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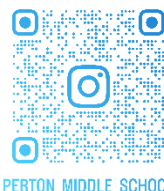
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Welcome back to the Summer Term - we hope you had an enjoyable Easter break despite the slightly drizzly weather. The new term has got off to a busy start with a whole school assembly focussing on school culture and valuing each other and our school environment; Year 7 journeyed off to Worcester to visit the Commandery where they were praised for their behaviour and participation, Year 6 footballers (boys) played a very successful qualifier, Y8 girls spent time with a visiting rugby coach and we hosted the South Staffordshire SEND network with a range of professionals sharing good practice and advice.

The countdown has also begun for the performance of the school show 'Seussical, The Musical' with increased rehearsal opportunities being planned and visits from lighting professionals to help us on our way. The ARC members have also begun creating the ARC garden which promises to be a special space for all to enjoy.

Mrs. Burrington

ANTI-BULLYING: WHAT IS BULLYING?



This term, we are focusing on strengthening the sense of place and belonging of our students within Perton Middle School. We want to develop a shared understanding with parents and students of what bullying is (and isn't) and how we can work together, as a community, to prevent and respond to bullying.

Each newsletter will include information and tips for parents/carers and students. So, what is bullying? According to the Anti-Bullying Alliance, bullying is "The repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power. Bullying can be physical, verbal or psychological. It can happen face-to-face or online."

We are aware of increasing problems involving social media, so please do check your child's phone and make sure they understand how to stay safe online.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mon 1st May – Early May bank holiday
- Mon 8th May bank holiday for the Coronation of King Charles III
- Tues 9th – Fri 12th May – Year 6 SATs week

ONLINE SAFETY UPDATE



We have been informed that children and young people have been able to access inappropriate content on Roblox. This includes games plus unmoderated chatrooms on the themes of mental health, suicide and self-harm. Streamers are also sharing some of this content on platforms such as YouTube. Despite the majority of Roblox users being under 16, Roblox have failed to remove most of these harmful games from the platform at this time. Visit <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping.../reporting-abuse/report/> (NSPCCs child protection helpline for help, advice, and guidance.)

COMMANDERY VISIT

On Tuesday and Thursday last week, Year 7 students visited The Commandery Civil War museum in Worcester. Students were able to discover in a more hands on way what life was like in Stuart times, how the different soldiers prepared for battle and even the gruesome medical practices used to treat the injured soldiers. The students were an absolute credit to us, asking sensible questions and giving thoughtful answers. A good time was had by all with one student describing it as "the best school day ever!"



DID YOU KNOW...?

Did you know that any child with attendance below 90% is classed as a persistent absentee? We understand that illness is unavoidable but VIP Education advise administering paracetamol and sending your child to school for non-sickness related bugs with mild symptoms. Children who regularly miss school are more likely to:

- fall behind with their school work
- experience friendship difficulties
- do less well in their exams
- be involved in antisocial behaviour or crime

FRENCH



The students in Year 7 have been having great fun (whilst improving both their language and acting skills) preparing and presenting a role play in French all about who stole the Mona Lisa!

STUDENT NEWS

HOUSE POINTS

Challenger - 1957

Discovery - 1670

Endeavour - 1519

Enterprise - 2000

COULD YOUR CHILD BE A YOUNG CARER?

If your child helps care for a family member with disabilities, mental health or substance mis-use issues (and/or takes on additional tasks around the home due to these issues), they could be a young carer.

Staffordshire Together for Carers Service

Could you be a YOUNG CARER?

Do you help look after someone in your family who is unwell, disabled, have a mental health or substance misuse issue. Do you...

It is estimated there are **700,000** Young Carers in the UK, many unaware of the impact that caring is having on their lives.

Do the shopping, Clean, Pay bills, Look after brothers or sisters, Help with gardening, Cheer someone up, Cook, Help give emotional support.

If so, then you could be a Young Carer, and we can help you. You are not alone, about **one in 12** high school students are Young Carers. If you think you are a Young Carer there is support available. Letting someone in school or us know could help you get some support. Staffordshire Together For Carers supports Young Carers aged 5-18 through information, advice, one to one and group activities.

In your school you can speak to:

For support or more information please contact support: Staffordshire Together for Carers T: 0300 303 0621 E: enquiries@staffordshiretogetherforcarers.org.uk

To access a Young Carer's Assessment contact: Staffordshire County Council Young Carers' Team T: 01785 278444 E: firstcontact@staffordshire.gov.uk

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Please contact us if you feel a referral to the young carers team might benefit your child.

STRIKE ACTION

For information regarding forthcoming strike action, please see our [letters page](#) on the school website.