

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a very busy end to the Autumn Term for the staff at John Perryn. I would like to say a huge thank you to each and every staff member for their tireless efforts and exceptional hard work in making the experiences for the children at school, despite the current restrictions and circumstances, as wonderful and rewarding as they possible could. They really are a fantastic team, and I feel very blessed to be working alongside them all.

It was not the ideal end to the term. Having to close three classes and ask them to self-isolate was very disappointing. However, upon reflection, we had managed for the longest term of the school year to get by with a very small number of positive Covid cases, and I am so thankful that all cases were either without symptoms or with very mild ones.

I would like to once again thank all of our families for your support. You continue to follow the guidance that we have put in place and the small number of cases is testament to you following these guidelines and keeping each other safe. I now ask that you continue to keep yourselves safe over the holidays whilst also wishing you a time of happiness with your loved ones if you are lucky enough to be able to spend time together.

My biggest thanks however go to the children of John Perryn. No matter how difficult things get or how busy we are with paperwork, policies or reading updated government guidance, leaving our offices to go and spend time with the children is all we need to rejuvenate and remind ourselves why we are all here. The JP children are incredibly resilient, polite and friendly, they are children who work hard, take pride in their learning and who love to come to school. What more could a headteacher ask for?

I do hope that you manage to stay Covid free over the holidays, but do please contact me should you have a positive case in your household. You can click the link below and fill out a quick form or email admin.

<https://forms.gle/ucxTYLejxruahQdVA>

Finally, I would like to wish all of our families a safe festive holiday and a very happy new year.

Best wishes,

Ms L Wright - Head Teacher



Children are to return to school for the Spring term in the new year on **Tuesday 5th January.**

Please note, Monday 4th January is a staff training day and therefore children do not need to attend.

All at JP wish each of our children, families and members of our wider school community a safe, relaxing and fun Christmas break! We look forward to seeing you all in the new year.



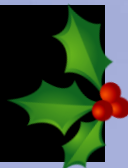
Reporting Absences

If you are reporting your child as absent due to illness, please call the attendance line (**option 1**) by **8:45am**. Please state your child's name and class clearly, with reason for absence.

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.

Reception Admissions September 2021



Please find [attached information](#) for applying for a place in Reception for your child, starting in September 2021. Please read the information carefully as it contains instructions on how to obtain the Primary School Admissions Prospectus for Ealing Schools and how to apply.



You will need to complete the online application form and provide a photocopy of proof of date of birth e.g. Passport, Child's Birth Certificate.

The closing date for applying is Friday 15th January 2021.

Any applications received after this date will be treated by the local authority as late applications and will go to the bottom of the list.

The date of reception place offers being given out is Friday 16th April 2021.

Thursday 17th December 2020

Reminders



Nut Allergies – We are a 'nut free school'

There are a number of 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.

Christmas Tree Donation

A big thank you to [Pines and Needles](#) for donating our Christmas tree again this year. Pines and Needles work alongside schools every year as a partnership to inspire some extra festive cheer to all.

Our Nordmann Fir tree has taken pride of place in our school hall!



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 debt limit is £15. If your child is in Year 6, your child's Harrisons lunch account must be in credit at all times.**

You can call Harrisons on 02082800311 or create an account online at www.ealingmeals.com. As the telephone lines get very busy, we would recommend paying for your child's meals online. The temporary lunch menus for September and October can be found [here](#). Thank you.

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.

Christmas Lunch



On Wednesday 9th December, the children and staff tucked into a tasty (but still socially-distanced) Christmas lunch provided by our catering team at Harrisons. Each year group bubble was joined by their teacher and staff members from the same bubble to enjoy some festive food. Christmas songs were played over the hall speakers and plenty of crackers were pulled and corny jokes shared. It was a lovely chance for each year group to celebrate the festive period despite the current climate, which has limited the school from organizing other Christmas themed events such as our annual PTA Christmas Fair!



Christmas Reading

Reading is the **KEY** to learning

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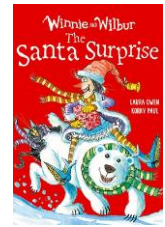
The Crayons' Christmas by Drew Daywalt

'Tis the season for all of us to write our holiday wish lists. But everyone – even the crayons – know the best presents are the ones that you give. In this unique book, readers get to see how Duncan, the crayons and their families celebrate the holidays.

KS1

Winnie and Wilbur: The Santa Surprise by Laura Own & Korky Paul

Winnie and Wilbur have just opened the latest door on their advent calendar when they wonder 'who gives Santa a present'? This thought leads to an epic quest involving flying trains, broomstick sledges, and, of course, Father Christmas himself!



Lower KS2

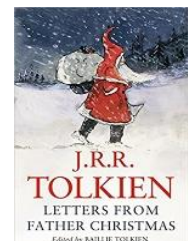
A Boy Called Christmas by Matt Haig

If you are one of those people who believe that some things are impossible, you should put this book down right away. (Because this book is FULL of impossible things.) Are you still reading? Good. Then let us begin...

