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Love learning, stay sensible, keep caring.'*



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Welcome Back

The new academic year has got off to a flying start. Children in Years 1 and 2 have settled very quickly into their new routines and have already begun to meet the challenges of being a year older!

During the first part of the new school year, children spend their lesson time thinking about how they can best work together in their new classes. Classroom rules are negotiated and the children begin to understand their new expectations.

As I walk round the school I can see that all the children have settled well into Perryfields—there may have been a few anxious tears on leaving Mum or Dad in the morning but after a few minutes in the busy classroom all the tears have vanished and it is great to see their smiley faces!

Each year group follows a theme for the term—these begin on Monday 19th September.

The themes are -

Foundation Stage

Towers and Tiaras!

Year 1

Home Sweet Home

Year 2

The Great Outdoors!

I am looking forward to seeing the children's work develop over the term. There will be an opportunity for you to have a look at your child's work later in the term during Parent Consultations. You will certainly receive an overview of the work the children will be covering—this will be sent home shortly.

In the meantime, please remember to talk and read with your child—you are your child's first natural teacher and talking and reading are both crucial for their continued success.

Perryfields Infant School

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Dates for your diary..

- 9 Sept—Year 1 meet the teacher 2.30pm
- 16 Sept—Year 2 meet the teacher 2.30pm
- 22 Sept—F/S meet the teacher 2.30pm
- 29 Sept—Chloe Inkpen author visit
- 30 Sept—MacMillan Coffee morning (details to follow)
- 4 Oct—9.15am new parent helper meeting
- 7 Oct—9.30am Harvest Assembly (details to follow)
- 7 Oct—2pm FIPS meeting (School PTA—all parents welcome and younger siblings)
- 12 Oct—7pm Reading & writing parent workshop
- 14 Oct—FIPS Movie night (TBC)
- 17 Oct—4-6.30pm Parents Consultation evening
- 20 Oct—6-8.30pm Parents Consultation evening
- 21 Oct—Non Pupil Day

The Big Question



Our first week back we have all been thinking about new beginnings. We have been talking about 'doors of opportunity' and what new things we are looking forward to trying or what things we are more apprehensive about trying. Several of the children

said that they are looking forward to doing harder work, going to clubs and movie night and having a new classroom and teacher. The big question is: **What new things are you looking forward to?**

Fips News

At the very end of last term we had our summer inflatable day. The 'Fips' team worked extremely hard to ensure it was a success. I am pleased to say that the total profit was **£1,456**. A big thank you to everyone involved.

A few reminders

I cannot emphasise enough the fact that your children must not go on the climbing frame either before or after school. Children are only allowed on the climbing frame (or adventure playground as we call it in school) when there is a member of the school staff supervising.

The school's insurance is only valid if a member of the staff team are with the children.

Similarly, the Foundation Stage team are using the outside classroom areas more and these will

be set up early in the morning before school starts. The activities which are set up form part of the Foundation Stage curriculum and have been set up for a purpose—they are not simply for children to play with.

We would all very much appreciate your support in this. Children should also not run wildly around the playground, in the morning or after school tempting though it may be.

Please insist that your child stands with you quietly while you wait for the bell signalling the start of the school day. Children can then walk calmly into school thus giving them a more settled beginning to their lessons.

Similarly, there have been occasions this term when pre-school children have become distressed because they have got lost in the playground. Please ensure that you know where your children are and that they are supervised closely.

Excellent results

Last year all of the children worked extremely hard. With the introduction of a new and much more demanding curriculum and new assessment procedures the children really rose to the challenges. I am pleased to say that our end of KS1 results were above the national and Essex averages. In reading 82% of children were working at or above the expected standard compared with 74% nationally. In writing 73% reached at or above expected

standard compared with 66% nationally and in maths 78% reached the standard compared to 73% nationally.

In Year 1 83% of the cohort passed the phonics check. Of course we are not complacent and will continue to aim high. All of the children should be proud of their achievements which are not only a credit to themselves but also to all stakeholders in our school.

Dates and more dates

The term has well and truly started and the children and staff have already been working hard. As always we try to pre plan key events. Our website already has the majority of the 2016-17 academic diary dates on the calendar. Of course some of these dates maybe subject to change and I will endeavor to inform you of any changes as soon as possible. Please regularly visit our website to see up to date news.

Meet the teacher

Come and find out more about what your child will be doing in their new year group. These meetings are a great opportunity for you to find out about the new classroom routines and expectations. Each year group is different with different arrangements. It is also a good time to ask any questions you may have. The meetings start this week.

Year 1—Sapphire and Emerald Classes Friday 9th September at 2.30pm

Year 2—Diamond and Pearl Classes Friday 16th September at 2.30pm

Foundation Stage—Ruby and Topaz Classes Thursday 22nd September at 2.30pm.

Come and find out about the curriculum, PE, homework, parent helpers, behaviour, phonics, grammar and spellings etc.

Pre-school children are welcome and we look forward to seeing you all there.