

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the new academic year. I hope that you all managed to enjoy the summer break, despite the current circumstances. We have had a very positive start to the term, with the children clearly happy to be back at school with their friends and teachers. It has been wonderful to meet so many of you on the gate in the morning and at the end of the day. Thank you for welcoming me with warm smiles and kind words of welcome. Thank you also for sticking to our drop-off and collection timings and using our one-way system around the playground. Please continue to stick to the timings as closely as possible to avoid congestion on the school site and to help with social distancing and remember to wear a face covering on the school site. We want to do our very best to keep you and the children safe, and I hope that you agree that things have run smoothly so far. Feedback from parents has been very positive, and I appreciate you providing this for us. If you have any further suggestions on how to improve our systems, please do let me know. The children have been excellent, sticking to their 'bubbles', washing and sanitising their hands regularly as well as using the lidded classroom bins to 'catch it, bin it, kill it' when using facial tissues. I am so impressed with them all. The teachers have been busy adapting the curriculum to ensure that the children have a good start despite their differing experiences from their time in lock-down. Our main priorities are to address the children's well-being, build up their resilience and ensure a positive attitude to learning. I would like to say a huge welcome to our new families. Whether your children have started in Nursery, Reception or higher up in the school, I hope that your start has been a happy one and that your experiences so far have been positive. As I write this, the whole school attendance is 88.79%. I hope that this number will increase soon. Being in school is a vital for children's well-being so please, if you haven't sent your child back to school yet, please contact me so that we can talk through any concerns that you have. Please remember to send your child to school with named water bottles, named uniform, PE kits on their PE days and sun hats on hot days and coats when cold or wet. Finally, a huge thank you to every staff member at John Perryn for ensuring that the transition back to school has been a lovely experience for the children.

Best wishes,

Ms L Wright - Head Teacher



IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- If your child, or anyone in your household, develops symptoms of Covid-19 (a fever, a new consistent cough or a loss or change in taste or smell), or is identified as a contact of someone who has tested positive for Covid-19, do not send your child to school. Stay at home and arrange for anyone who has symptoms of Covid-19 to get a test by visiting NHS Coronavirus or by calling 119.
- [Click here](#) for a flowchart by Ealing council with the next steps to take.
- Immediately let the school know.
- Wash your hands frequently and thoroughly for at least 20 seconds using soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitiser
- Wear a cloth face covering on public transport, in shops on the school site and in crowded indoor settings.
- Keep your distance from people who are outside your household or support bubble, limit social gatherings and avoid crowded places.

Reporting Absences

If you are reporting your child as absent due to illness, please call the attendance line by 9:00am. If you can't get through to speak to a member of our office, please leave a message.

If your child is off of school due to sickness that includes a temperature or a cough, please provide more information regarding this (i.e. if they're going to the doctor, if you've called 111 and what advice has been given), as these are COVID symptoms. It is important that the office is given as much information as possible, so we can monitor ill children and help minimise risks for others in the current climate. Thank you.



Welcome Back!



Welcome back to school! We are really looking forward to seeing everyone back!

Please familiarise yourself with the new pick-up and drop off times, and the locations for these around the school below.

Year Group	Drop Off Time	Location	Pick Up Time	Location
Year 1	9.00 -9.15	Classroom	3.30pm	Classroom
Year 2	8.45-9.00	Classroom	3.15pm	Classroom
Year 3	9.00-9.15	School gates	3.30pm	KS1 Playground
Year 4	8:45-9.00	School gates	3.15pm	KS1 Playground
Year 5	9.00-9.15	Main office	3.30pm	MUGA
Year 6	8.45-9.00	Main office	3.15pm	MUGA

It is really important that these new routines are followed as closely as possible, in order to maintain social distancing and to minimise risks for all. Reception and Nursery timings and locations will be communicated directly to parents.

Water Bottles

Please remember to send your child in with a labelled water bottle for their day at school. As the water fountains are no longer being used to help minimise risks of the virus, all children should have a water bottle in school. Please make sure these are labelled with your child's name and class so they are not getting mixed up and being used by other children.

