



*Whoever you are, be happy, be safe,
be kind, stay sensible, love learning.*

Keep caring!



The Perryfields Post

Half way already!

I'm sure it has not escaped your notice that the half term break indicated that we are at the half way point of this academic year. The children have been working very hard in their classrooms and the themes have really captured their imaginations.

Some children in the Foundation Stage proudly showed me some great independent writing this week about what they did over half term—FAB! It was amazing to see just how much they had progressed since entering school in September. Not only had their fine motor skills developed considerably but also their understanding of what punctuation you need in a sentence.

In Year 2 the children are really enjoying the 'A drop in the ocean' theme. They are really looking forward to their next trip to find out more about the Titanic at the Chelmsford museum.

The Year 1 theme 'Fire & Ice' has captured the children's interests learning about animal habitats and creating non-fiction books. Did you know that Polar Bears have 42 teeth and black skin?

By the end of the school year just think what your children will have accomplished!

It was great to see so many parents attend the first parents evenings this week. Hopefully you found them informative and know your children's targets for reading, writing and maths. We look forward to seeing everyone else on Tuesday 5th March next week. Next week is also World Book day and details of this have already been sent out. This week also saw the start to the teacher clubs. I visited each club and the children were fully engaged and looked like they were having a lot of fun!



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Dates for your diary...

- 5th Mar—Parents Evening (Except Emerald Class)
- 7th Mar—World Book Day
- 8th Mar—Spring Disco
- 15th Mar—Red Nose Day
- 15th to 20th Mar — Travelling Book Fair
- 28th Mar—Last day 1:15pm home time (no Peardrops)
- EASTER HOLIDAY
- 15th April—Children back to school
- 19th April—Class Photos
- 21st May—Open Afternoon 3:05-3:30pm
- 24th May—Sponsored Walk (TBC)
- 24th May—Last Day
- 3rd June—INSET day (staff training no pupils)
- 4th June—Back to school
- 7th June—KS1 swimming starts (details to follow)

The Big Question



This half term our Core Value is **PERSEVERANCE**. We will be learning about what it means and how we can keep going when things get tricky, which strategies we can use and how to get help. We will be looking at stories and famous people who persevered when things got difficult and eventually reached their goals.

The Spring Disco!

Next Friday the FIPS team have organised a Spring Disco with DJ Jon, who is absolutely fantastic! The information regarding the disco has already been sent out. Reception classes will start straight from school and be collected at 4pm. The Year 1 and Year 2 classes will go home to get into their disco outfits and come back to school for a 4:15pm start and be collected at 5:15pm. Tickets are now available on the FIPs pta events site. <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofperryfieldinfants/index.cfm?event=Shop#.Y3YI1WTfWaM>

Tickets cost £4.50 per child and includes the disco, biscuits and squash. Please book your space by 6pm on the 7th March so we have final numbers for our risk assessment. If you are able to help (especially with the EYFS disco) then please contact the FIPS team.

The Big Easter Raffle!

Thank you to those of you have already returned the raffle stubs and money to the office. If you would like more Easter Raffle tickets then please ask the FIPS team for more. There are some super prizes to win!

Beat The Street 28th Feb—10th April

I'm sure you are all aware of 'Beat the Street' which has been organised by Essex County Council to encourage everyone to get active and to work as part of the local community. Children and the school can get awards and prizes by walking, running, biking or scooting to the varies Beat Boxes on the map. There is even one outside the school (number 74 on the map). This is a great way to keep fit, save on petrol and have fun as a family or as part of a team and you or the school could win loads of great prizes! (Lovely photos of Team Topaz!)

Red Nose Day—15th March

On Friday 15th March it is red nose day. As a school we do discuss the purpose of Red Nose Day with the children but do not organise any dressing up events as it is so soon after World Book Day. However, children are able to bring red noses into school that day (please ensure they have names on).

Have a lovely weekend.

Amanda Reid

Dates continued.....

HALF TERM

- 7th June—Summer Fayre inflatables (TBC)
- 18th June—Sports Day PM (TBC)
- 25th—New intake Induction
- 27th June—Reserve Sports Day (TBC)
- 2nd July—New Intake Induction
- 11th July—Move Around Day
- 12th July—Last KS1 swimming
- 23rd July—Last Day—half day school closes at 1:15pm (no Peardrops)



Mrs Farmer's Attendance Award -
Topaz Class 99.52%