



Newsletter

January 2020



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Message from Mrs Threlkeld

Dear Parents,

We have been thinking about **Healthy Snacks**: *Our curriculum aims to develop pupils' understanding of how to keep physically healthy, eat healthily and maintain an active lifestyle.*

To maintain our Healthy School Status we have started the New Year off by reminding the children that we only bring fruit and water in a clear named bottle into school. We know some children will need time to adjust. Snacks can include fresh or dried fruit and vegetables. We do not take crisps, due to salt content or other food items onto the playground. KS2 are in agreement and had great ideas about good choices eg melon, grapes, carrot sticks for vitamins. The school Council has also designed posters to keep school litter free.

Reception - Y2 continue to have fruit supplied daily and any remaining fruit is offered to Juniors. Y3 and Y4 pupils can buy tuck at morning break. School Meals serve water or milk to combat the effects of sugar and artificial sweeteners on national issues of dental decay, diabetes and obesity.

Annual Panto Visit: The children enjoyed their visit to see Dick Whittington and fully participated in all the traditional chants. We had excellent seats and the event was seamlessly planned - thanks to Mrs Walleth, staff and volunteers. Well done to Tristan and Sophie who out of all the schools bravely went on stage to play the Trombone and the Big base drum to the 'Music Man'. Members of the audience complimented the children on their excellent behaviour.

Parking: We continue to appreciate respectful parking on Sandown drive as this is a high risk area where supervision of your children is paramount. Please discourage your child from climbing, cycling on site or running ahead as there are slow moving vehicles and we do not have liability insurance for falls or accidents once the children are dismissed.

Paperless School: Please ensure that you have downloaded the APP for the web-site and 'Marvellous Me' for E-news, letters and communications and notify the Office of any changes to your contact details.

We would all like to offer a fond farewell to Ali and Lana Moussa and their family and wish them well on their new adventures, as they move to Bristol at the end of January. Good luck to them all. You will be greatly missed!

Thank you to all the children for your beautiful get well cards! I can't wait to see everyone soon. Miss Willis, Mrs Ives and staff are ready to help if needed in my absence.
Best Wishes - Mrs Threlkeld

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

Reminder:

School Closes

Thursday 13th February 2020-

Finish at 1.15pm

Inset Day

Friday 14th February

School Opens

Monday 24th February 2020

**Half Term: WC 17th
February**

Attendance

Current attendance:

97.4%

School Target: 96%

Year 4 Memorable Experience - Medical Mavericks

Year 4 had a fantastic visit from Medical Mavericks this half term as part of their topic Bottoms, Burps and Bile. Children explored a variety of medical machines and practised taking blood from a fake arm using a real needle! Fantastic questions were asked about why the machines were used, and children found out more about NHS careers.

Year 1 - Rio de Vida

To start our topic we had a samba drumming workshop with Mr Baugh. He told us about the drums he had brought from around the world. We learnt some samba rhythms using the drums.



Lunchboxes and snacks

At school, we have recently reviewed our 'Healthy Eating' policy. We would like to remind parents that fizzy drinks are not permitted in lunchboxes.

Children's lunchboxes should contain only one biscuit / chocolate item and preferably a piece of fruit alongside sandwiches or a wrap and crisps.

For break times, children are welcome to bring their own healthy snack, children in KS1 receive free fruit. Children in KS2 are able to purchase crumpets, toast or teacakes for 25-30p. Also, children should have a water bottle in school each day. This can contain water or sugar-free squash. Thank you for your cooperation.

Upcoming Events:

Makaton Workshop Nursery - Friday 31st January

NSPCC Number day - Friday 7th February

Year 3 Parent Assembly - Friday 7th February

Safer Internet Day - Tuesday 11th February

Explorers parent workshop - Tuesday 11th February

World Book Day - Friday 6th March

Science Week - W/C 9th March

Year 2 Parent Assembly - Friday 20th March

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

VIP Morning for Reading.

Mrs Ellerton hosted the VIP morning on 10th January 2020. The children worked together to bake muffins and enjoyed a few extra treats such as ice cream and extra play time! If your child has consistently read 5x per week for the whole term, they will receive a certificate which confirms attendance.

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



PCSO Ash drop in at Perton Library

PCSO Ash will be at Perton Library on Tuesday 11th February to give lots of information about how to keep your child safe online as part of Safer Internet Week.

Drop off / Collection

We are aware that drop off and collection times can be busy around the school playground and entrances to the building. In a morning, please ensure children in KS2 do not crowd around the junior door. This makes getting the children in safely challenging. Furthermore, please ensure that you have witnessed your children enter the school building before leaving the playground. If you are unsure whether they have come into school, please ask a member of staff to check. We would also like to remind you that the tyres and field should not be used before or after school for health and safety reasons.

Academy Ambassadors.

The Academy Ambassadors launched a competition to design a poster that would encourage our community to dispose of litter responsibly.

We had entries from Year 2 - 4 and they were judged by the Academy Ambassadors and Mrs Threlkeld.

1st - Layla (Y2)

2nd - Ruby (Y4)

3rd - Rebecca (Y2)



Number Day 2020



On Friday 7th February we will be participating in Number Day as we promote Maths through the school. Children are invited to 'Dress as a Digit' for the day. Previously, we have had some incredible costumes including 999 (dressing up as an emergency service), 101 dalmatians, Thing 1 and Thing 2, a domino, a ruler, a dice and many more! If you aren't able to wear a costume, don't worry, you can wear any item of clothing with number on. There will be a prize for the best dressed digit in each class. We would like to suggest a donation of £1 for this event as we raise money for the NSPCC. The NSPCC have a vast selection of resources for parents to help keep children safe, including advice on mental health and online safety. You can access these resources at any time for free by visiting the NSPCC website.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/>

PTA Update

The PTA have been busy planning forthcoming events for 2020. We are pleased to announce our Spring Disco will return (date TBC) with tickets available to buy soon. We are also making plans for our Spring Fete which will take place on Friday 15th May. As a small team of volunteers, the PTFA find running our larger events increasingly challenging. We appreciate any help that can be given to our events, even if it's just extra help to set up and run events on the day (especially our Christmas Fayre and Spring Fete). If you are able to support the PTFA on May 15th with setting up the fete or manning a stall, please let the school office know. We understand if you are unable to make regular meetings, but additional help on the day in any way would be greatly appreciated.

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

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We made a Chinese New Year Chinese Dragon display using handprints and are looking forward to sharing all our activities with Nursery in a fun sharing session on Friday.



Stay and Plays have begun and very well attended. Thanks to all parents re-arranging their work schedules and making time to play with their child. It really helps their confidence and well-being.

In Nursery, we have been learning all about Chinese New Year. The children have attempted to move items with chop sticks, they have read the story of The Great Race, decorated and danced with a giant cardboard box dragon, sorted different shaped lanterns and printed on our own red envelopes.



Nursery are hosting a Stories and Songs Makaton workshops for parents this Friday (the 31st). In addition, we look forward to hosting our parents and carers in our Stay and Play sessions next week.

Nursery outdoor area has seen the addition of a barked area to house a much anticipated small climbing frame (yet to arrive). This was made possible with the funds from the Litter Picking Fundraiser in the Autumn term and the generosity and kindness of staff and volunteers.