



Newsletter

November 2019



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Message from Mrs Threlkeld

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your generous donations for National fundraising for The British Legion and Children in Need. Your support for the children's involvement in events about Anti-bullying, Diabetes and Litter has also raised the children's awareness of community needs. We also have a tremendous whole school approach to fund-raising and your donations promise to make a great Christmas Fair.

In recent weeks I have enjoyed learning walks around school with prospective parents for Sept 2020. Closing date for Reception applications is Jan 15th. The quality of your children's work in their books, their focus and exemplary behaviour is impressive really stands out. Pupil workbooks are almost full after 10 weeks and the children are rightfully proud of their strong progress. We enjoy Star of the Week, Best class Attendance, handwriting awards and Spelling League table in our weekly Celebration Assembly. The Clubs in November, Computing, Phonics, and basketball have been full and visits to the Cinema and Cadbury World in KS2 have been memorable.

Staff are busy developing on our curriculum design to meet the expectation of the new Ofsted framework. The focus is on the Curriculum and our Intent, which links to our Values, Implementation and its Impact. Our key Priorities in 2019-20 are: Embedding the progression of Knowledge Model in the Curriculum; we want learning to be memorable and build sequential knowledge.

Prioritising Reading as a key driver; we rate reading highly as a door to learning. We believe that nurture, extra-curricular engagement and personal and social development builds character for success in life, thus Enhancing children's Personal Development. We can expect a very busy diary throughout exciting December and will help to keep you up date on the App and with Marvellous Me messages.

Mrs Threlkeld

Please download our school APP or 'like' our Facebook page to keep up to date with school events.

Reminder:

School Closes
Friday 20th December -
Finish at 1.15pm

School opens:
Monday 6th January 2020

Half Term: WC 17th February

Attendance:

Current attendance:
97.4%
School Target: 96%

Cadbury World Visit Year 3

On Wednesday 20th November, Year 3 visited Cadbury World as part of their 'Scrumdiddlyumptious' topic. They had such a great day learning about the history of Bournville, the cocoa bean process and all about the Cadbury products. They even got to taste the yummy chocolate and choose their own toppings!



Year 1 Coronation Day

We are enjoying our topic Bright Lights, Big City.

We started with a 'Coronation Day'. We have written letters to the Queen asking her lots of interesting questions like 'Did you wear heels at your coronation?' We received a reply from the Royal Household and look forward to sharing the news with Year 1!



Acorns Christmas Holiday Club



We will be opening for select days over the Christmas holiday. A variety of Christmas

activities, cooking and parties will be taking place. Please find the booking form on the school website, or ask a member of reception staff.

Upcoming Events:

Book Fayre - 29/11/19 - 5/12/19
Infant Nativity - Thursday 12th December
Year 1 Nativity - Tuesday 10th December
Year 2 Festive Celebration - Wednesday 11th December
KS2 Carol Concert at Perton Church 6pm - Wednesday 18th December
Christmas Lunch day - Thursday 19th December
Pantomime - Friday 10th January 2020
Year 3 Assembly - Friday 7th February 2020

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

PTFA Update

The PTFA have funded waterproof sports coats for our pupils. These are to be used when children are representing the school in competitions.

Thank you to all the hard work that was put into making our Christmas fayre fantastic!

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

VIP Morning for Reading.

Mrs Ellerton, Mrs Everitt and Miss Head hosted a VIP morning for children in the school who had read 5 days a week, for a whole half term.

The children played party games, had a disco and enjoyed a few treats.

**Encourage your child to read at home
5 x to take part in our next
VIP session.**



**Why not pick up a new book at the Book Fayre!
In School 30/11/19 - 5/12/19!**

Marvellous Me Upgrade

We have received news of a Marvellous Me upgrade that affects notifications to parents.

To get notifications, you must toggle the notifications 'on' switch in settings **even if it is already classed as 'On'.**

If this is still not working, see the Marvellous Me Upgrade letter in Letters Home on the website.

We love sharing your children's everyday achievements and learning, so notifications are vital!

