

PERCY MAIN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

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After School Club

Despite positive initial interest in this provision, the uptake of places has been disappointing. Working on current numbers this facility will not be financially sustainable so unfortunately, unless numbers improve, this provision will have to end on 2nd February. If you are interested in using the afterschool club in the future please let us know as soon as possible.

Rainbow Room

On Monday this week we welcomed eight toddlers to our Rainbow Room. The children have all settled in beautifully and are enjoying exploring their new learning environment. Mrs Godfrey and Mrs Bland will be issuing a Rainbow Room newsletter to the parents shortly giving all the latest news about the children's wonderful adventures. *Parent/carers can apply for 15 hours of free early education and childcare if their family receives certain benefits. For a list of benefits please call into the school office.*

YEAR 6 - Important Information

This is a reminder for parents of Year 6 pupils transferring to **Norham High School** this year. If you are booking holidays please remember that pupils who are transferring to Norham will leave us 2 weeks before the end of the school year i.e. **their last date at Percy Main will be Friday 06 July**. Attendance at these two transition weeks is **very important**.



There will be an **important meeting** on **Monday 29 January**

at **3.30** for the parents of pupils who are planning to join us for the Robin Wood Residential visit from 9 to 11 March. Mrs Walls will issue a letter early next week giving full details of this visit. This letter will include a kit list, souvenir form and a medical form, these forms should be returned either before or at the meeting on Monday 29 January. The meeting should last approximately 30 minutes. **Please remember that the full amount of £160 must be paid by Friday 9 February.**

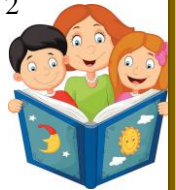
COSTA - SPECIAL INVITATION

Don't forget that our Reception, Y1 and Y2 pupils are invited to take their reading books and their parents to COSTA on the Royal Quays between 3.30 and 4.30 **TONIGHT!** This invitation is to help promote Reading for Pleasure. During the visit the children can enjoy a **FREE Babycino** while parents can enjoy 10% off their purchases. The invitation is also offered to other year groups on the following dates:

Years 3 & 4 Thursday 25 January

Years 5 & 6 Thursday 1 February

Please remember that parents will need to take their children to COSTA, remain with them on site and take them home. A member of our staff will attend to ensure all runs smoothly, but will not be responsible for supervising the children.



Farewell! Mr McQueen

Very soon we will be waving goodbye to Mr McQueen our Site Manager. Mr McQueen has been offered his 'dream job' as Manager of Northumberland Park in North Shields. Mr McQueen has vast experience of grounds/parks maintenance as he worked in that department before joining us at Percy Main in July 2014. We wish Mr McQueen the very best for the future. He has been an enormous asset to our school community and he will be a BIG miss when he leaves us.

Choir Invitation

Our school choir's reputation is growing within the wider community, so much so that they have been invited to sing at the Old Low Lights in North Shields for some important overseas visitors who are visiting North Tyneside tomorrow. Susie Jones our Music Teacher has prepared a lovely programme of music to complement this event and our children have been practicing to get the songs 'note perfect'. We do hope that the visitor enjoy this special musical treat.



Photograph Day SAY CHEESE!



The school photographer will be in School on **WED. 7 February**. The format of the day will remain the same as in previous years, with family groups involving pre-school children first, followed by family groups of children who attend our school, then individual children. **All children will have an individual photograph taken** but if you want a **family group taken please remember to return the form** issued today. Packs start from £7.00 and proofs will be available on the day. Unfortunately, for safeguarding reasons, we cannot take photographs of groups of friends. A letter giving full details has been issued today.

make sure you remember to return them to school before the Library Bus arrives.

Healthy4life change 4 life

Are you worried about your child's weight? Northumbria Healthcare are offering **FREE Healthy4life Clubs**. These clubs offer fun, friendly physical activity and lifestyle sessions for parents/carers and their child at the following venues;

- **The Lakeside Centre** : Tuesday 16 January to Tuesday 27 March from 4.00 – 5.30 (ages 4 -7 years)
- **The Parks Sports Centre** : on Wednesday 17 January – Wednesday 28 March from 4.15 to 6.15 (Ages 8+ years)

To find out more contact Healthy4Life on 0191 643 7454 or email chat@northtyneside.gov.uk



DANCE FESTIVAL

The pupils who attend dance club will represent our school at the North Shields Dance Festival which will take place at The Parks Sports Centre on the evening of **Wednesday 28 February starting at 6.30 p.m.** (the estimated finishing time is 8.00 p.m.) The theme of this year's festival is **'The Living World'** which is linked around topic work currently being done in participating schools. We are planning on entering two groups into the festival. The groups are now arranging the choreography for their dance and our club members will be practicing very hard over the next few weeks. *There will be a full dress rehearsal on Monday 26 Feb (children only).* **Tickets for the festival will be on sale from The Parks Leisure Centre from Thursday 8 February – but please be quick if you want to join us; THESE TICKETS SELL FAST** and last year some parents were disappointed. Ticket prices are £4.00 for adults and £2.00 for children. DVDs are also available and cost £5.00; ideally these should be pre-booked with either Mrs Walls or Mrs Mohun, but can be purchased on the night. *If anyone else would like to join our Dance Club the permission form must be handed in by Monday next week (22 January).*

SATS DATES!



Please remember that the **Y6 KS2 SATs** will commence on Monday **14 MAY 2018**.

These tests take place over the full week so please do not book holidays during this time. Children must sit these tests on the date and time specified; they cannot sit them at a later date. **The KS1 SATs** assessments take place during the summer term and Mrs Walls will keep all Y2 students and their parents informed about the arrangements in due course.

Update Year 2 'In the Dark'



On Monday evening this week our Y2 pupils remained in school at the end of the day to observe what happens in our school grounds after dark. Despite a rather cold and damp evening the pupils enjoyed making nocturnal animals out of pine cones, read stories in the dark about night time using only torch light. Looked at the sky through a telescope. And made Stick men and clay faces (tree guardians) to hang on the trees. They explored our outdoor areas by torchlight, hunted for nocturnal animals and insects, listened to the sounds of the evening. Then to end the evening they gathered around an open fire to enjoy 'Smores' (*these apparently are digestive biscuits sandwiched together with a toasted marshmallow squashed in the middle and they are called Smores because they are so nice that everyone wants 'some more!'*) The children (and adults) all had a brilliant time and thoroughly enjoyed the evening. Thanks must go to Mrs Walls, Mrs Whittle, Miss Lister and Miss Ormston (our student teacher) for giving up their Monday night to enhance our children's understanding of their current topic *'Who's afraid of the dark?'* We must also thank Mr McQueen for preparing our outdoor area ready for this workshop.

Changed your Mobile?



If you were lucky enough to get a new mobile from 'Santa' for Christmas, please don't forget to let us know your new number if it has changed so that we can update our records.

Library Bus Visit



The mobile library bus returns to school **next week on Wednesday 24 January**. If you have taken your books home please

Handouts issued this week;
- Photo permission form