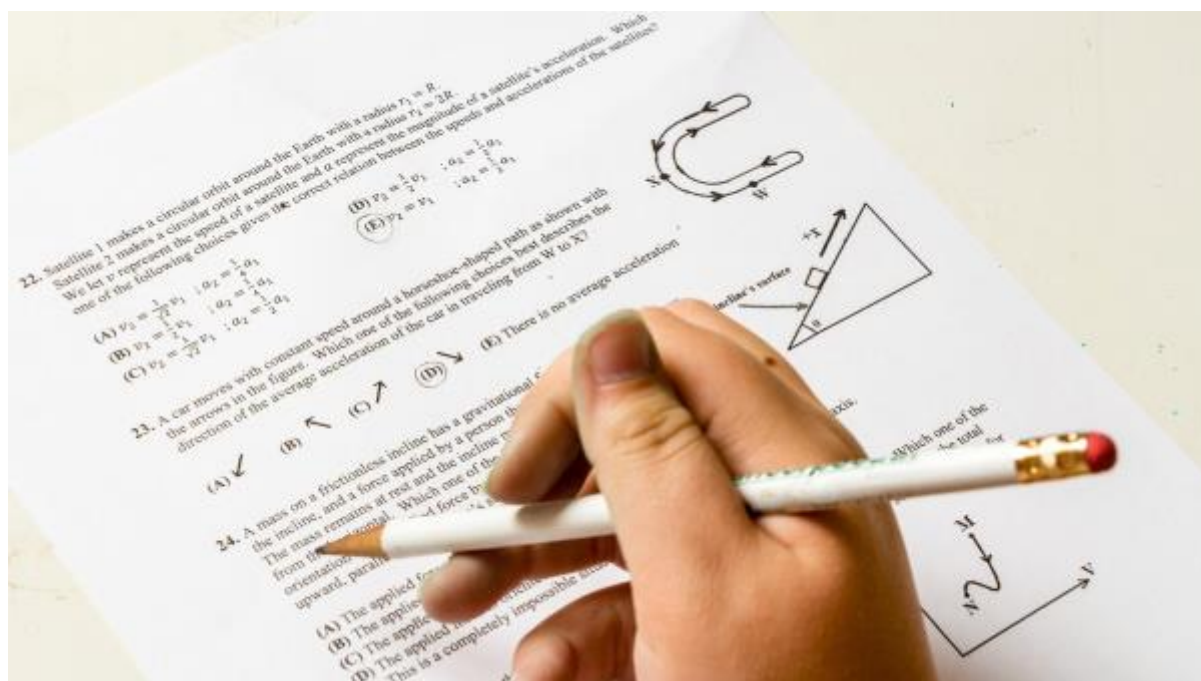
Y3 - Ruben

Y4 - Harry

Y5 - George

Y6 - Lexie

## Homework prize draw



Reception - Ava

Y1 - Alfie

Y2 - Henry

Y3 - Lucy

Y4 - Maddison

Y5 - Bradley

Y6 - Holly

## PROMOTING GOOD ATTENDANCE

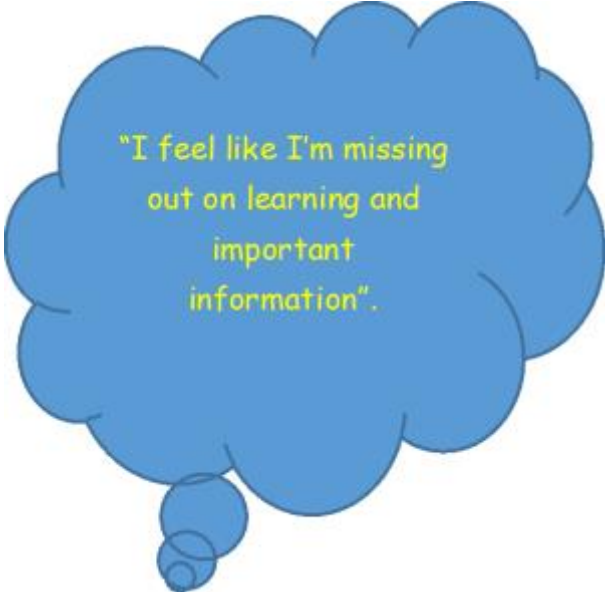
Regular and punctual attendance at school is both a legal requirement and essential for pupils to maximise their educational opportunities. In recognition of this, the law makes it an offence for a parent or carer to fail to secure the regular attendance of their child at a school at which the child 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...

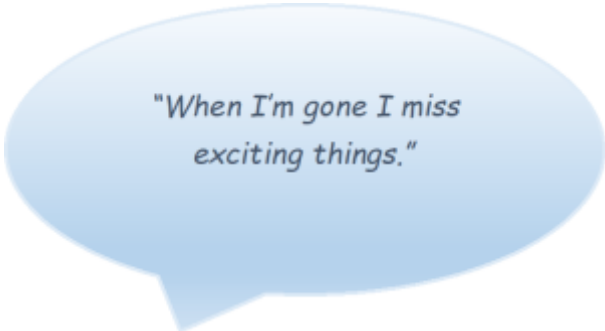
#### Daily Absence:

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](mailto: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 that 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.



