

PARENT NEWSLETTER

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OBE AWARD CEREMONY

On 5th December 2019, Amarjit Cheema (CEO of Perry Hall Multi-Academy Trust) attended an official ceremony at Buckingham Palace, London to receive an OBE award for her services to education, which was presented to her by Prince Charles.

Amarjit was accompanied by close family members to the ceremony which was an extremely proud moment for Amarjit and her family, as it is for all of the school staff, pupils and communities within our Trust.

During the following week, surprise assemblies took place at each school for Amarjit where the children were delighted to have the opportunity to celebrate this incredible achievement with Amarjit personally. Amarjit was incredibly touched by the assemblies which were pulled together in secret and included a number of surprise visitors, video messages and performances from the children. What a wonderful week it was!



PARENTS EVENING BOOKING SYSTEM

All schools now have an online parents evening booking system—Teachers 2 Parents. (Bird's Bush Primary already have this).

This convenient system makes it so easy for both parents and staff when organising parents evening appointments .

If you haven't already done so, you will be receiving communication from your schools with further information.



Collectively our schools raised a over **£2100** For Children in Need in November.

Children came to school wearing spots and stripes and made a donation to this wonderful charity which helps disadvantaged children and those in need across the UK.

Thank you to all parents who supported our schools!

NEW WEBSITES

This term we have been delighted to launch two brand new school websites. One for Stanley Road and one for Bird's Bush Primary School.

Please make sure you use our school websites to keep up to date with latest news and important updates on school life.



PARENT APP

A parent app for each of our schools has been developed as new way of sending out communications to our parents and carers.

Apps for each school are now ready to be downloaded from the App store and if you haven't already received a letter from your school, you will be sent one shortly with further information. These apps will be a fantastic way of keeping you up-to-date on your child's school journey.



WOODTHORNE RAISE FUNDS FOR NSPCC

At Woodthorne Primary on Friday 6th February the whole school took part in NSPCC number day. The staff and children dressed in numbers and took part in a day full of number activities. The highlight of the event was definitely the teachers v pupils maths quiz. One member of each class joined and took on the Woodthorne staff in a nail-biting competition which was dominated from start to finish by our wonderful pupils. Final score on the door was around 1200 points to the kids and a measly 800 to the staff. Mr Hinkley is still asking for a recount!



In other activities, the children did detective maths, sports maths, games, quizzes and competitions. It was a thoroughly fantastic Woodthorne day. Thanks to Miss Titley and all of the staff for their support in making such special memories for the children.



As well as all of the fun, we raised £241.30 for the NSPCC. Thank you for your kind donations.

PROUD WINNER OF UNISON "STAR IN OUR SCHOOL" AWARD

Since joining Berrybrook, Fiona Brown (Cook) has supported Berrybrook school immensely to continue to make improvements to the ethos and experience for all of our children at lunchtime. Her attitude and sunny disposition adds to the dining room's atmosphere and encourages the children to try new things.



Fiona has ensured that she has built positive relationships with both staff and pupils. She has worked extremely closely with the lunchtime team to build a positive environment for the children and even ran a taster session for parents during the parent consultations evening. All of the staff and pupils at Berrybrook would like to thank Fiona for her hard work and contributions to the school.



Emily Pritchett (Head of School)

PERRY HALL PRIMARY—GRADED 'GOOD' IN OFSTED

Perry Hall Primary School obtained a 'Good' grading following an Ofsted two-day inspection on 21st—22nd January 2020.

The official report which is now published on the school and Ofsted websites describes Perry Hall Primary as a school where *'expectations are high'*. It comments on school staff as being *'determined to provide the best possible education. This is a vision which comes from the Executive Headteacher and is shared by all who work in the school'*. *'Staff form a united and hardworking team'*, and *'Like their pupils—staff are proud to belong to the school'*. The report highly commends the Maths and English provision in school.

We are so proud of our children who also really shone through in the report being described as *'happy and enjoy coming to school and are keen to learn. They are friendly and polite'*.

The report also comments on the positive support received from parents—*'Parents are overwhelmingly positive about the school and all it has to offer'*.

This is a wonderful outcome for everyone at Perry Hall Primary School—congratulations to you all and a big 'thank you' to parents and carers for your ongoing support.

LACHES WOOD TRUST RESIDENTIAL

Between Monday 20th and Friday 25th January, year 6 children from across the Trust were lucky enough to go on a joint residential to Laches Wood, part of the Entrust group.

Around 160 Year 6 children from Perry Hall, Berrybrook, Dunstall Hill, Bird's Bush and Stanley Road took the opportunity to attend and everyone had an absolutely wonderful time. Children made new friendships and memories which will last a lifetime!

During the week, the children, and some staff, had the opportunity to meet new friends and conquer fears, taking parting activities such as caving, climbing, BMXing, archery and bushcraft. During the evenings, the children came together for a quiz, film night, campfire and an outdoor activity. As well as the onsite activities, each school had a day excursion to Carding Mill Valley and even in the fog these were great days out.

We would like to thank all of the staff who gave up their time (and birthdays) at home with their own families to give our children an experience they will never forget!



FROM MRS CHEEMA.....

What a fantastic start to the year this has been!

I was extremely touched by the surprise assemblies that were arranged in celebration of my recent award. I have been astounded at how much thought and effort has gone into each and every one and how every assembly has been uniquely special. In particular, it has been really lovely to celebrate personally with our children. A big 'Thank you' to all of you that took part and were involved!

I always say that everything we do is a team effort, without the hard work of every staff member, leadership team, our children and parents, the success of our Trust and the opportunities for our children would not exist—Together We Succeed! I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our parents and carers for your ongoing support.

Finally, well done to Perry Hall Primary on their wonderful Ofsted Report!

I hope you all have an enjoyable half-term break and I look forward to seeing our children return to school feeling refreshed for the half-term ahead.

Amarjit Cheema OBE

CEO

