John Perryn News

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

The latter half of this term has been extremely different to the first half. We are all so pleased to have full classrooms again and to hear the children enjoying playing and socialising with their friends during break and lunchtimes. The early years children have been enjoying their new outdoor areas and plans are afoot to develop further areas of the school in the near future.

Starting this term, you will be receiving a new newsletter at the end of every term written by our school Governors. In my last newsletter, I mentioned that we are looking to recruit a new parent governor. If you are interested in finding out more about the position, please write to our Chair of Governors – Andrew Macdonald – at <u>andrew.macdonald@mail.com</u>. You can also find out a bit more about our current governors on the school website <u>https://www.johnperryn.ealing.sch.uk/about-</u><u>us/governors</u>.

As a school, we are looking at broadening our reach into the local community and would like your help in doing so. We already have a Twitter page but feel that we should now branch out to Instagram and Facebook to ensure that the local community know who we are and what we do here at John Perryn. Once we have these pages up and running, please help us by liking, following and sharing our posts so that everyone can see what a wonderful place it is to be.

As you know, we had to pause our after school club provision in January but we would really like to offer a service in the future. To help us to identify the need for an after school club provision, please could you click on the link below to complete a very short survey <u>https://forms.gle/bEsCtjKiNkWp14sw7</u>. This will help us to plan for the future.

I find it difficult to believe that the summer term is almost upon us. I am sure you join me in hoping that the government's 'roadmap' will see an end to current restrictions and a move back towards normality. In the meantime, we will continue to work with you to keep our community safe. I am pleased to report that I was lucky enough to be called for my Covid vaccine and did not have any side effects at all. I wish the same for you all.

Best wishes,

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Ms L Wright - Head Teacher



Welcome back to school - we are really loving having you all back at school and seeing all your smiley faces each day! Please familiarise yourself with the pick-up and drop-off times, and the locations for these around the school below. **Please note that the school gate is closed at 9.05 a.m.**

Year Group	Drop Off Time	Location	Pick Up Time	Location
Reception	8:45am	Classroom	3:15pm	Classroom
Year 1	9.00 am	Classroom	3.30pm	Classroom
Year 2	8.45am	Classroom	3.15pm	Classroom
Year 3	9.00am	School gates	3.30pm	KS1 Playground
Year 4	8:45am	School gates	3.15pm	KS1 Playground
Year 5	9.00am	Main office	3.30pm	MUGA
Year 6	8.45am	Main office	3.15pm	MUGA

It is really important that these routines are followed as closely as possible, in order to maintain social distancing and to minimise risks for all.

Parents/carers are also required to wear face masks in and around the school site, and to contact the office via telephone or email to reduce the number of visitors inside.

Thank you all for your cooperation.

World Book Day

In the final week of remote learning, before schools opened on 8th March, each phase group celebrated World Book Day with a range of online activities arranged by their class teachers. Children, both in school and online, even went the extra mile and dressed up for their class meetings!



Our **nursery and reception** staff got dressed up as book characters and asked the children to guess who they were. Children were also invited to take part in a 'create your costume' activity, which produced some wonderfully imaginative results.

Year 1 and 2 took part in a quiz, featuring all our favourite book characters such a Goldilocks and the Three Bears and Rapunzel. The children also used their detective skills to work out where the spotty dog was reading his books around the school.

Year 3 and 4 enjoyed listening to Ms. Mulvany read them the story of 'The Girl and the Dinosaur' whilst fittingly dressed as a dinosaur herself! They also got to listen to author Lisa Rajan read her story 'Tara Binns' and were invited to dress up in their best animal costumes to link with the book.

Year 5 and 6 attended a virtual workshop with awardwinning author Serena Hassan where she read her book 'The Tap-Dancing Pigeon of Covent Garden.' Children were then invited to take part in their own creative writing activity linking with the environment, to emulate Serena's story.

To see more pictures of everyone's amazing costumes, check out our twitter page: <u>https://twitter.com/johnperrynps</u>or the 'Gallery' page on our website: <u>https://johnperryn.ealing.sch.uk/our-news/gallery</u>



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Reminders

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:

a) Not giving children nuts or any nut products in school lunches

b) 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.

c) Asking children not to share their lunches.

Water Bottles

Please remember to send your child in with a **labelled** (your child's full name and class) 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.

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 <u>www.ealingmeals.com</u>.

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.**

School website: <u>www.johnperryn.ealing.sch.uk</u> Twitter: <u>https://twitter.com/johnperrynps</u> School APP: Click <u>here</u> for the step-by-step guide on how to download and use it.

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.

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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 Melissa – Chair at the PTA (Parent Teacher Association)

I first joined the PTA&F as a volunteer in 2011 when my daughter joined Reception and I currently have a son in year 5.

