



*'Be safe, be kind.
Listen and think a lot.
Be your best!'*



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Welcome to 2018!

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 11th January and run for 5 weeks. You have already received a letter asking your child to select 3 clubs that they would like to

attend and clubs have been allocated. 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.

If your child didn'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!

Mrs Vale, 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's themes are:

Foundation Stage

'The Naughty Bus'

Year 1

'Land before time'

Year 2

'Eye on London'.

What an exciting start to the new year!

Perryfields Infant School

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Dates for your diary...

- 11th Jan—Teacher clubs to start for 5 weeks
- 16th Jan—E-safety talk to parents 6.30 p.m.—8.30 p.m. (more information to come, very informative and helpful)
- 19th Jan—Year 1 parents maths workshop 9.05 a.m.—10 a.m.
- 26th Jan—new parent helper meeting 9.15 a.m.
- 5th Feb—PAIR reading meeting for all Foundation Stage parents 2.15 p.m. (details to follow)
- 7th Feb—Sapphire class Forest Schools to start (details to follow)
- 9th Feb—Sapphire class assembly 9.15 a.m.
- 9th Feb—FIPS meeting at 2 p.m.
- 9th Feb—Last Day of the half-term.
- 12th—16th Feb Half Term holiday.
- 19th Feb—Children back to school.
- 28th Feb—Book Fair in school (details to follow)
- 1st March—World Book Day (details to follow)
- 16th March—FIPS meeting at 2 p.m.

Enthusiasm!

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.

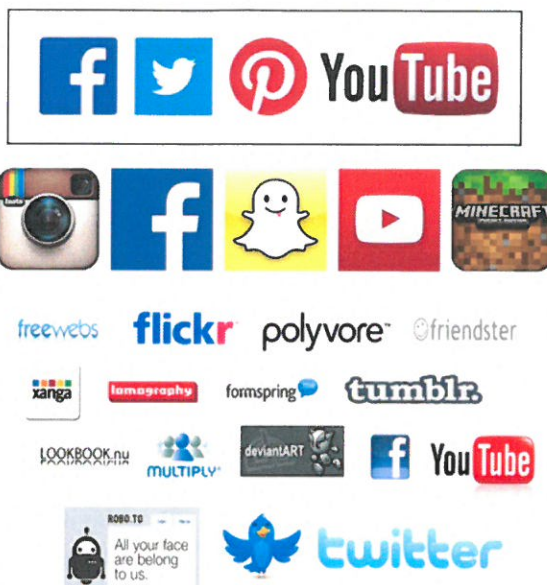
Each term, we have a new core value. This forms the basis of our school assemblies, RE and PSHE curriculum.

This half term the core value we will be looking at across the school is 'enthusiasm'. We want the children to be

Enthusiastic about the life and the world that we live in. We would like them to continue to be enthusiastic about school and think about what makes them enthusiastic.

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 being enthusiastic. The BIG QUESTION is What do you get enthusiastic about? How can you try to become more enthusiastic about something?



More Dates....

- 12th March—Science Week (details to follow)
- 23rd March—Emerald class assembly 9.15pm
- 26th March 4-6.30pm Parents Consultation
- 28th March—6-8.30pm Parents Consultation
- 29th March—Last day of the term.
- 30th March—Bank Holiday & Easter

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 on Tuesday 16th January at 6.30-8.30pm for parents and staff. This year we will be holding this presentation in the larger Junior school hall. I am sure that you will find this very informative.

We will be holding a Foundation Stage PAIR reading meeting for **all Topaz & Ruby class parents on Monday 5th February at 2.15pm.**

This will give you ideas and examples of how to support your child in their reading and reading comprehension skills. More details to follow—please save the date.

We will also be holding a Year 1 maths parents workshop on Friday 19th January 9.05-10.am. Come and see how maths is taught in Year 1, what maths mastery means and how you can support your child further at home.

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.

The children have been deciding how to spend the £86 they raised on their children's Christmas stalls at the Christmas Fayre. The School Council have been looking

at a variety of charities and researching what their money can buy for third world countries. The School Council selected two options and asked their classes to vote for their favourite. This money enables the children to choose a gift to help poorer communities around the world. The most popular ideas will be purchased. 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.

After the class votes there was a draw. The children asked Mrs Mears in the office to make the ultimate decision. Option 2 won! The children decided to buy clean water for 40 people, a clean hygienic toilet and 2 mosquito nets all for £84. A great choice, well done everyone.

Christmas Play DVD—Lights, Camel, Action.

We have a few spare copies left from the original 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.