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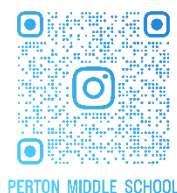
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NEWSLETTER 02.05.25

Welcome back to the summer term. I hope you all had a relaxing Easter break. We begin with a very short half-term, but it will be action packed as ever. We have started the term with our new behaviour procedures and next week, we will commemorate VE day. From the 12th – 15th May, Y6 will sit their SATS tests and in the second half-term, we have sports day, transition days and a number of school trips to look forward to.

We have also welcomed Miss Lumley, our new Music teacher, who started with us this week, and we anticipate lots of opportunities in this area, including our participation in Young Voices next year.

The weather has been very kind to us this week and if we are lucky enough to experience similar conditions as we move through the summer term, I would like to take this opportunity to request that children bring hats and apply sun cream. We allow children to fill up water bottles at break and lunch time so a named water bottle is very useful. In extreme temperatures, prefects will also visit classrooms in the afternoon to top up bottles with fresh water and we will make concessions to school uniform which we will announce to students and families at the time.

We look forward to working with you over this term and thank you in advance for your continued support.

Michelle Burrington,
Headteacher

SCHOOL DISCO



We will be having a disco on the 15th May. This will be split in to two sessions, one for KS2 students and another for KS3. We will send a separate letter next week with the finer details.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Thurs 8th May VE Day event
- Mon 12th- Thurs 15th May – Year 6 SATS
- Thurs 15th May school disco
- Mon 12th- Fri 16th May – Mental Health Awareness Week

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK

For Mental Health Awareness Week this year, our students will be exploring and discussing the importance of community.



If your child needs support with their mental health, please do let us know. You can also access support from our local Mental Health in Schools Team, an NHS-funded service to support children and young people in Staffordshire their mental health and well-being.

MEDICAL INFORMATION

We have had a number of enquiries recently about a range of medical conditions and how they can be managed in school. In view of this, it would seem to be a timely point to share key information again and to make a plea to parents and carers to keep us up to date regarding any medical conditions affecting your child which it would be useful for us to know.

It is always helpful to know of any medical conditions affecting students as it means that we can make reasonable adjustments to their care during the day if appropriate. If they have a more complex need which has been diagnosed by a medical practitioner, parents and carers are asked to complete an Individual Health Care Plan which we will discuss with you and prepare for use in school. Some medical conditions will require the administration of medicines during the school day. However, this can only be done if we have written consent from parents/carers and the medication has been prescribed by a medical practitioner and requires administering 4 or more times during a day.



All medications meeting these criteria should be **named and in their original packaging**. Under no circumstances are we able to administer non-prescription medication. If your child requires non-prescription medication during the day, we would ask that parents/carers come in to school to administer it. Emergency medication such as inhalers and diabetes treatments will be kept in school as needed.

If you require further information, please contact our medical officer, Miss Jones, who will be able to answer any question you may have. If you need to update your child's medical records, please email office@ or call reception on 01902 758244.

SATS

From the 12th – 15th May, Y6 will take their end of key stage tests in Maths and English. We have practised the routines for this week a number of times to alleviate anxiety about the process and the children have worked very hard and many are now 'chomping at the bit' to get them done.

- Monday - Grammar, punctuation and spelling test
- Tuesday – Reading test
- Wednesday – Maths Paper 1 and 2
- Thursday – Maths Paper 3

If your child is a member of Y6, please send them with a bottle of water (no labels or writing) and a blue or black pen or a pencil they feel comfortable with. We will provide toast each morning and time to chat with friends before we move to the classrooms allocated for the tests.

Although the formal testing is completed by the 15th May, the assessment of writing continues until the end of June when we have to submit their writing grades based on very stringent and wide-ranging criteria to the local authority. This grade is

evidenced over a number of pieces of writing so it is important that children are in school. We wish all of them the best of luck.

**KEEP
CALM
AND
DO YOUR
BEST**

BEHAVIOUR CHANGES



We are pleased to let you know that we have launched our planned behaviour changes this week, including the introduction of uniform cards for Key Stage 3 students.

The response from students has been very positive. We have held several assemblies to clearly explain the changes and

expectations, and students have engaged well with the new routines.

If you are unsure about any of the updates, please refer to the letter sent out earlier this week, or feel free to contact your child's form tutor for clarification.

We will be activating the behaviour section of Synergy next week, which will allow parents and carers to monitor behaviour more closely. Please look out for further information on how to access this feature and if you have still not registered, please let us know if you need any support to do so.

We're also pleased to share that a large number of house points have been awarded this week in recognition of students' positive behaviour and engagement and we were able to give out a larger number of rewards in our celebration assembly today.

We thank you for your continued support as we work together to create a calm, respectful, and focused learning environment.



VE DAY

To commemorate VE Day (Victory in Europe Day), we are delighted to announce that we will be holding a special picnic lunch at school on Thursday 8th May.



This is a wonderful opportunity for students to come together, enjoy the fresh air, and reflect on this important historical occasion. To help mark the day, students are welcome to come to school dressed in red, white, and blue in celebration of the end of World War II in Europe.

Rather than asking for a monetary donation, we would like to ask families to **donate a non-perishable food item** instead, which will be donated to a local food bank

Students may either bring their own picnic lunch from home or choose a school lunch 'grab a bag' option, which will include either fish and chips or vegetarian fish fingers. Weather permitting, we hope to enjoy our lunch outside.

We look forward to an informative and respectful event that honours the significance of VE Day while allowing our students to share in a sense of community and remembrance.

