



PERCY MAIN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

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School will be **closed on Monday next Week (7 May) for the May Bank Holiday.** School will re-open at 9.00 a.m. on Tuesday 8 May.

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY

SPORTS DAY

Unfortunately we have had to re-arrange Sports Day which was to be held on Thurs. 14 June. **This will now be held on Friday 15 June.** We do apologies for any inconvenience this has caused.



30 Hours Nursery Places

Following the interest expressed in our recent survey we have decided to offer 30 hour nursery places from September 2018. **Both paid and free places will be available.** The cost of the paid places has yet to be confirmed. You will be eligible for the 30-hour funded childcare offer if you earn more than the equivalent of 16 hours at the national living wage or minimum wage per week: for example, £120 per week if you are 25 or older. There is no requirement to work a certain amount of hours per week – it is all about how much you earn. You can find out further information from the government website;



<https://www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/free-childcare-and-education-for-2-to-4-year-olds>

Free places are dependent upon your families working hours and income. If you would like to take up the offer of a free place you must first create a Government Gateway account.

<https://www.gov.uk/government-gateway>

After your Gateway Account is created you will be able to access 'Childcare Choices'; this is where you register to obtain your code.

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

If you wish to take up this offer of a funder (free) place in September 2018 you must apply no later than **the end of June, so that you get your code in good time.**

Parents who already have an eligibility code must reconfirm their eligibility for 30 hours every 3 months. The Autumn term runs from 1st Sept to 31st December. Any parents who do not get a 30 hour eligibility code **before** 1st Sept 2018, will have to wait until January to take up 30 hours.

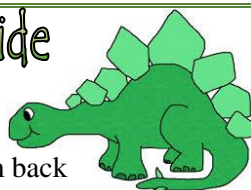
For more information visit the **Childcare Choices website** <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

Robin Wood Assembly

Mrs Walls has very kindly re-arranged the date for the special Robin Wood assembly. This will now take place next Friday (11 May) at 2.30 p.m. If you would like to see what adventures our children were involved in, why not come along and join us.

Rec - Magic Carpet Ride

Our **RECEPTION CLASS** went on a *Magical Carpet Ride* this week which transported them back in time to 67 million years ago when dinosaurs roamed the land. Their mission was to help the little green dinosaur, who lives in the class, find his mummy. Our intrepid time travellers had to learn how to walk like a dinosaur wearing huge 'dino' feet. Then to keep them safe on this perilous journey they had to learn some fascinating dinosaur facts e.g. *dinosaurs laid eggs, some dinosaurs like Stegosaurus had plates along their backs and lots of dinosaurs only ate plants.* They discovered that there were lots of different types of dinosaurs and decided which was their favourite, which was the scariest and which was the largest. Then their imagination ran wild as they discovered what happened when Unicorns and Dinosaurs clashed! As a result of all this hard work, the class successfully managed to reunite the little green dinosaur with his lost mummy.



Now all this sound enormous fun, but there was a serious side. Exploring the world of dinosaurs encourages children to use creative thinking; no one really knows what these creatures looked like or how they sounded so the children had to use their imagination. It also helps language development as pupils learn new words as an alternative to 'big' i.e. huge, enormous and gigantic, and strange words like fossils and extinct. This really was a super week for the pupils, where fun and excitement supported structured and creative learning. *Well done Reception; a great week's work!*

BIG THANK YOU!

We have a special **BIG THANK YOU** to give this week. **Max** who is in our afternoon Nursery sorted out his toys and donated a super selection of good quality resources to our Rainbow Room. The children (and staff) were delighted with these gifts. *Many thanks Max for being so thoughtful.*



Royal Wedding

Don't forget that we will be holding our very own celebrations for the Royal Wedding however our celebrations will also support a very worthwhile Local Charity. We will take part in **THE BIG BAKE** in aid of St Oswald's Hospice so all classes will be baking at some point during week commencing Monday 14 May. Their show stopping culinary sensations will be on sale during the afternoon of **Friday 18 May**. Parents/carers are also welcome to donate a cake to The Big Bake (*any cake donations should be brought to school on the morning of Friday 18 May*). To make this an even greater celebration children (and adults) can come to school wearing Red, White and Blue for a **donation of 50p**. All the money raised will be sent to St Oswalds.



Exemplar Education

Exemplar Education provides an online numeracy and literacy support programme aimed at families who wish to do something extra at home in support of schoolwork. We have issued letters to every child today (Reception to Year 6) which give details of their programme. Please, return your form by **Tuesday 15 May** (*the forms will be collected on Wednesday 16 May*).



Order Uniforms NOW!

Please order your uniforms NOW for September.

Order through school - If you use our order forms and place your order at school the closing date is **Friday 15 June**. This will ensure that orders are delivered to school before we close for the summer holidays. (*Please remember that we must have cash with order*)

Online Orders - If you use the online ordering system orders must be placed by **Wednesday 1 August**. These orders will be delivered to your home address before September. It is simple to order and pay online. Just go to Emblematic's website <http://emblematic.co.uk>. Click on the tab '**Online Only Schools**', you will find our school in the drop down list.

You can of course order after these dates but Emblematic cannot guarantee delivery before September.



Sunflower Challenge

We are delighted that we have been invited to join North Tyneside's '**Blooming Marvellous**' Sunflower Challenge and our pupils in Nursery, Year 2 and Year 4 have jumped at the chance to take part. The seeds, compost and planters arrived at school on Tuesday and the pupils are eager to get planting. The aim is obviously to grow the tallest sunflower, and although we are competing against other schools /organisations, we also think that there is a growing sense of competition between our three classes. We will let you know which class wins, and more importantly how we get on in the competition as there are three super prizes to win;

- 1st prize – Fully designed and installed Bio Diversity Garden
 - 2nd prize - £200 gift voucher
 - 3rd prize - £100 gift voucher
- So, if anyone has any secret tips on how to grow giant sunflowers we are sure the pupils would love to hear from you.



Summer Safety

Sun Screen & Sun Hats - During the Summer months our older children can bring **sun screen** with them and apply it themselves during the day. Younger children should have the lotion applied by their parents before leaving for school. All children should bring a **sun hat** with them every day because there is very little shade in our outdoor areas.

Shoes - Sometimes, children are tempted to wear sandals in the warmer weather, but these are not really appropriate for school due to safety reasons and are not school uniform. Children's toes can easily receive injuries if not protected by sturdy shoes. Some of our younger children cannot tie their own shoelaces. If your child has difficulty tying their laces it would be very helpful if their shoes had Velcro fasteners.



Attendance Matters Did You Know....?

...every school day counts!

- For every day of school missed by a pupil it will reduce their attendance by 0.5%.
- Ten whole days of school has been missed if your child has 95% attendance.
- Twenty whole days of school has been missed if a pupil's attendance is 90%.
- By the time a pupil is persistently absent (85% attendance) they have missed 6 weeks or half a term of schooling.

Regular attendance at school is vital to help children achieve and get the best possible start in life. Children who frequently miss school often fall behind and there is a strong link between good school attendance and achieving good results.

We all want our pupils to achieve their full potential – please support us by ensuring your child attends school regularly.

Handouts this week;
- Exemplar Education leaflets (Rec to Year 6 only)
- Holiday Sport Camp leaflet (Rec to Year 6 only)