



Perton Middle School

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Christmas Newsletter 2020

It goes without saying that this term has been a term without precedent.

We have been challenged like never before, all of us in our different ways. When we went into our first lockdown in the Spring I spoke to the staff about how challenging times can often bring the very best out of people and I'm delighted to say that we have seen the very best from both our pupils and our staff throughout this term and beyond.

I could not be more proud of the ways in which we have found new ways of working, new ways of supporting each other and new ways of getting the best from each other.

I hope that as we move into 2021 we have some light at the end of the tunnel and some semblance of normality returning to all of our lives. That is my hope and wish for all of us.

In the meantime I wish you all as good a Christmas as it's possible to have and brighter, more normal New Year!

Mr Harding
Executive Headteacher





Dear Parents and Carers

Writing my end of 2020 letter feels a momentous moment. At the start of 2020 very few people would have predicted the way this year would go. As a school community we have grown and changed in ways we could never have imagined a few months ago. In addition to learning to teach virtually, to provide pastoral support remotely and to move 450 students around a building without ever mixing two year groups! We have learnt the strength of our school community and how much we value the opportunity to be together. The empty classrooms in April and May starkly highlighted how our building is just a shell without the young people to bring it to life.

I am so proud of how resilient and determined our school community has been. When there has been national uncertainty our classrooms have been places of certainty. When so much in every day life felt different, school felt reassuringly familiar. As many nationally and globally despaired... we celebrated achievements, marked milestones and encouraged the students to reflect on what they do well.

We were able to do that because of the amazing way students and staff have responded to the challenges brought about by the additional safety measures. As you will see from the newsletter we have not sat in our classrooms feeling defeated by the national restrictions. We looked at what we could do and we made the best of it. There is an awful lot to celebrate this academic year already. As a community Perton Walked 1000 miles! Raising £432.40 for Children in Need in the process. Our student leadership team represented our school community during our local Acts of Remembrance and we raised £205.95 for The Royal British Legion.

Celebration assemblies have continued this term and we have gathered virtually to celebrate the amazing work happening in our classrooms and at home in student's Knowledge Banks.

I must end by saying a huge and very sincere thank you to you all for your continued support. Whilst it will be a very different celebration this year I wish you and your families a very happy and peaceful Christmas and look forward to working together in 2021 to ensure the very best for the young people in our community.

Alex Dudge
Headteacher

Temporary Amendment to Uniform Policy

A key part of our Covid Risk Assessment is that classrooms must remain well ventilated spaces. This means that windows and doors remain open even when the weather is cold. With this in mind we are putting two temporary amendments to our Uniform policy:

- Students are encouraged to wear plain white base layers under their school shirts. These layers will trap heat and help keep students warm. The base layers must be plain white, printed t-shirts are not allowed.
- Students may wear a pair of plain flat black boots under their trousers. This rule applies to trousers only and boots should not be worn with skirts. We encourage students to wear warm socks inside their boots.

If KS3 students still have a school jumper or cardigan that fits comfortably under their blazer they can wear both over the winter.

We do not intend to allow students to wear coats inside as a rule. This is because it is very difficult to write comfortably whilst wearing a coat. However, we will continue to monitor this and on especially cold days, if necessary, students will be allowed to wear their coats all day. With this in mind please make sure your child brings a coat to school every day.

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First Day Absence

It is important on the first day of your child's absence, to call or leave a message before 9:00am with the school explaining their absence. Many thanks.



Water bottle and snack for break time

A lot of students are forgetting to bring in a water bottle and a snack for break time, please could you remind your child.



Lost Property

A gentle reminder about lost property. We are still having a large amount of lost property in school, could you please make sure that all clothing including coats and general items are labelled clearly with name tags, as this helps greatly with the return of items to the rightful owner.



Letters

Often students will forget to pass on letters to parents, so we advise you to check the website regularly: www.pertonmiddle.com



School Start Time

There is some concern that some pupils are arriving very late at school, often after the morning bell has gone.

Students should arrive before their bells, classes begin at 8:30—KS2
8:40—KS3.



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Programmes for Parents

**4- week Understanding and Managing Challenging Behaviour Pro-
gramme**

Topics include: Anger, Defiance, Anxiety, Low Self Esteem

Start Date: Wednesday 20th January 2021

10-11am

Parent Wellbeing Workshop

Topics include: Emotional Wellbeing, Building Confidence

Date: Monday 22nd February 2021

10-11am

To book your place please email your **name, date of programme and telephone number** to raminderdhalwal.fss@sctsp.org.uk or text/phone with your **name, date of programme and email address** to **07741645691**

Once you have booked you will be sent instructions on how to access the Workshop/Programme.



Bikeability Training

Year 5 and Year 7 had the opportunity to complete the Bikeability level 2 and 3 awards in November.

Maybe just maybe with all this walking and cycling the children won't need to be dropped off by car. Lets start to keep our roads clear around the school.

Year 5 Art Project

What a lovely winter wonderland to brighten up our corridor, our Year 5 pupils have produced for their art projects.

Spot the penguin!



Together Perton can walk 1000 Miles

Congratulations to the many families who took part in the 1000 miles challenge.



Dates for your Diary.

Dates correct at time of going to print— latest information is shown on the website.

Thursday 17th December	Christmas Holiday School Closed to Students
Monday 4th January 2021	School open to students
Thursday 14th January 2021	Year 8 HPV Vaccinations
Monday 18th January 2021	Year 6 Mock SATs
Thursday 28th January 2021	Year 6 Parents Evening
Thursday 25th February 2021	Year 8 parents Evening
Monday 5th April 2021	Easter Holidays School Closed to Students
Monday 19th April 2021	School open to students



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