



Newsletter

Start of year 2019



Message from Mrs Threlkeld

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a great new school year. Holiday Club was busy and children enjoyed a range of fun activities including sport, the Animal man and Wednesday cookery. We are delighted to see how confidently the children have moved up into their new classes and all new entrants have quickly settled into good routines, looking smart and being courteous. Reception have made a very happy start to full-time school. Our new teachers say " My lovely class has made me feel welcome and PROUD" Miss Poilblanc and "My super class are extremely helpful, polite and well behaved". Miss Walton. Mrs Handley says " Base 7 children have been brilliant and so enthusiastic to learn". Mrs Place is our new Senco and she is available on Thursdays for parent appointments. Mrs Jones joins us for Music tuition and says "I loved my first day! The children were enthusiastic, attentive and have amazing musical ability." Classes will vote for their School Councillors next week. The council will have a monthly focus with Miss Starr for school improvements eg re-cycling.

The children's Vision is a perfect reminder to begin the year. "We have BIG dreams for our future. We aim high and we all work together to make Perton Primary Academy and Acorns Nursery a happy, exciting place to learn and grow."

Elizabeth Threlkeld
Principal



Paperless Newsletters

Please note that after this newsletter, we shall no longer be sending paper copies home with children in an attempt to reduce our paper wastage.

Instead, newsletters shall be sent via Marvellous Me. This will appear on your Marvellous Me parent app as a message with an attachment containing the newsletter. Along with this, the newsletter will be available to download from our school website and via our Facebook page.

There will be a limited number of paper copies available to read in the school foyer each month.

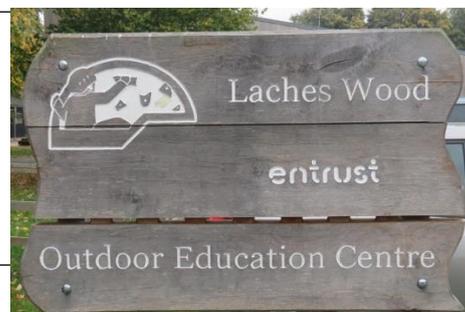


School Meal Prices

Please note, that from September, the cost of a school meal will be **£2.25**.

This cost is applicable to children in Y3 and Y4.

If you think you may be eligible for free school meals, please speak to the office about this.



Laches Wood Parents Meeting

There will be a meeting for parents about the Y4 Laches Wood residential visit on **Wednesday 18th September at 3.30pm** in the hall.

Staff will give information about kit lists, food, accommodation, medication, spending money, activities and answer any questions parents may have.

If you are unable to make the meeting, please speak to a member of Y4 staff or contact the office.

Reminder: Laches Wood payments need to be made in full by **27th September** via Parent Pay.

Reminder:

Inset Day: Friday 25th
October

Half Term: WC 28th October

School Reopens: Monday 4th
November

Harvest Celebrations

These will be held for KS1 (9.15am) and KS2 (10.30am) at the church at Perton on Friday 11th October.

Parents are welcome to attend.

Children should arrive at school as usual and will walk to church with their classes.

Upcoming Events:

Inset Day - Monday 2nd September
Start of Autumn term - Tuesday 3rd September
Y4 / Y3 Bike Ability - Thursday 12th / Friday 13th September
Laches Wood Parents Meeting - 18th September 3.30pm
Parents Evening Wednesday 2nd October 3.30pm - 6pm
Parents Evening - Thursday 3rd October 3.30pm - 6pm
Non-Uniform Day (chocolate donations) - Friday 4th October.
Y2 Visit to Stafford Castle - Wednesday 9th October
Individual Photographs - 10th October
Harvest Festival - Friday 11th October (KS1 @ 9.15am KS2 @ 10.30am) at the Church at Perton.
Y4 visit to Laches Wood - 16th - 18th October
Y4 Parent Assembly - Thursday 24th October 9am
Non-Uniform Day (chocolate donations) - 24th October
End of Term - Thursday 24th October 1.15pm

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

PTFA AGM

The PTFA will have its Annual General Meeting (AGM) this month. At this meeting, all are welcome to review the successes of the year and vote for the roles of chair, vice chair, secretary, treasurer and vice treasurer.

This meeting will take place on Thursday 12th September at 9am. All are welcome, including new members who would like to support the fundraising for our school.

We also have a suggestions box in the school foyer for parents to make suggestions to the PTFA.

If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like to support the PTFA, please email PTFA@pertonacademy.co.uk or speak to the school office.

Upcoming PTFA Events:

Non-Uniform day for all children is on Thursday 24th October. Please send donations of chocolate items that are in date until at least January 2020.

PTFA Christmas Fayre - Friday 29th November - Further details to be confirmed.

Volunteers

Over recent years, we have highly valued the support from parent and grandparent volunteers within school. If you have any spare time and wish to volunteer this to school to listen to readers, work alongside groups of children, change reading books, support with a gardening or board game club, or any other suggestions then please contact the school office.

Please note that all volunteers are subject to enhanced DBS checks to comply with our safeguarding policies.

Marvellous me

As we begin our new year, classes will soon begin using 'Marvellous Me'.

This allows us to share positive messages with parents about things the children have done in class. This could be a reward badge for being kind, brave, helpful, on task, confident, completing their work etc. In addition to this, staff can share activities that have been completed in task and send home important messages and reminders.

If you have already registered to use Marvellous Me, you do not need to take any action. If you have not yet signed up using your child's unique code, then please do so asap!



Junior Tuck

Just a reminder that children in Y3 and Y4 are able to order tuck each day (except Wednesday). Children have the choice of toast (25p), crumpet (30p), teacake (30p) or milkshake (50p).

Children must bring in the money and place their orders in a morning to collect at morning break.

Keeping Up to Date with school events

There are several ways to keep up to date with ongoing events in school. You can download our school app from the app store or follow our Facebook Page 'Perton Primary Academy'.

Please ensure we have your most recent mobile number on record as we regularly send out text messages to parents. This includes links to book parents evening appointments.



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Census Day

A few years ago, the government introduced 'Universal Infant Free School Meals' (free school meals for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2). In order to fund the free meals, the DfE gives every school £437 each year per pupil taking a meal on school census days in October and January. Because not every child in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 took a school meal on the October and January census days, the school has missed on enough funding to pay for a full-time Teaching Assistant in next year's budget. Funding for schools, particularly in Staffordshire, in real terms, is lower than ever and we are working hard to obtain every penny of funding that the school is entitled to so we can provide the best education possible for your children. Therefore on October and January census days, every child in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be provided with a meal. We will make the menu as fun as possible on those days. You may still send in a packed lunch if you wish. Those children bringing packed lunches will be offered a drink and a cake instead. We thank you in advance for your understanding and support.