



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

The Perryfield Post

Welcome to 2016!

I would like to wish all of you a very Happy New Year! I hope your Christmas was as magical as mine!

As usual, the year will be very busy and exciting for everyone here at Perryfields Infants. The staff and children are busy planning various different activities and events. The first of these will be the start of school club night which will begin on Thursday 21st January and run for 5 weeks. A letter has been sent home this week with all the details.

Honesty!

Several years ago now, the school negotiated with parents and carers about the 'core values' you believed to be important for your child. These are the values you wanted to instil in your child through our curriculum.

The clubs are generally very popular so please return your preference as soon as possible. I am aware that many of you are working parents and find it difficult to return the slips on the same or next day. Returned slips are always date stamped but the slips will be counted and then put in a hat and randomly drawn. Clubs are only for the year one and two children as the youngest of our children are usually exhausted after a normal school day. They will get their turn next year.

The values we decided upon were—individuality, honesty, curiosity, teamwork, responsibility, courage, thoughtfulness and enthusiasm. Each term, we have a new core value. This forms the basis of our school assemblies, RE and PSHE curriculum.

If your child doesn't get their first, second or even any of their choices please don't panic. Clubs will be held again in the summer term.

Another event we are planning is a Science Week in March. This will coincide with National Science Week, so there will be news in the media about all things scientific! Miss Gilson, who is our Science subject leader, will be finalising plans shortly. However, if any of you have a particularly scientific aspect to your line of work and could help that would be wonderful!



This term the core value we will be looking at across the school is 'honesty'. We want the children to think about how important fairness and honesty is in life and why honesty is the best policy.

Perryfields Infant School

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Dates for your diary...

- 14 Jan—'Stranger Danger' presentation for ALL parents 6.30-8.30pm
- 20 Jan—Maths Parent Workshop 7pm
- 9 Feb—Open afternoon 3.10-3.45pm
- 12 Feb—Garnet Class assembly 9.15am
- 12 Feb—last day
- 15-19 Feb—half term
- 22 Feb—children back to school
- 11 March—Sapphire Class assembly
- 11 March—Red Nose Day
- 14-17 March—British Science Week—details to follow.
- 21 March—Parent Consultations 4.00-6.30pm
- 23 March—Parent Consultations 6.00-8.30pm
- 24 March—Last Day
- 25 March—Bank Holiday Good Friday Easter Holidays
- 11 April—Children back to school.

The Big Question

The BIG QUESTION aims to be thought provoking in order to encourage discussion and will be debated within the assemblies and classrooms. We ask that you support this further by discussing the 'BIG QUESTION' with your child at home. You might be surprised by some of the answers. This week we have talked about New Year Resolutions, what our targets are and honesty. The BIG QUESTION is How important is fairness and honesty in life? Discuss.



Other events

As you know ICT is becoming increasingly popular with our young children. It is a fantastic source of information and fun but on the other hand it has many hidden dangers. At school the children and staff are taught about internet safety. To help you protect and support your children better with e-safety at home we are holding a STRANGER

DANGER e-safety training evening this Thursday 14th January at 6.30-8.30pm for parents and staff.

We will be holding a Maths Parent Workshop on Wednesday 20th January at 7pm. The teaching team will explain how maths is taught at school and give you ideas and examples of how you can support your child in their maths learning at home.

We will also discuss some of the assessment changes for this year. I am sure that you will find this very informative.



School Council News

The School Council continues to meet with me regularly to discuss aspects of school life. These are issues which are important to the children and therefore important to the school.

At the moment the children are deciding how to spend the money they raised on their children's Christmas stalls. The classes combined raised

£67.68p at the Christmas Bazaar from the sale of the items they made in the classroom. They have narrowed the ideas down to a choice of 3 different things from the Save the Children gift list which provides gifts to help poorer communities around the world. The School Council members will then take their choices back to their classes for all the children to vote on. Once the final vote is

complete the School Council members will go into the office with Mrs Tucker to order the chosen gift. The children are aware of how lucky we all are and understand that there are children in the world who are less fortunate than us.

Christmas Play DVD—This is NOT the way to Bethlehem.

We have a couple of spare copies left from the additional order we placed that are available to any parents or carers who may have not ordered a copy already. Please telephone or call into the school office if you would like to purchase a copy of the DVD.