



Newsletter

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Message from the Head Teacher

Despite all the challenges of Covid-19, we have had a very busy half-term in nursery and I am delighted with the progress the children are making. We have included some photographs of the children enjoying their time in school and you can find more by logging onto Tapestry. We have planned lots of exciting activities for the children next half-term, so please make a note of forthcoming events listed at the end of this newsletter.

The children break up for February half-term this week. We look forward to welcoming pupils back on Monday 28th February. I hope you have a relaxing and enjoyable break.

Life Education Visit

During this term, the children have been working on the theme "Ourselves" and finding out about the body, the senses, taking care of ourselves, healthy eating etc. Today the Life Education Roadshow will be visiting the nursery with Harold the Giraffe to work with the children in a fun way to develop these ideas further.

Fruit Boxes

Today all the children will receive a fruit box and recipe book with ideas to encourage children to eat healthy fruit and snacks. Please share photographs of the children on Tapestry making fruit kebabs or smoothies or maybe you have other ideas to encourage our children to enjoy their "five a day".

Parent Consultations

After the holiday we will be holding our parent consultations by telephone. This is your opportunity to talk to the teacher and find out how your child is progressing in nursery and how you can best support your child with their learning at home. A day and time slot will be sent to you by Tapestry.

School Governors

I am always incredibly grateful to our Board of Governors who give their time and skills to support our school through this voluntary but demanding role. We currently have a vacancy for a parent Governor. If you think you may be interested or would like further information, please ask at the office. The closing date for applications is **Wednesday 2nd March 2022**.

School Closure

Sometimes schools must close because of events beyond our control, such as extreme weather conditions. In such circumstances we will communicate closures to parents via text message and on our School Website:

perrybeeches.sch.life

For city wide school closures, please listen to your local radio station or visit the Birmingham City Council website.

School Uniform

We are extremely proud of our school and our school uniform. If parents wish to purchase any school uniform please speak to Mr Guy in the school office.

It is important that all children's clothes and uniform are clearly named especially at this time of the year when children need to be wrapped up warm with hats, scarves and gloves for outside play.

Contact Details

Please ensure your emergency contact details are kept updated. If you have changed your home, work or mobile numbers please inform the school office as soon as possible.

Special Educational Needs or Disabilities

If your child has had paediatric appointments, or diagnosis please share the information with our SENDCo (Mrs Twigg) or your child's class teacher. Information and links to useful webinars to help in understanding the Early Help offer and Occupational Therapy can be found at: www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk

Speech and Language Therapy

Are you concerned about your child's speech and language? Please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance and if needed we can make a referral to the Community Speech and Language Team or organise an assessment with our Speech and Language Therapist, Mrs Newman, based at Marsh Hill Nursery School.

Covid-19

If your child has any of the following symptoms, however mild, they should isolate and you should arrange a Covid test asap. This must be a PCR test, not an LFD test. This can be booked online or by calling 119. **Pupils are not permitted to return to school whilst awaiting a PCR result.**

- a high temperature - this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back
- a new, continuous cough - this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste - this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Please inform school immediately if your child has a positive test for Covid-19.

If the result is negative, and your child no longer has a temperature, they can return to school.

If the result is positive your child must stay at home until they have completed the isolation period.

If they still have a raised temperature at the end of the isolation period, they should not return until better.

Positive LFD test: If your child gets a positive result on a LFD test, but is asymptomatic, they should isolate for a minimum of 5 full days. If their LFD test result is negative on day 5 and 6, your child may return to school on day 6.

Please remember to protect our school community by following government guidelines around mask wearing and social distancing to stop the spread of Coronavirus - **HANDS, SPACE, FACE.**

If you have any queries regarding any of the above, please do not hesitate in contacting a member of the nursery team.

Yours sincerely,

Helen Masaun

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Head Teacher

Calendar Dates Spring Term

Wednesday 16th February 2022	Life Education Workshops
Thursday 17th February 2022	Playhouse Drama Workshop
Friday 18th February 2022	Last Day in School before half term
Mon 21st February—Fri 25th February 2022	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Monday 28th February 2022	School re-opens
Thursday 3rd March 2022	World Book Day
Friday 18th March 2022	Red Nose Day
Wednesday 6th April 2022	Easter Bonnet Parade
Friday 8th April 2022	Last Day in School