Upper KS2

Letters from Father Christmas by J.R.R. Tolkien

Every December an envelope bearing a stamp from the North Pole would arrive for J.R.R. Tolkien's children. The letters inside were from Father Christmas, telling of wonderful tales of life at the North Pole.



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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.



PTA (Parent Teacher Association)

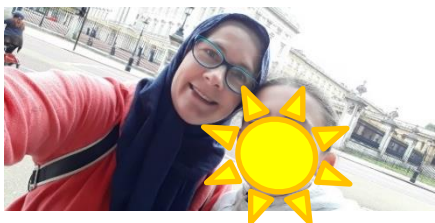
Meet the PTA...

Meet Nicole - Treasurer at the PTA (Parents Teacher Association)

I have been part of the PTA since 2011. I very much enjoy seeing all the children having so much fun at the Fairs and Cinema afternoons and other events we organise, it makes it all worth it to dedicate some of my time towards it. The funds we raise are a great contribution to providing exciting events for the school children that they may not have experienced otherwise. Even though my children have left John Perryn for secondary school, I still enjoy being part of the PTA events in this school and do some volunteering in their secondary school.

In my spare time, I enjoy gardening, going for long walks, having a day at the beach, going here and there on my bike and taking our daughters to visit some of the amazing places London has to offer, my all-time favourites are the National Portrait Gallery and London Zoo.

I encourage everyone in the school community, parents, aunts, grandparents, friends and more to get involved with the PTA, to be part of your child's experience at school!



Raise funds for John Perryn every time that you buy online!

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online – from your weekly shop to your annual holiday – you could be raising free donations for John Perryn PTA with 'easyfundraising'? There are over 4,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation – including eBay, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com and M&S – and it won't cost you a penny extra to help us raise funds.

All you need to do:

1. Go to - https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/johnperrynpta/?utm_campaign=raise-more and join for free.
2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.
3. After you've checked out, the retailer will make a donation to John Perryn PTA at no extra cost to you whatsoever!

Thank you for your support.

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Find out more



Fundraiser



Save the Children is a wonderful charity that helps support children to learn, grow and become who they want to be. With donations, Save the Children help children create a world where they don't just survive, they thrive!

All at John Perryn took part in a Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day fundraiser on **Friday 11th December**; dressing up in Christmas jumpers and festive outfits! Together we raised a fabulous **£158.96** for Save the Children.

Thank you all for your generosity!



Virtual Christmas Panto

In the final week of term, the children were able to watch a virtual Christmas Cinderella pantomime from their classrooms. The show was fully interactive allowing our children to participate during the show from the safety of their bubbles, taking part in 'it's behind you' and pressing buttons that triggered various sound effects in the studio for the actors. A massive thank you to [Panto Live](#) for bringing some Christmas magic to John Perryn!





Year 1 News

Last half term we celebrated all our different religions and cultures in our local community. Thank you so much for sending the children in with so many wonderful things to show their class.



English

We have been starting to read a wide range of new books. Each day we learn a new phonics sound and apply our sound by reading a story. We have also been focusing on writing sentences using capital letters and full stops.

Maths

The children have been learning to add and subtract using cubes and 100 squares as well as place value using base ten.

History

In history, we have been learning about Remembrance Day and making poppies to wear. We have also been learning all about the 'gun powder plot' and Guy Fawkes. In art we have been using different types of mediums to create fireworks. We have used chalk, paint, felt tips and pencils.

Science

Our topic in science is materials and we have been focusing on what materials are waterproof. We conducted an experiment to see what material we should use to create an umbrella to keep our teddy dry.

R.E

This half term we have also been learning about celebrations in R.E. We learned all about the harvest festival and why we should be thankful for all the delicious food we eat. We learned about where a banana comes from how far it has to travel to get to us in England.





Year 2 News

This half term in year 2 we have been learning about The Great Fire of London!

English

We wrote a setting description, a newspaper article and a diary! We are beginning to use amazing adjectives such as blazing and petrified, fantastic adverbs such as dangerously and rapidly as well as concentrating on our new neat handwriting.

History

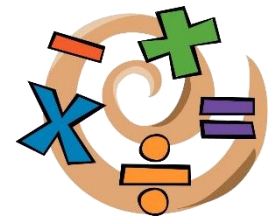
We ordered the events of the Great Fire of London. We compared present day to the past and what we would do if there was a fire. We talked about the wooden houses, mapped how far the fire spread and pretended to interview people who were there.

Science

We looked at properties of materials. We spoke specifically about flammable and non-flammable things and designed our own safe house that was sustainable in relation to the Great Fire of London and our Global Goal aim of sustainable cities. We then explored other properties such as waterproof, absorbent, opaque, transparent, manmade or natural.

Maths

We have been focusing our time on adding and subtracting two digit numbers to 100. We have used 100 squares, number lines and dienes. We can now confidently jump in 10's or 1's forwards and back as well as apply our knowledge of addition and subtraction to money and measurement problems. We have attempted to solve problems as well as decide if sums are correct or not using our mathematical reasoning.



R.E

We looked at Christianity and retold some of their stories. We commented on what Christians learn morally from the stories and related that to our everyday life and our own religious experiences.

