

## Autumn Term Highlights 2018

**What have the Governing Body been up to?** During the Autumn term, several governors from Perry Hall attended the Services for Schools Governor Conference, in Wolverhampton. The day provided an opportunity to attend various presentations, workshops and also the chance to discuss school leadership with other governors from the local area. In addition to this, Governors have met with leaders within school to discuss the impact of teaching on children's learning, and attended Parents' Evening to meet with parents and carers. Governors also enjoyed the Christmas, Diwali and Christingle performances.

### Mrs Lesley Fergusson

After 18 years at Perry Hall, Mrs Fergusson has decided that is time to retire to spend more time with her family. During her time at Perry Hall she has been a staff governor for many years and has also supported the PTA. We would like to say a special thank you for her invaluable contribution to Perry Hall.

### Extra-curricular visits and activities

Our pupils have been on many exciting trips this term, to places such as Cannock Chase and Bantock House. Many pupils have also enjoyed going to the cinema.

Our staff at Perry Hall work hard to provide pupils with learning experiences beyond the classroom and we would like to thank them for their efforts.

Perry Hall has again been represented at various sports competitions this term including cross country running, athletics and football. Children have also enjoyed learning to play the recorder and gymnastics.

### Attendance

So far this term, whole school attendance has been 95.71%, compared to a national average of 96%.

To celebrate attendance, when a whole class achieves 100% attendance for the week they are allowed to have a non-uniform day. Children who have 100% attendance are also celebrated termly. This term, 131 children have 100% attendance. Well done!

Thank you for supporting our pupils in their efforts to achieve this.



### Don't forget ...

% absence over full year	Missed Days	Approx. missed weeks
95%	9	2
90%	19	4
85%	29	6
80%	38	8
75%	48	10
65%	67	13.5

### Safeguarding

As part of our commitment to school leadership, we ensure that all governors at Perry Hall have received up-to-date Safeguarding training. We also have a Governor who is assigned to monitor Safeguarding procedures.

The weekly school newsletter often contains safeguarding advice for parents, particularly in relation to internet use. It can be hard to keep track of what your child is doing on social networks, apps and games, or know how to keep them safe online. With this in mind, the school has planned an eSafety Workshop during the Spring Term. For further details about this event, please contact the school office or refer to your workshop letter.

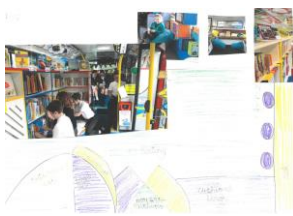
If you have any queries or require any further advice regarding the safeguarding of children at Perry Hall please contact Miss Kohli or a member of the school's leadership team.

## Reading Bus

Based on designs by the children, work is currently taking place on the interior of the bus and it is expected to be completed during the Spring Term. If you would like to contribute to the reading bus, either through donation or through assistance with the work required, please contact the school office.

Businesses who have contributed to our bus are:

Concept Education  
Concero IT services  
Martini Tyres  
Arconic  
Oaks



## Fundraising

Thank you for supporting the various local, and even global, fundraising initiatives at Perry Hall this term.

Our pupils have really enjoyed taking part in Children in Need, supporting Save the Children and collecting shoeboxes for the Samaritan's Purse.

To fundraise for local causes, sponsored events took place across school to raise money to help with building work at St. Thomas' in Wednesfield. We raised a staggering £1887, to contribute to the re-plastering of the church.



## Religious Festivals

The Autumn Term, has been busy in terms of our religious celebrations. The Harvest Open Afternoon was well attended by parents, and both children and parents enjoyed the activities.

It has also been great to see so many parents at the Diwali and Christmas performances this term. The children have really enjoyed showing off their singing, dancing and acting skills to other children, staff and parents. Activities such as these, also help and support our children to grow into confident young people.

## Remembrance Day

To commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of World War I, the children at Perry Hall remembered the lives of soldiers who served so bravely during both world wars, as well as those who have, or continue to, serve our country.



The pupils took part in acts of remembrance in school and have also studied WWI during lesson time. Their display of art, poetry and history in the reception area is well worth going to see if you have not yet had an opportunity to do so.

## Parental Workshops

Our teaching staff continue to put on various workshops throughout the year in relation to topics such as Mathematics, Reading, Writing and Phonics to help you support your children at school. A full timetable for the year is available at the school office.

## Comments

If you do have any comments or questions, contact can be made with us in writing to the school, addressed to Damian Tarbuck – the Chair of Governors.