



*'Wherever you are—  
Love learning, stay sensible, keep caring.'*



# *The Perryfield Post*

## *Holidays during term time*

Summer is just around the corner and with it comes the thought of all those warm, lazy, hazy days! It is a great time for the children here at school. PE is often outside, the allotments will be planted and playtimes are more pleasant!

It is also a time when families may decide to have a holiday or mini-break together. However, I must remind you all that children should not be taken out of school during term time.

This is a very important term for your children, they will be

consolidating all of their learning from the year. This applies in particular to Year 2 children. During the month of May, teachers are making their final assessments of the children in reading, writing, maths and science. These levels are reported to you in their end of year report and also form the basis for learning in the junior school. The Year 1 children will be taking the National Year 1 phonics check. Unless, they are poorly, children should be in school at all times.

As a parent myself, I do appreciate that holidays during term time tend to

be cheaper but nothing can compensate for lost days at school.

Time out of school during school hours, unless it is an emergency should be avoided. If an appointment has to be made during the school day, an appointment card or letter from the surgery or hospital should be seen by the school, beforehand.

If your child is to achieve their full potential they need to have the consistency of learning that daily and regular attendance brings.



## *Summer days*



Whilst we are on the subject of summer there are a few more things which I need to bring your attention to.

Children should always have a water bottle in school. There are times in the

classroom when staff will ask the children to have a drink. At other times children are free to drink water whenever they want to.

A sun hat needs to be worn at all times when children are out in the

playground. Sun hats can be purchased from the school uniform shop but please ensure that they are clearly marked with your child's name.

Sun cream should be applied before school—it cannot be brought into school nor can staff apply it.

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### *Dates for your diary...*

- 22 May—Emerald Class Assembly
- 22 May—Sponsored school event—details to follow
- 25 May—1 June—half term
- 1 June—non-pupil day
- 2 June—children back to school
- 9 June—whole school trip
- 10 June—Year 2 children to the mini games at Melbourne Stadium—details to follow
- 12 June—Ruby Class Assembly
- 18 June—whole class photographs
- 19 June—Summer Fayre Inflatable Day 3—5.30
- 2 July—move around day/open evening
- 9 July—Sports Day 1.30pm
- 10 July—Topaz Class assembly 9.30am
- 10 July—Junior disco with the year 2s, 4-5pm—details to follow
- 17 July—Year 2 leavers assembly/play—9.30am



## Whole School Trip

This week I wrote to you with details of this year's whole school trip. As I said, we will all be visiting The Chatham Green Project on the 9th June.

We have asked the children to be dressed in warm old clothes suitable for outdoor muddy activities, however a school sweat-shirt must be worn. The children will be playing games and doing a variety of different activities during the day, so practical clothing is important.

You can appreciate that organising this trip is rather complex. Coaches have already been booked and all the teachers and

LSA's will naturally be accompanying the children.

However, we will need some volunteers in addition to staff. Those of you who hold a DBS from Essex County Council will be our first port of call. If we need any other volunteers I will let you know.

Let's hope the sun shines and the children won't need coats or cagoules!



## The Big Question

Our new whole-school Core Value for this half term is CARING. We will be learning about caring for ourselves, caring for our school friends, other people in the local community and other people around the world.

The BIG QUESTIONS this week is 'Can we care for others if we can't look after ourselves?'

Annual Parish Assembly on Monday 18th May 2015 at 8pm. Venue—Chelmer Village Hall, Village Square, Chelmer Village. As residents of the Springfield Parish you are welcome to go along to their meeting and find out about the latest projects that the Parish Council will be undertaking.

## Millions of vouchers!

I would just like to say a huge thank you to all of you who have given the school Sainsburys' vouchers. They have been steadily accumulating in the foyer for several months now. The school is able to 'buy' all sorts of different equipment from cooking utensils to equipment for lunchtime play. So the vouchers

are greatly appreciated. However, the one drawback is of course that every single one of them has to be counted!! It is a gigantic task! So is there anyone who could help us out by counting the vouchers and putting them into bundles? You can take the vouchers home or count them in

the office—Mrs Mears would be thrilled with any willing volunteers!

Be warned however, there are a huge number of vouchers!!



## Feedback from the parent questionnaire

I would like to thank everyone who took the time to complete the parent questionnaire that I sent out to everyone in February. Your support is appreciated to ensure we continue to provide the very best learning experiences for all our children. 74/195 parents completed the questionnaire (38%). As a school we have listened to your comments and from this feedback we have already made some changes and plan to make additional changes for the benefit of our children.

For example we have recently purchased a new website which we are in the process of creating. Midday Assistants have had some lunchtime game training to engage the children more during their lunchtime. We now involve the children more in 'rating their lunch' and feedback their views to the kitchen with regards to making changes to the menu. The full questionnaire results can be

found on our current website under the Parents' section / 'Questionnaire' tab.

It is wonderful that 100% of parents would recommend Perryfields Infant School to another family.

Please remember that there is an 'Enquiry Form' on the website to send in any further suggestions/comments.