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Welcome back to the second half of the Spring term. As ever, we are gearing up for a busy half term ahead. At this point of the year, our thoughts start to turn to transition and plans are being made to welcome our new Year 5s and to prepare our current Y8s for the changes they will experience as they move to High School. Year 6 SATS take place in May and we are very proud of the way that Y6 have been working hard and how they approached their January mocks calmly and maturely.

We have another round of mocks from March 17th. We do this for a number of reasons, but primarily to familiarise the children with the process, so that there are no nerve-racking surprises on the day although I did read about one primary school where a pigeon flew in to their exam room during an English test; I can only imagine the excitement that must have caused. It also helps us to plan our teaching to ensure that we tackle any troublesome areas and of course enables us to check for areas where we may not be pigeonproof!

We look forward to the launch of our new communication system, Synergy from Monday 3rd March and we will be in touch to ask for your feedback and input as we review our behaviour policy and procedures. We look forward to working with you and I would take this opportunity to remind you that if you have any questions relating to school and your child, please contact us. We are aware that a small number of people prefer to voice their queries or hearsay on social media sites, but this often leads to inaccurate and misleading information being shared by people who are not privy to the correct information. We have met or had phone calls with many parents and carers so far this term and we feel that it really important for building strong links between home and school which is when we know children flourish best.

We look forward to hearing from you and hope that you will join us for our KS3 (Y7 and 8) showcase where everyone is welcome, especially parents and carers of KS2 children, to see what we have to offer at this stage of your child's educational journey.





UPCOMING EVENTS

- Tues 4th Mar KS3 Showcase 3:30pm-5:00pm
- Thurs 6th Mar World Book
 Day (dress up as a book
 character)
- Mon 17th- Thurs 20th Mar Year 6 mock SATS

PTFA NEWS



We are still looking for volunteers to join our PTFA. We would very much like to be able to offer discos and other social events, but we need sufficient volunteers for such events to go ahead. If you are interested in joining us, even in the smallest capacity, please let us know – any support will be warmly welcomed.

If this is something you would like to find out more about or you would like to join, please email: <u>office@sslp.uk</u>

MORAL DILEMMAS





Year 7 students have been working in small groups to respond to a number of moral dilemmas as well as respond to

each other in RE! Excellent teamwork and oracy skills demonstrated, well done!

YEAR 6 VISIT TO RAF COSFORD

On Monday 10th February, the whole of year 6 went to visit RAF Cosford to enhance their learning about World War Two. It was an enjoyable but very cold day so we made the most of the indoor exhibits and the



We all took part in a workshop about the Homefront where we able to handle some historical artefacts including gas masks, ration books and air- raid warden helmets. Some children tried on real clothes from the era and looked very smart in their uniforms. We all learned a lot from the workshops and they really helped bring our history knowledge to life. Well done year 6 - you were Impeccably behaved and made us all proud to be Perton!

TABLE CRICKET CHAMPIONS

A team of KS3 students visited Westcroft School this week to take part in a table cricket competition against other local schools. They played exceptionally well and won all 5 of their matches.



HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL

A small group of Perton Middle students joined in with Codsall High's production of High School Musical. They were all fantastic!



SOCIAL MEDIA WARNING

Recently, we have been contacted by a number of concerned parents about the proliferation of WhatsApp groups and the affect these are having on their children. These are leading to friendship issues which are affecting the children at school, and in some cases, have led to safeguarding concerns being raised.

Please ensure you talk to your child about online safety, put parental controls on place and regularly check your child's phone to monitor their online activity.

If you see anything of concern,

please report this to your local PCSOs or other appropriate authority. You can <u>find</u> <u>further</u> <u>guidance</u> here.



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