Over time, I became Chair and the satisfaction of seeing the whole school community come together to celebrate is immensely satisfying and worth all the effort.

It is sad that our activities have been paused due to the pandemic. Social distancing has put a temporary stop to our events but I hope you will agree that it has given us time to reflect upon how important a sense of community is to our school.

Our children are constantly reminded that it takes many hands to build a school and there can be no better evidence of this than when children, staff, families and local organisations celebrate together at our fairs. Children love the connection made between school and family life. It strengthens their experience within school and brings such a sense of pride to John Perryn. The fairs provide an opportunity to raise much needed funds which are spent on valuable resources that fall outside of the school budget but greatly enhance our children's education. At some point we will bring back the face painting, cake sales, candy floss, bouncy castles, go karts and film afternoons but until then I hope that you will keep the PTA&F in mind! From a parent / carer's perspective, joining the PTA&F is also a wonderful way to meet other parents, share experiences and contribute to school life. Any help, however big or small, is always greatly appreciated.

We can, with hope, look forward to a time when we can all be together and celebrate. When that time comes, I hope you will consider getting involved as we look to start up the PTA&F once again.



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. Thank you for your support.

All you need to do:

1. Go to -

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/johnperrynpta/?utm_campaig n=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!

Reading

Reading is the KEY to learning

EYFS

If You Take A Pencil by Fulvio Testa

'If you take a pencil, you can draw two cats.' But then what do the cats do? Full of exciting adventure and imagination, this surreal and charming counting book will take you on a journey that anyone can go on, if they take a pencil...

<u>KS</u> 1

King of the Classroom by Derrick Barnes & Vanessa Brantley-Newton

An inspiring and confidence building story that follows a boy going to school for the first time.



Lower KS2

Operation Gadgetman! by Malorie Blackman Beans calls her Dad 'Gadgetman' because of the amazing gadgets he invents – everything from exploding biscuits to Spy Kits.

Upper KS2

The Other Side of the Truth by Beverley Naidoo Sade and her brother Femi are 'illegals'. They have fled from Nigeria where their father is being persecuted only to find London a harsh and unforgiving environment and not the safe haven they had hoped for.



EYFS News



Nursery News

We celebrated our love of reading on World Book Day by dressing up as our favourite book characters. For Valentine's Day, the children made beautiful heart necklaces for their loved ones.



To support our topic, we have set up Vets and Pets role play in our class. The children learn how to look after the pets. Have you ever seen vets at work? Look out for pets when you are out and about. Please talk with your child about what you see. What do you think they are doing? What do they need? How do you look after them?



Class Library

Every Friday your child can borrow one book which you can return the following week. Your child will not be able to borrow another book until they have returned their current book. For any damaged or lost books there will be a £5.00 charge towards the cost of a new book. Your child will not be able to borrow a book unless they have a book bag. Books will be kept safe and flat inside a book bag. Ruck sacks take up a huge amount of space on pegs and in book bag boxes and are often not big enough for a book. This will result in books becoming bent and damaged.

Please do not use book bags for water bottles and spare clothes. Water bottles often leak, resulting in books becoming wet and damaged. Please ensure that your child is holding their water bottle when they come through the door.



EYFS News



Reception News

It was wonderful to welcome the children back to school. During the half term the EYFS outdoor area underwent a major renovation. We now have a new, colourful play space with a soft surface. There are more opportunities to climb, swing, jump and ride to support delevopment of gross motor skills. Resources like sand, soil, water and new planters enable the children to explore nature and natural materials. They also now have a sheltered space with an enhanced construction area where they can independently select their own resources and large wooden blocks and create to a grand scale. The children are really happy with the changes and look forward to going outdoors every day. This is what the children think about our new outdoor area:

> "I like the climbing frame because it's high, there is one step low, one step is higher, higher and higher and the highest. I can jump and climb on it." Leilani (Pear class)

"I like the water area with the tap. You can fill up the buckets, but it takes a long time because you have to get lots of buckets" - Omar (Apple class)

"I like the sand pit because it's big and you can sit in it and make stuff." Ella (Apple class)

We want to extend a huge thank you to all parents for their fantastic suport of children's learning on SeeSaw. Your hard work has enabled the children to continue their learning of literacy, phonics, maths and foundation topics. SeeSaw will continue to be used for weekly homework, which will be linked with what has been learnt at school each week. Every Friday, the new home learning activities will be uploaded on SeeSaw and can be completed during the weekend. On Tuesdays, staff will respond to the children's homework.



This term, Reception have been learning about traditional stories. Children learned about characters, settings and sequencing stories. We celebrated World Book Day where children and staff dressed as their favourite book characters. We all had lots of fun and en joyed reading different books.

From Summer Term, Reception children will be having 'Show and Tell'. Children are encoraged to bring a book that is special and interesting, which they will then read or retell to the class.

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