"I feel like I'm missing out on learning and important information".



"When I'm gone I miss exciting things."

Regular school attendance is an important part of giving your child the best possible start in life

**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 Council.

- 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.

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

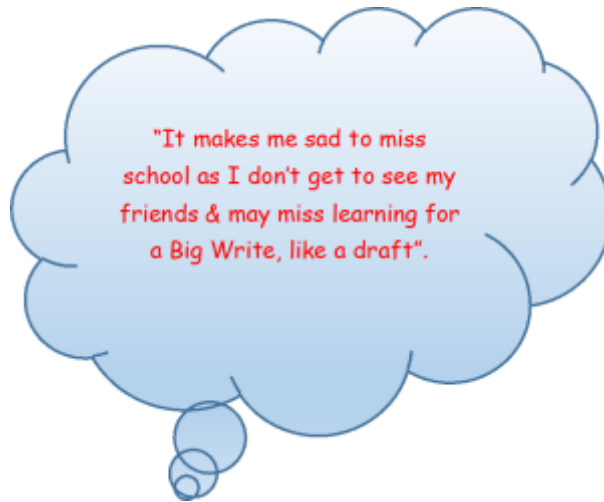
- A 'gentle' attendance advisory letter will be sent to parents with a copy of their child/ren's attendance certificate if attendance falls below 95%.
- Level one: School identification of absences and initial contact with parent to attempt to establish reasons for absence and affect a resolution. Level 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 is automatically referred to statutory services.

- Final step: A request will be made for statutory services to become involved

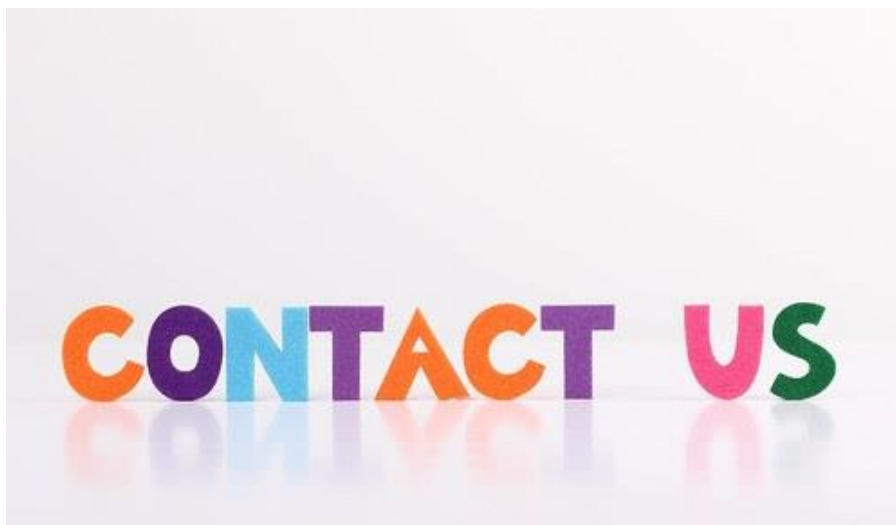




A 2 week holiday means your child can **only** achieve **94.7%** attendance

**"Education is not the learning of facts, but the training of the mind to think" – Albert Einstein**

CLASS EMAILS



**Denese Hill - Family Support Worker**

Denese is available for help and support about all sorts of matters - not just school related stuff! Just drop her an email and she will be in touch. [d.hill@perryhallmat.co.uk](mailto:d.hill@perryhallmat.co.uk)

Official Facebook Group for Parents

[Click here to join the group](#)

Please remember that Denese no longer is a member of the other Facebook group so cannot help or advise with any posts put on that one. If you have an issue or concern, please contact us directly so we can help sort it out with you.

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The school office is open from 8.30am - 4.00pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday. 8.45am - 3.30pm Thursday and 8.30am - 4.00pm Friday.

THE ANSWER PHONE WILL BE ON DURING LUNCHTIMES - please leave a message, at times there is no one in the office so your call cannot be answered even if you keep ringing us.

Please email us or leave a message on the answerphone and we will get back to you.

### **Spring Term 2022**

- **Term Time:** Monday 28th February 2022 to Friday 8th April 2022
- EASTER HOLIDAY 9TH APRIL - 24TH APRIL

### **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 Wednesday 20th July 2022
- **Bank Holiday Monday 2nd May**
- **STAFF TRAINING DAY - THURSDAY 21st JULY**
- **JUBILEE BANK HOLIDAY DAY (in lieu of May) - FRIDAY 22nd JULY**

**ALL Children finish for the Summer Holidays on WEDNESDAY 20TH JULY at 1.15pm - there will be no childcare available (Friday Club).**