Year 2 Memorable Experience - Artist Visit

Year 2 had an exciting visit from Mr Gary Walton As part of our muck, mess and mixtures topic. Gary is a professional artist who taught us a variety of sketching techniques, we then were able to sketch our own boat in the style of Gary's work. Both classes had a lovely afternoon and produced some fantastic artwork.

Lates, Absences and Holidays.

Holidays in term time.

If you take your child out of school for a holiday during term time headteachers may not grant the leave of absence unless there are exceptional circumstances. Therefore if the leave of absence is not approved it will be recorded as Unauthorised Absence and may be subject to a Penalty Notice. This is in line with Staffordshire County Councils Code of Conduct.

The Penalty Notice fine would be £60 per parent per child rising to £120 per parent per child if paid between 21 - 28 days.

Lates

As part of our drive to increase punctuality, our independent Education Welfare Consultants Attend EDC will be conducting random late gates. This means that a member from Attend EDC's Team will be at the school entrance and taking names of children who are arriving late to school.

Be Bright Be Seen.

At this time of year, it's important to Be Bright and Be Seen when you are out and about near roads.

BE BRIGHT - wear fluorescent or brightly coloured clothing when walking to and from school - it shows up well in daylight and at dusk.

REFLECTIVE - When it's dark outside, wear reflective clothing to be seen in car headlights. Reflective vests, sashes or wristbands work well.

IMPROVE - improve your visibility with accessories, clip on reflectors, armbands and stickers added to your coat or bag are a great way to improve your visibility.

GREEN CROSS CODE - always choose routes and crossing places that are well lit and remember to use the Green Cross Code.

HEADLIGHTS - if you like to cycle, it's the law to have clean and working headlights on your bike at night (white at the front, red at the back) as well as a rear reflector. It's good to fit spoke reflectors too.

STEM PARENTS!

In Spring term we will be celebrating Science Week (6/03/20 - 15/3/20). To Inspire our pupils to careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths we would like to appeal for parents in those backgrounds to come into school to talk about their profession. If you are interested in this, please contact the office so they can inform Miss Evans.

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Explorers Share a Story

Explorers have started "Share a Story". Children are invited to choose a book in a special bag to take home to share with a family member. They are taken on a Friday and returned on a Wednesday. We want the children to love reading and this way you can share it with them.



Explorers Nativity 2019

Letters have gone out this week to remind families about the Reception Nativity Play which is called "A Miracle in Town". It will be on December 12th at 9:30 in the school hall. Tickets are limited to 2 per family please.

Nursery Christmas Celebration

Nursery will be hosting a Christmas Celebration on Thursday 19th December 2019 in Nursery. There will be an AM and PM session.

World Nursery Rhyme Week 2019

Explorers have enjoyed World Nursery Rhyme week. They have had fun singing lots of Rhymes, including Incy Wincy Spider and Baa Baa Black Sheep. They found rhyming pairs and even changed the sheep to their favourite colours.

World Diabetes Day 2019

Nursery Celebrated World Diabetes Day by reading a book about a dinosaur living with Diabetes. We created dinosaurs with insulin pumps, paper mached dinosaur eggs, used toy blood testing kits on our dolls, did the Dinosaur Stomp dance and used our new small world dinosaur toys. It was a fantastic learning experience for all of the children and was personally meaningful as we have a child in our class who lives with Type 1 Diabetes.

Nursery Outings in November

This half-term a small group of children went to Corsers Court to share stories and draw pictures with the local residents. This is to support the communication and language skills of the children and boost their confidence in new social situations. Understanding our community is an important aspect of Early Years and the breadth of the children's experiences at this stage of development supports their empathy, vocabulary and respect for diversity.

Nursery went on a walking trip to the Perton Library. The children learned all about borrowing books and that we could find lots of information there. The librarian read us a couple of her favourite stories. Some of the children showed us the poppies that they had made there for the Remembrance display. We discussed the change of seasons and road safety along the way.



Healthy Eating in Nursery

We cook healthy food weekly in Nursery. Most recently, we made a potato and cauliflower curry. The children were very sensible cutting the vegetables and measuring the ingredients. Then we had a chance to enjoy our cooking and talk about healthy eating. They were encouraged to describe the smells, taste and texture. This multi-sensory experience became a vehicle for teaching safety, mathematics, physical development, literacy and so much more.