

PERCY MAIN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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# NEWSLETTER

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# WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

# YIPEE!



## After School Club Launched!

We are delighted to announce that our **After-School Club** started this week and places are still available at the moment. Extended schools are designed to help parents balance work and family commitments, whilst providing children with study support and offering them a broader range of experiences and interests. Our club is staff by two experienced members of our Teaching and Learning Staff and a wide range of activities are available. Parents/carers can choose the days they would like their child to attend; you do not have to book for a full week. However please remember that sessions must pre-booked and paid for in advance (£5.50 per session)

## Rainbow Room

Our 2 YEAR OLD PROVISION is now up and running. Our RAINBOW ROOM is now all prepared and fully resourced. We can currently take a maximum of 8 children who will be supervised by Mrs Godfrey the Room Manager and Mrs Bland her Assistant. Mrs Godfrey and Mrs Leslie have been conducting home visits this week and we will be welcoming our first children on Monday next week. We are very excited about offering this new facility and hope that it quickly becomes an integral part of our school provision.

## Changes to Housekeeping Team

Mrs Turrell our Senior Housekeeper has decided to 'hang up her mop' after cleaning our school for an unbelievable 33 years. She has seen many changes during her time at our school, some of which have presented real challenges for the team (i.e. the major refurbishment of the school in 2000). But undaunted she coped with these extraordinary situations in her usual 'no fuss, let's just get on with it' manner. Mrs Turrell takes enormous pride in her job and this is evidenced by the many visitors who comment on how well presented our school is; this high standard is only achieved through the diligence and commitment of Mrs Turrell and her housekeeping staff. We are sure Mrs Doherty and Miss Jolly (our remaining Housekeeping ladies) will miss Mrs Turrell, but we are sure they will do their utmost to maintain her high standards of cleanliness.



But the good news is that we are not waving goodbye to Mrs Turrell entirely. She will carry on playing an important part in our school community by continuing in her role as Midday Supervisor.

## Welcome To Our School

On Monday this week we welcomed some very experienced staff to our school. These are;

- Mrs Rebecca Godfrey – 2 Yr old Room Manager
- Mrs Lyndsey Bland – 2 Yr old Room Assistant
- Miss Katie Sutton – Yr 1 Teaching Assistant
- Mrs Louise Twist – Yr 1 Teacher
- Mrs Joanna Bruce – Nursery Teacher
- Mrs Ylorne Toomy – Higher Level Teaching Assistant - working across school

### We are also delighted to welcome three Teaching and Learning Apprentices

- Miss Emily Rutherford - Reception
- Miss Chloe West - Nursery
- Mr Elliott Davison – Year 2 & Year 1

We are sure these staff will bring many fresh and inspirational ideas to our school community and that you will make them very welcome. We do hope that they enjoy their time with us.

## BREAKFAST CLUB

Please remember that our very popular **Breakfast Club** operates from 8.15 to 8.30 every morning. Unfortunately for safety reasons late arrivals cannot not be admitted.

**Pupils MUST arrive by 8.30 at the latest**



## SATS DATES!

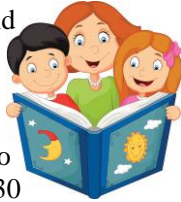
Please remember that the **Yr 6 KS2 SATS** will commence on Monday **14 MAY 2018**.

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 year 2 students and their parents informed about these arrangements in due course.



## COSTA - SPECIAL INVITATION

Next Thursday (18 Jan.) the Manager and staff at COSTA have extended a special invitation to our children in **Reception, Years 1 & 2**. The children are invited to take their parents and reading books to COSTA on the Royal Quays between 3.30 and 4.30. This invitation is to help promote Reading for Pleasure in a nice environment while enjoying a drink. The children can enjoy a **FREE Babyccino** while parents can enjoy 10% off their purchases.



If your child is not in these classes don't worry; the invitation will also be offered to other classes on the following dates: *Years 3 & 4 Thursday 25 January*

*Years 5 & 6 Thursday 1 February*

Miss Duffy will be writing to parents soon giving more details. 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.

## FIRE ALARM TEST

Parents who arrived slightly early on Tuesday afternoon to collect their children will have noticed that they were all lined up on the playground. This was due to a Fire Drill. We have recently made improvements to our Fire Alarm system and had to carry out a test to ensure it was working effectively. We are pleased to tell you that everything worked fine and we are very happy with the new arrangements.



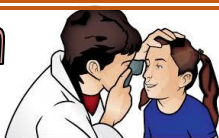
## Family Carol Service

We are sorry for mentioning Christmas again as we have all just returned to school and packed the Christmas decorations away for another year. However we simply had to **thank everyone who came along and joined us for our very first Christmas Carol Concert** which we held on the final afternoon before we broke up for the holidays. We are sure you will agree that the children sang beautifully and Susie Jones (our music teacher) had prepared a lovely programme of carols and Christmas music for us to enjoy. Your participation in this occasion made it a very special and memorable celebration for us all; a perfect way to end the year!



## Vision Tests - Reception

Reception children will have their vision checked on the morning of 30 January by a health practitioner. These tests are very important for your child so please try to ensure they are in school on the day of the tests. A letter has been issued today to parents/carers of Reception children giving full details.



## Lovely coats - no names!

Many of our pupils have returned to school wearing some beautiful new coats, but we have noticed that many of these brand new garments have no names in them. Many of the coats are very similar so **please ensure that you write your child's name in their lovely new coat (even ballpoint pen is OK)**; this will ensure that, if they are mislaid, we can return them to their rightful owner.



### PRE-PRINTED NAME LABELS

Alternatively you can order a pre-printed sheet of 30 iron-on name tags for £3.00 from Emblematic. Just call in to the school office to order or pop along to Emblematic – they print them while you wait.

## Year 2 - In the dark?

At Percy Main we love to encourage 'blue sky' thinking, but our Y2 pupils are turning this on its head by taking part in a 'night sky' experience. The children are invited to remain in school until 5.15 on Monday evening (15 January) to observe what happens in our school grounds when it gets dark. The children will make some animal models out of natural resources then explore the school grounds by torchlight while listening to the sounds of the night. They will end their adventure gathered around the camp fire while enjoying a special treat.

Mrs Walls issued a letter yesterday to parents giving full details of this event; please remember to return the permission slip. This nocturnal adventure will support their current topic 'Who's Afraid of the Dark?' We do hope the children enjoy this very different educational experience.



## School Meals Photo Fun Day

Thursday 18 January

We would like all children who are entitled to a free school meal in Reception, Years 1 & 2 to stay for a school meal on Thursday 18 January as it is our Census Day. They will have a chance of finding a golden ticket and winning a prize on the day. A Fun Day lunch for Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 will cost £2.15. Catering Services consulted pupils about their favourite dishes and they have chosen;



**Sausage or vegetable burger in a bun**

*served with*

**Fries and freshly prepared homemade salads**

*followed by*

**Ice cream delight or Forest fruits juice.**

*Special diets will be catered for.*

Handouts issued this week;

- NCMP information (Rec & Yr 6 only)
- Vision Tests (Rec only)