



JOHN PERRYNS

Governor's newsletter

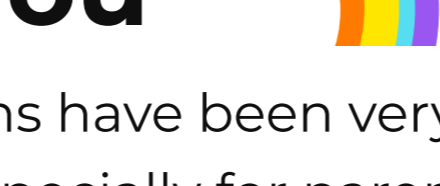
Dear Parents and Carers at John Perryn,

Welcome to our first Governors' Newsletter.

The intention of this Newsletter is to open up a line of communication from the Governing Body of the school. We will share important news about the school and provide what is hopefully a useful overview of the school's current status and direction for the future. On occasion, there may also be a specific call to action, whereby we seek your help and input on certain matters.

You might be wondering "why are they sending this Newsletter to us now?" which would be a fair question. Over recent weeks we have been speaking and listening to parents and came to learn that we have perhaps been a little too silent over recent years and that it would be useful for you to hear from the Governing Body once in a while.

This Newsletter will not replace any of the existing communications you receive.



Thank you

COVID lockdowns have been very hard for everyone, but especially for parents. We would like to thank you for your great contribution in making children's learning possible in these challenging times.

We would also like to extend our gratitude to John Perryn's teachers, who have been working hard in providing online learning in ways they were not trained for, but always with all their enthusiasm and passion. We are very happy to see all pupils and families back at school.

There are educational challenges created by the lockdowns, but with the collaboration of all, we can make it through.

We have an exciting future ahead!

Leah Wright joined us as the permanent Headteacher in September. We selected her in early March last year and she was well ahead of the competition. She is very energetic, enthusiastic and buzzing with new ideas. A people person, she will introduce changes sensitively and steadily. We have every confidence that she will take the school on to great things.

Renovated outdoor space

We have a renovated outdoor space in Nursery and Reception, which looks amazing. We hope that all pupils can develop their learning further in this fun and exciting space.

This is also a great opportunity to promote our school to new families. John Perryn is a school with pupils at its core, which wants to make learning engaging, inclusive and inspirational.

We support and thank the school leadership team for pushing this innovative approach to education.

"We have observed many positive changes in the way children use the outdoor area. For instance, the climbing frame has improved their physical development and confidence."
Early Years Team

And importantly - our pupils are loving it too!

"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)

Space at the school

We currently have space to accept new pupils to the school. Given the impressive achievements of our current pupils, and the way in which the John Perryn Way is lived out by pupils, and teachers alike, we would love for you, our current parents and guardians, to invite any friends of yours with children of primary age to come and visit the school.

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS

Parent governor needed!

We are looking for a passionate Parent Governor to join the Board of Governors.

The role of a Parent Governor is to bring a parental perspective to the challenges discussed in the Governors' meetings.

No prior experience is required and training is provided. Governors come from an array of backgrounds and experience. You should just have an interest and commitment to the way the school is run.

As a Parent Governor, you have to attend 2 meetings every term. When Covid allows, there is also 1 monitoring visit during school hours lasting two hours.

There will be an election for this in due course. If you might be interested, please do get in touch or send an email to andrew.macdonald@mail.com.

GET IN TOUCH

Meet Andrew, the Chair of Governors



Hello everyone! I am Andrew, a co-opted Governor who has been a Governor since February 2015 and Chair of Governors since September 2017. In terms of my professional background, I have experience in a variety of research and public affairs related roles. I am currently a maintenance gardener with aspirations to go into garden design.

My role is to provide support to the school by overseeing and working with the senior leadership team. I meet Ms Wright every two weeks to discuss the current issues facing the school. With the rest of the Governors, we take the responsibility to support the school to ensure it is best equipped to give the children as good an education as possible and is on a firm and stable financial footing. I also work with the senior leadership team to prepare for Ofsted's inspections.

FIND OUT MORE

Ms Wright's COVID-safe Marathon

We recently learned that Ms Wright will be running a COVID-safe version of the London Marathon in early October, raising money for Action for Children. This charity supports children from deprived backgrounds. We wanted to support her and share the details of her fundraising page so please feel free to sponsor her via the following link.

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Ask the governors ?

Now it's your turn to ask us anything that relates to the Governors. We will reply in our next newsletter, in the summer term. Just email andrew.macdonald@mail.com with your questions!

EMAIL US YOUR QUESTIONS

See you then!
John Perryn's Governors