Lunch Debt – Harrisons

If your child is having school lunches, please make sure you have credit in your child's account. The limit is £18. If your child is in Year 6, your child's Harrisons lunch account must have money in it at all times. You can call Harrisons on 02082800311 or create an account online. The temporary lunch menus for September and October can be found [here](#). Thank you.

Nut Allergies – We are a 'nut free school'

There are a number pupils in our school who have allergies to nuts. In some cases such an allergy can cause a severe allergic reaction. As such, we are asking for your help, as a precautionary measure, in minimizing the risk to all by:

- Not giving children nuts or any nut products in school lunches
- Not giving peanut butter sandwiches, other spreads containing nuts such as Nutella or snacks/bars containing nuts or labelled "may contain nut traces" in school lunches.
- Asking children not to share their lunches.

Friday 25th September 2020

Back to School Word Search

See if you can find all of the words in this back to school word search!

What other words can you think of that could've been included that are related to school?



teachers school backpack
uniform classroom pencil
lessons friends learn

Did you find them all?

Now see if you can create your own 'back to school' word search with some of the words you thought of earlier...



Cleaning



The school has been thoroughly cleaned over the summer holidays, and continues to be cleaned on a daily basis, with extra attention being paid to bannisters, doors and door handles, school equipment and toilets.

Children will be actively encouraged to continue washing their hands on a regular basis with each class room having access to a sink, soap and antibacterial gel. Each classroom also has a closed lid bin which can be operated using your foot.

A big thank you to our cleaning and site team for following such vigilant procedures, working extra hard, and preparing the school for the return of all our pupils!

P.E. Days



Children should come into school in their PE kit on their PE days. As we approach winter, children are allowed to wear plain black trainers and a school jumper / cardigan with their kit. Please see below:

Year Group	Day of the Week
1	Monday
2	Monday
3	Thursday
4	Friday
5	Thursday
6	Friday

Reception & Nursery PE days are to be confirmed.

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 for all the latest news, information and regular updates.
 Click the 'Twitter' for photos of events and trips!



If you are changing your details (e.g. address, mobile number or email address) please inform the office ASAP so we can update them on our system.



PLEASE make sure all epi-pens and asthma pumps that are kept in school for your child are in date. It is your responsibility to drop in replacements when they expire.

If you or your child has a hospital / doctor / dentist or any other appointment, which means you have to drop them to school late or collect them early, please remember to inform the office the day before.

Autumn Reading

Reading is the KEY to learning

EYFS

The Fox in the Dark by Alison Green

Who's afraid of the fox in the dark? Rabbit is! So are Duck, Mouse and Lamb. They all squish into Rabbit's house to hide. But when the fox comes knocking, he turns out to be much less frightening than they thought.

KS1

Pumpkin Soup by Helen Cooper

Cat, Duck and Squirrel live in an old white cabin, with a pumpkin patch in the garden. Every day Cat slices up some pumpkin, Squirrel stirs in some water and Duck tips in some salt to make perfect pumpkin soup... until the day Duck wants to do the stirring...

Lower KS2

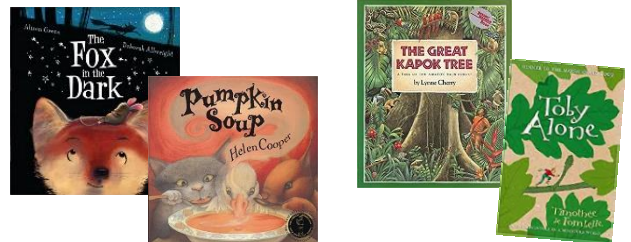
The Great Kapok Tree by Lynne Cherry

One day, a man exhausts himself trying to chop down a giant kapok tree. While he sleeps, the forest's residents, including a child from the Yanomamo tribe, whisper in his ear about the importance of trees and how all living things depend on one another... and it works.

