



Newsletter

December 2019



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Message from Mrs Threlkeld

Dear Parents,

As we move closer to the end of term, the children's growing excitement at this festive time transforms our school to one big happy winter workshop. The nativity and range of presentations have had fantastic parent audiences with applause for the children's huge efforts. When I asked the children about their Christmas Dreams were the top three wishes were magical onesSNOW, (*real snow*), a reindeer, (a proper one) and Santa flying down on his sleigh. I thought I'd let you know as I was impressed by the spirit of the season not the High Street.

Our winter fund-raising has been so generous with £203 donated on National Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children. Amelia- Mae's pop up Christmas cookie shop raised an amazing £610.99 to buy toys for Birmingham Children's Hospital. Staff have contributed £45 to Acorns Hospice and our Fair and coffee shops raised a fabulous £ 1700 towards resources for school. We have already purchased £1200 resources for Lego We.Do and the PTFA will update us early next year about school fund wish lists for 2020. School has recently purchased £500 on extra reading books in Juniors to extend our fluent readers and we were pleased with the success of the Bookfair raising £ 369 .

I am pleased to announce that our new parent Governor is Mr Craig Lindley, who looks forward to representing you all next year. Mr. Francis, Chair and Mrs Mc Shane, Vice-Chair send you Seasons Greetings from the Local Academy Council. Finally, I would like to thank all parents, friends of the school and staff for their 100% dedication. We have a wonderful team to be proud of and your well wishes and staff-room treats are greatly appreciated. The children have worked exceptionally well to keep on track for high standards with high quality, FULL work-books and boundless enthusiasm .

On behalf of the Academy, I wish you a joyous Christmas time and look forward to great prospects in 2020.

Merry Christmas from 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:

95.2 %

School Target: 96%

Year 1 Nativity

Year 1 enjoyed performing their Nativity and we were very proud of them.

Even now they still break into one of our songs every so often, unprompted.

The Year 1 team would like to thank the parents and carers for coming to support us.

Stem Activities Week Autumn 2019

Year 1 to 4 completed a STEM focused task that encouraged resilience, team work, kindness and curiosity. Years 1 - 2 used craft resources to make a stable Tree structure and Years 3 and 4 extended their knowledge of 3D shapes by creating and designing nets.

Year 2 Festive Celebration

Year 2 were outstanding during their Festive Celebration, the children sang beautifully and remembered all their lines fantastically. Mr Naik and Miss Walton are extremely proud of all the children and their behaviour throughout the performance. We wish you all a magical Christmas from the Year 2 team.

Key Stage 2 Carol Concert

Key stage 2 performed 'Nativity Rocks!' on Wednesday 18th December at the Church at Perton.

The children worked incredibly hard to give a great performance.

Year 3 and 4 teachers were so proud!
Thank you to those who attended.

Upcoming Events:

School Opens - Monday 6th January 2020

Y1 Samba workshop - Monday 6th January 2020

Pantomime - Friday 10th January 2020

Year 3 Parent Assembly - Friday 7th February 2020

Safer Internet Day - Tuesday 11th February 2020

World Book Day - Thursday 5th March 2020

Science Week - W/C 6th March 2020

Year 2 Parent Assembly - Friday 20th March 2020

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

VIP Morning for Reading.

Mrs Ellerton will be hosting the next VIP morning on Friday 10th January 2020. If your child has consistently read 5x per week for the whole term, they will have received a letter confirming attendance.

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



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 3 Memorable Experience

Year 3 have been writing and exploring instructional texts. As part of their Scrumdiddlyumptious topic, they have sampled several types of smoothie as well as follow a smoothie recipe to create their own! They had great fun and they tasted delicious.

KS2 Choir Performances

Our KS2 choir performed for the local elderly community on Tuesday 17th December. It was a jolly occasion, with classic songs having a funny twist. Choir also performed some of their favourite numbers from Nativity Rocks! Well done KS2 Choir for a great performance!

Perton Christmas Fayre Performance 2019.

Year 4 performed as a steel band for the local community on Saturday 7th December 2019.

They were confident and brave when they played a variety of Christmas songs to spread joy in the community. The Year 4's also sang a few songs and were surprised with an impromptu addition - Wolfie the Wolverhampton Wanderers Mascot!

PTA Update

A huge thank you to everyone who attended the Christmas Fayre this year. We appreciate the donations of gifts, bottles, toys and chocolates for the event. We are pleased to announce the event raised just under £1700 for school. The PTA has purchased 10 Lego We.Do kits to complement the STEM curriculum in school.

Lego We.Do is based on the latest science curriculum and was created to enhance pupils' curiosity and science and computing skills. The sets contain a Smarthub, a Medium Motor, Motion Sensor, a Tilt Sensor, and enough building elements for two pupils. The accompanying app allows pupils to code and investigate key science objectives.



Perton Primary Academy is incredibly grateful, as without the hard work of volunteers to fundraise - these resources would not be available.

We will be running an iPad club using Lego We.Do in January for KS1.

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



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Reception Nativity 2019.

Explorers were brilliant singing, dancing and speaking confidently when performing the Nativity "A Miracle in Town". We were very proud of them all.

Thank you to all that could attend.

Nursery Stay and Play

Nursery hosted Stay and Play sessions for our new intake of children who will be joining us in January. We can't wait to welcome them into our setting.

Reception Winter Stories

Reception walked to the library in our last week of term to listen to winter stories. All children were role models for their school and loved listening to a variety of texts.



Nursery Festive Workshops

We held our Christmas celebrations on the 19th December, with festive songs, crafts and snacks. Everyone had a lovely time, thank you for those who could attend.

Phonics and Numicon Workshop 2019

In Nursery we held a Phonics and Numicon workshop on the 11th Dec to show parents how we teach these aspects of learning. It was really well attended despite being held on a wet and grey afternoon.

Explorers Nativity Craft

Explorers loved making a nativity scene for Perton Church Crib Festival. They were fabulous remembering the story and remembered the Three kings and Mary and Joseph and a manger for baby Jesus. There were even some cotton wool sheep!

