



Newsletter

January 2019



Message from Mrs Threlkeld

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are pleased to inform you that Mrs Sarah Prior was elected as a new Parent Governor. We thank all the parents who stood for this position. Our Academy is very fortunate to have strong support and involvement from home. You have generously contributed to Charities and fund-raisers. Parental engagement in school activities is a real asset and makes a big impact on children's learning and well-being.

On termly Census days we will text you as greater take up for school meals boosts our funding. The children quickly settled back after the Christmas break and are clearly enjoying the breadth of the curriculum in their new topics.

We regularly monitor progress in workbooks and are proud to see the effort and growing skills children demonstrate as they approach mid-year. We also have regular volunteers in school supporting reading and if anyone is interested and has the time to spare we would love to hear from you.

Elizabeth Threlkeld

Have you downloaded our school app or followed our page on Facebook? These are the easiest ways to keep up to date with all events going on in school.

Reminder:

Half Term: Friday 15th
February, 1.15pm

School reopens: Monday
25th February

Attendance:

**Current School Attendance
for this month: 94.6%**

School Target: 96%

Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday 5th February, we will be participating in 'Safer Internet Day'. We will be joined for the day by the local PCSO's who will spend time in Y1 - Y4 discussing internet safety in classes.

This will support our work on becoming 'Internet Legends' to ensure the children know how to be Sharp, Alert, Secure, Kind and Brave when using the internet.

The PCSO's are also offering a Parent Workshop for any who wish to attend on Tuesday 5th February at 2.00 - 2.45pm.

There has already been a lot of interest in this session and many parents have requested to attend a workshop at a later time, which we will arrange with the PCSO's and send details out shortly.

Thank you for your interest and support as we aim to ensure our children are safe when using the internet.

Y4 Manchester Camerata

Year 4 are really looking forward to our upcoming performance with the 'Manchester Camerata' (a world famous orchestra) at Stafford County Showground on the 13th February.

Each class were given a fantastic opportunity to work with a composer of the company to write and create their own songs. Using David Walliams book 'Gangsta Granny' as inspiration, each class are retelling part of the story.

The songs that they independently created are excellent and they will be performing with other schools to tell the whole narrative.

What a wonderful opportunity!

Red Noses On Sale!

In the lead up to Red Nose Day (15th March) we shall be selling a limited amount of Red Noses from the school office to help raise money for this event. Children may wear their red noses on Friday 15th March. Red Noses cost £1.25 each with several different designs to choose from.



Upcoming Events:

NSPCC Number Day - Friday 1st February
Y1 Samba Workshop - Tuesday 5th February
Safer Internet Day - Tuesday 5th February
PCSO Internet Safety Parent Workshop - 5th Feb 2.00pm
Y3 Class Assembly - Friday 8th February 9am
PTFA Bake Sale - Friday 8th February (after school)
B4 Parent Workshop - Wednesday 13th February
B3 Parents Workshop - Thursday 14th February
Half Term - WC 18th February
Parent's Evening - Thursday 28th February
Parent's Evening - Tuesday 5th March
World Book Day - Thursday 7th March
Dance Show Rehearsals - Monday 11th March
Codsall High Dance Show - Wednesday 13th March 6pm
PTFA School Disco - Thursday 14th March
Red Nose Day - Friday 15th March (Children may wear red noses)

For more information and future events, download our school APP and view the calendar.

Drama Workshops

All of the children thoroughly enjoyed the drama workshops held by the Principal of Helen O'Grady drama school. The children all loved being involved and showing their inner actor/actress skills!

Free trials sessions are being offered locally; please contact the Drama school directly to enquire.



PE Update

Football Match

We had our third football match against Birches this week and our football team were victorious with a fantastic 4-0 win. This means we have won 3 matches out of 3 and are yet to concede any goals! Well done to our team who are growing with confidence each game.

Dance Show

Rehearsals are well under way for our dancers in Y3 and Y4 this year with Miss Keyes. They are learning a 'Disney' themed dance which we can't wait to see!

Project Gambia

Earlier this month we were visited by Bev Hodt who support the Project Gambia appeal. She came to thank us for the shoebox appeal donations and to share the amazing work that Project Gambia do. We saw pictures of how the shoeboxes were given to children in the Gambia for Christmas and what a difference they made! Thank you to those who donated the shoeboxes. We look forward to supporting Project Gambia in the future.

PTFA Update

The PTFA are busy organising events for the spring and summer term. This includes events for Mother's Day, Easter, a Spring fete and a school disco.

Alongside this, there will be bake sales running after school on a Friday from the outdoor classrooms. The first bake sale will take place on Friday 8th February.

A school disco is being organised for Thursday 14th March and details of how to purchase tickets will be send out shortly.

The PTFA would greatly appreciate any additional support. If you would like to support the PTFA in any way, please email PTFA@pertonacademy.co.uk

Reading Rewards

Eight children who were drawn from a hat last half term enjoyed their treat to Vanilla Coffee (Tettenhall Wood) to enjoy milkshakes and cupcakes. Continue reading 5 times a week to be entered into the draw at the end of half term!

Nursery Update

We have recently had a Makaton Parent Workshop in Nursery. Parents joined us after school to see how we use signs and symbols to support children's understanding, listening and attention. It was a practical session where we shared vocabulary around basic needs and interactions, we read the Tiger Who Came to Tea and sang some songs.

Next week, parents will be coming in for Stay and Play sessions to engage with their children in the setting.

Thank you to all those who attended.

Geography Quiz

A huge well done to all of the children who participated in the Geography quiz that was sent home earlier this month. There were a huge number of responses. Well done to the children who were luckily drawn at random to win a special prize! The winners were Y4 - Phoebe, Y3 - Harvey, Y2 - Olivia, Y1 - Tom.

Look out for another geography quiz later this year!