



NEWSLETTER

12th June 2017

“It doesn’t matter how slow you go as long as you don’t stop”

Dear Parents/Carers

Attendance

Week beginning 22 nd May:	Ocean	97.7%
Week beginning 5 th June:	Mulberry	99.2%

Praise Assemblies

The following pupils received certificates in our recent assemblies: Well done to them all!

“Star of the Half Term” – 25th/26th May

“Teachers Choice” – 8th/9th June

Poppy	Aleena Aldardanji
Ruby	Darcy Wharton
Marmalade	Sam Palangiantabari
Amber	Karina Kaur
Sunflower	Jaidon Singh
Buttercup	Isabella Powell
Emerald	Tilly Tudgay
Willow	Lucas Povey
Ocean	Hannah Fairbrother
Sapphire	Daisy Dosanjh
Mulberry	Aidan Niblock

Poppy	Jashnpreet Kaur <i>Improvement in writing</i>
Ruby	Ayesha Qayyum <i>Increased confidence towards learning</i>
Marmalade	Kawsu Danso <i>Improved confidence</i>
Amber	Jacob O’Hara <i>Perseverance</i>
Sunflower	Harrie Takhar <i>Effort</i>
Buttercup	Sarah Weaver <i>Confident learner and brilliant role model!</i>
Emerald	Archie Harkin-Jacques <i>Applying himself to learning</i>
Willow	Ayshia Whyne <i>Always being at her best</i>
Ocean	Jamal Osman <i>Improved effort in class</i>
Sapphire	Charlotte Colclough <i>Handwriting and presentation</i>
Mulberry	Bethany Hale <i>Improved writing</i>

Leading Parent Partnership Award

At Perryfields, we are always trying to improve our home school links and to help with this we are in the process of renewing the above award. We would value any input that parents and pupils would like to make to support this process.

Perryfields High School

We understand that our Year Six children who are going to Perryfields High in September received an invitation from them to attend Welcome Days before the school year has finished. We apologise for any confusion this may have caused, we were not aware of these dates and suggest you contact the high school if you have any queries.

‘Eat Well For Less?’

The BBC One prime time series ‘Eat Well For Less?’ is currently casting for the fifth series and are on the lookout for fun and lively families who would like to save some money on their weekly shop and eat more healthily. If you may be interested in appearing on the programme, get in touch to apply or find out more – Tel: 0117 970 7661, eatwell@rdftv.com, www.facebook.com/EatWellForLess.

Attendance

The Department for Education has changed the definition of “persistent absence” to deal with the reality of pupil absenteeism in schools and its impact on their learning. DfE figures show that missing 15% of lessons per year is equivalent to having a month off school every year. School age pupils are classed as persistent absentees if they miss more than 10% of their possible sessions in a school year. Having monitored our recent figures for persistent absence, for the first time in a number of years, it has been flagged as an issue with the Attendance and Prosecution Service. We take the matter of attendance and punctuality seriously, therefore, with immediate effect, if your child’s attendance drops to 92% we will no longer authorise absences without medical evidence. We hope that you will support us in this matter so that your child can hope to make the progress of which they are capable.

Health & Safety – Message from a Parent

“Today we live in two worlds, offline and online. Where we as adults know how to be safe, our children unfortunately don’t seem to understand the full extent of the dangers, even when we have sat with them so many times and school has taught them about online safety. The message does not seem to be getting across to them how we think it will. I have sat with my children so many times and explained the dangers, I’d like to think I am very ‘tech savvy’, but sadly over the holidays my worst nightmare happened when I discovered an older man had been talking to my child online in an inappropriate manner. I was devastated. After all this time thinking she was aware about being safe online, she actually didn’t fully understand. www.nspcc.org.uk has a link for parents with very helpful tips, which includes a great family agreement template which can help with online behaviour and safety. So, I guess I’m asking you to ask yourselves as parents of young, vulnerable children; do you know WHO they are talking to? Who is talking to them? And what they are downloading/watching?”

Please note we have arranged for a theatre company to perform a play this Friday to highlight internet safety and cyber bullying. This will be children in Years Two to Six.

School Uniform/P.E. Kit

It has become evident that standards are dropping with regards to uniform. Can we remind you that all children must wear black/brown school shoes, not trainers and bottle green v-neck jumpers/cardigans and not ‘hoodies’. School uniform should be as follows;

Girls

- Grey skirt, pinafore dress or trousers, white blouse and school tie
- A green gingham dress in summer
- Green cardigan, jumper or v-neck sweatshirt
- Green fleece (for outdoor use only)
- Black or brown sensible shoes **not boots**
- Grey or green tights or white socks
- Hair bands etc. in school colours
- NO make-up, nail varnish or jewellery

Boys

- Grey trousers, white shirt and school tie
- Green jumper or v-neck sweatshirt
- Green fleece (for outdoor use only)
- Black or brown sensible shoes
- No jewellery

We will be monitoring the situation and any child not adhering to the policy on numerous occasions will receive a letter giving specific details of incorrect uniform.

It is a legal requirement that Primary School children take part in at least 2 hours of physical activity per week. However, there is a growing number of children who are missing P.E. lessons as they do not have their kit in school. Children need to have a complete P.E. kit in school at all times, which consists of a P.E. top in their house colour, black shorts and black school P.E. pumps. The outdoor kit consists of the same P.E. top, black or grey tracksuit and sports trainers. Children are not permitted to take part in P.E. with earrings in and we are not allowed to cover them with plasters or tape. All long hair must be tied up on P.E. days. These rules are in accordance with Sandwell’s School Health and Safety Policy.

Yours sincerely,

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