Upper KS2

Toby Alone by Timothée de Fombelle

Toby Lolness is just one and a half millimeters tall, and he's the most wanted person in his world, the Great Oak Tree. When Toby's father makes a ground breaking discovery, tapping into the very heart of the Tree's energy, he also realises that exploiting it could permanently damage their world. Refusing to reveal the secret of his invention to an enraged community, the family is exiled. But one man is determined to get hold of the forbidden knowledge... and his plan to destroy the Tree. Now Toby's parents have been imprisoned and sentenced to death. Only Toby has managed to escape, but how long for?



Please note that the minimum age required to collect a child from school is 16 years old. Please also ensure that you inform the office if somebody different is collecting your child. Teachers will not allow children to go home with somebody that they do not know. Only children in Year 5 and Year 6 will be allowed to walk home alone and this is only when they have written permission.

Attendance



At John Perryn, we have an attendance target of 96.1%. It is of utmost importance that children and parents are striving to maintain attendance as close to this target as possible.

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS



If your attendance is 90% that means you've still missed 19 days of school!!

It is essential that all children return to school unless you have been advised by a medical practitioner to keep them at home. The children have missed out on some aspects of their education, their friendships and their routine. It is important that these are re-established. The school will follow the attendance policy if children do not return.

If you have any concerns regarding sending your child to school due to coronavirus, please call the office and we will be happy to talk through any concerns / queries.

Uniform

Children are expected to wear full school uniform upon returning to school. Details for the school uniform and where to purchase it can be found on our [school website uniform page](#).

Please note, we no longer sell uniform at the school; it has to be purchased directly from our supplier, School Bells.

The only exception to this is on PE days for your child's year group, where they must wear their PE kit to school. This is to avoid having to change for PE and having to store kits in school. Plain black trainers (with no additional colours or patterns) are allowed to be worn, including for PE.

Your child is not allowed to wear hoop or dangly earrings. Only small studs are permitted for health and safety reasons.



Who are we?

Meet our two new class teachers...

John Perryn is very excited to introduce two new staff members. Mr Perring and Miss Amorin-Bannerman. Read on to find out some fun facts about them...

Mr Perring (Year 2 Willow)



- I ran the London marathon last year in 3 hours and 46 minutes
- I play football for my local football team (as a striker)
- My favourite book is 'Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince'
- My favourite subject when I was in primary school was science

Miss Amorin-Bannerman (Year 3 Poplar)



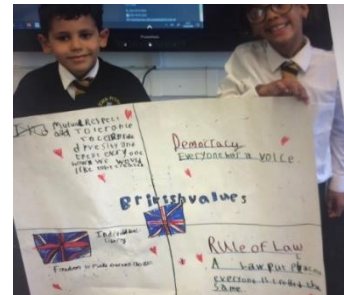
- I was a student at St Mary's University where I completed my PGCE
- I love spending time with my family
- My favourite colour is lilac
- I used to work in human resources before I qualified as primary teacher
- My favourite food is lasagna!

Year 3 News

Year 3 have really been enjoying being back in school, being in their new classrooms upstairs and meeting their teachers. Since returning to school, they have been focusing on British Values and making creative posters explaining the values in more detail.

At John Perryn, we value the diversity of backgrounds of all pupils, families and wider school community. Our school reflects British Values in all that we do, in line with our John Perryn Way and school motto: 'Aiming high to achieve success in all that we do.'

Children have also been making Courage Jars to empower themselves to feel better about the virus and current climate. Courage Jars are a great creative activity for the children to help express their feelings, and promote the wellbeing of our school community. Some of the messages children wrote to themselves include: 'don't worry, you will be fine' and 'look after yourself.'



Year 4 News

Year 4 have also been getting creative in class by designing and making vibrant hot air balloons for a 'get to know me' task. They've been writing fun facts about themselves on their balloons as a fun ice-breaker to help get to know their peers and teachers, and help them settle in for the next academic year.

The balloons also make colourful additions to Ash and Lime classrooms, being hung up and used as part of their display boards.

