

Perton Middle School

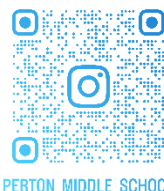
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NEWSLETTER 07.06.24

As we move through the final seven weeks of term, I am sure we will all find time to reflect on the year gone by and just how quickly it has passed. During this term, staff become quite nostalgic as we look at the young people in Year 8 who are preparing to leave us to undertake the next stage of their education and think back to when they started here as eager nine-year-olds. It is one of the greatest privileges of our position to see them grow and change. But just as we must prepare to say farewell to them, we also prepare to welcome our new year 5 children and the many others who join us in different year groups. This is an exciting and busy time in the school year.

I would like to thank you for your support this year. The position of Acting Headteacher has been a fantastic opportunity and I am thrilled that this position has now been made permanent. There are many plans for this part of the Summer Term and we are planning carefully for the Autumn Term, too. As ever, your feedback is welcome and valued and I would encourage you to make contact with us as strong links between home and school make a huge difference to the experience we can offer. Form tutors are generally the first port of call, but all staff are available via email or reception. Along with other staff, I am often at the school gate at the beginning and end of school, so please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or thoughts you'd like to share.

There are a number of trips taking place this half-term and competitions: we have reached the final of the Big Ideas competition where a group of students will be travelling to The Science Museum in London (normally this event is held in Westminster, but has been moved this year due to the general election) to compete and we also have a group of students in a Robotics final hosted at Cambridge University. We are incredibly proud of all those taking part and wish them the best of luck. Please check our website for letters relating to any other events.

Mrs. Burrington,

Headteacher

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Weds 19th-Fri 21st June - Year 6 Standon Bowers residential
- Thurs 27th -Sat 29th June – Aladdin Jr performances
- Fri 5th July – Sports Day

SPORTS DAY

We would like to share our sports day date with you which is scheduled for the 5th July. If we are unlucky with the weather, we have a reserve date of the 10th July.

The event will showcase track events - KS3 events will take place in the morning and KS2 in the afternoon. Students will be competing to win points for their houses and the events will include individual races and relays. We will also throw in some old favourites to add to the fun.

We will send out a letter with all the details nearer the time.



SCHOOL UNIFORM

We recognise that the school year is nearing its close, but we aim to maintain high standards until the very end in order to sustain good behaviour and positive attitudes to work. If your child is out-growing an item of uniform, please contact us as we might be able to provide a suitable replacement. We would like to avoid trainers creeping in and skirts becoming shorter than our mid-thigh rule.

During the summer term, students are able to wear tailored shorts (not sports shorts, cargo or jersey ones) and we will make concessions regarding ties during the school day if the weather does ever get too hot. In the event of sunny weather, please send your child with a hat and sunscreen.

SMART WATCHES

**SMARTWATCHES
HAVE NO PLACE
IN OUR
CLASSROOMS**



Please note that SMART watches should not be worn for school as camera-enabled devices and unmonitored access to the internet can cause the safeguarding issues as mobile phones do. There are a number of other potential risks such as location tracking, causing distractions at school and the danger of theft.

Your support is very much appreciated with this issue.

ARC ECO CLUB

The first ARC Eco-club session involved the students sharing their ideas about how we can improve the school environment. They came up with a number of suggestions such as creating wildlife habitats, educating others about single-use plastics and making bird feeders and nest boxes.



They also helped to plant the final trees in our Coronation orchard. These trees were kindly donated by the Veolia Orchard project. This project is supported by Veolia's Sustainable Schools programme. Each orchard is intended to become a learning resource for students, empowering them to improve their local environment and combat climate change.

We now have 8 pear and apple trees planted in a semi-circle to represent a 'C' for King Charles. The students plan to write to the King to let him know about this.

ASTHMA



If your child has a diagnosis of asthma, they should have a reliever inhaler in school at **all**

times and must take it with them when on school trips. This applies, even if your child has 'mild' asthma, as asthma attacks can be unpredictable.

As peak hay fever season approaches, asthma symptoms may be more severe, especially after playing out on the field.

Please check the expiry date, as out-of-date inhalers may be less effective. Details of treating asthma attacks in children can be found here.

ROAD SAFETY

We regularly talk to our students about the importance of road safety. However, we occasionally have reports of unsafe behaviour, especially on Gainsborough Drive. This has included children cycling down the middle of the road, playing 'chicken' and crossing the road without looking.

Please talk to your children about the risks they may be taking and remind them how to walk/cycle safely to and from school.

For more information and road-safety resources visit:
<https://www.think.gov.uk/education-resources/>

