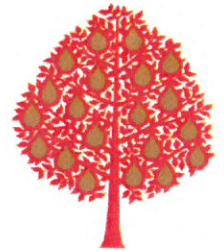


*'Wherever you are—
Love learning, stay sensible, keep caring.'*



The Perryfield Post

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.

For children in the Foundation Stage, this has been their first full week in school! As you can imagine, some of them are rather tired! 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 21st September. The themes are -

Foundation Stage

On the move

Year 1

Wish you were here!

Year 2

Exploring LONDON

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..

- 14 Sept—Football Club begins.
- 16 Sept—Gym Clubs, AM & PM, begin
- 17 Sept—Basketball Club begins
- 18 Sept—2.30pm Year 2 Meet the Teacher
- 22nd Sept—Tennis Club begins
- 24 Sept—2.30pm Year 1 Meet the Teacher
- 24 Sept—3.10-4.10pm Science Club starts
- 25 Sept—MacMillan Coffee Morning
- 1 Oct—2.30pm Reception Meet the Teacher
- 9.30am & 11.00am Harvest Assembly
- 7 Oct—7pm Early reading/writing parents workshop
- 16 Oct—Pearl Class Assembly 9.15am
- 16 Oct—Parent Assessment Meeting 2.30pm(detail to follow)
- 19 Oct—Parents Consultation 4-6.30pm
- 21 Oct—Parent Consultation 6-8.30pm
- 23 Oct—Non-pupil day

Meet The Teacher

MEET THE TEACHER is an ideal opportunity for parents/carers to meet their child's new teacher. Parents/carers are invited into the classrooms to find out about the curriculum, reading expectations, PE, uniforms, homework, parent helpers, toileting, behaviour, letters and sounds and spelling etc. This is an ideal opportunity for you to ask the class teacher any further questions. Year 2 parents are invited on Friday 18th September at 2.30pm, Year 1 parents on Thursday 24th September at 2.30pm and the

Foundation Stage/ Reception parents on Thursday 1st October at 2.30pm.

Later in the term we will organise some workshops for you to come along to, so you can see how reading, writing and number is taught in the classroom.

Fip News

Over the years the 'Fips' team have raised an incredible amount of money for the school. We have been able to buy 'extra' items for the children which would never have been affordable from the money the school receives each year in its budget.


The gazebo, laptops, playground markings, books for the Library, are just a few of the many resources which enhance your children's learning and school experience—these have all been bought with money raised at 'Fips' events.

I am very pleased to be able to tell you that over the summer holidays the school had some new blinds installed in the hall. This is something that the whole school will benefit from and have been waiting a long time for. These will allow children to clearly access the projector/whiteboard during assemblies, hall lessons and to clearly see a DVD during the 'FIPS' cinema nights—which is great news.

Dates for your diaries

As promised our new website already has the majority of the 2015-2016 academic diary dates on the calendar. From the earlier parent questionnaires parents/carers wanted more notice of key school events in order to attend as many events as possible. Of course some of these dates maybe subject to change and I will endeavour to inform you of any changes as soon as possible. Please regularly visit our website to see up to date news.

The Big Question

 The last parent questionnaire suggested an alternative Core Value of TEAMWORK. We have listened to your ideas and for this half term we will be focusing on TEAMWORK. We will be learning about the value of teamwork in class and around the school. We will be learning to work together as a team and learning that sometimes we

need our friends to help us to do things better. We will be looking at lots of different types of teams and that we must not be afraid to ask for help. We will be learning that even when we feel alone we are always in our school team. The BIG QUESTION to discuss at home is 'Would you rather work as part of a team or alone?'

New Climbing Frame

I am sure that you have already noticed that the Foundation Stage have been lucky enough to have a new climbing frame installed in their Early Years Playground. Please can I ask all parents/carers to make sure the children do not climb on this equipment before or afterschool. This equipment is only for our youngest children during the school day. Many thanks in advance.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

Friday 25th September, sees the annual MacMillan Coffee Morning taking place. Here at Perryfields Infants, we ask parents for donations of cakes or biscuits, the school provides tea, coffee or cold drinks.

Parents are given a time slot so that they can come and enjoy a cup of tea and a cake with their child. If you are unable to join us,

the children will still come into the hall to have a cake and a drink and they will sit with their LSA or class teacher.

I shall be writing to you all with further information nearer the time but please keep the date free. This is a very popular event, with many parents and grandparents visiting the school.

Last year we raised an amazing
£834.51



Clubs

As always our clubs are extremely popular. To ensure that all parents and children have equal access to these clubs we now email the information out to you. Please can I remind everyone to regularly check your emails for club letters. If you are unable to access the internet there are hard copies in reception. To ensure that everyone receives these letters please can you make sure that the office have your up to date email addresses to help avoid any disappointment. Clubs are offered to children in Year 1 and Year 2 only as our youngest children in the

Foundation Stage get particularly tired after a long school day. We are continuously looking around for different club opportunities for our children. This year we have introduced a Science club which we hope the children will find inspiring. As always places are given on a first come first served basis.

There has been a high demand for gym club again this year so we have managed to arrange a morning gym club and an after school gym club with Mr Noakes. A confirmation letter for gym and tennis clubs will be sent out. If you applied for football club, please assume your child has been allocated a place as we are able to accommodate lots of boys and girls at football club.

CURRENT CLUBS

Monday—Football club

Tuesday—Tennis club

Wednesday—Gym club am & pm

Thursday—Science club & Basketball club

Perryfields Infant School Website

We have received a lot of positive comments about our new website. People are finding it easier to navigate and more informative. We are continuously adding things to our website so please remember to access it frequently. By the end of the week the year group Curriculum Topic Wheels and Curriculum Information for parents will be available. There are several new policies and the feedback from

the parents questionnaire is already on the website. In March we asked the children several questions about their school and their learning and these findings will also be shortly on the website to see.

Under the CHILDREN tab the children's weekly achievements will be published. Look to see who the Super Star Awards went to on the first week back to school.

Find out who received my Headteacher's Super Star Awards and which two children shone out brightly in Year 1 and Year 2 to be awarded the Top Star Trophies.

CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ALL.



A few reminders

LOST PROPERTY

Please can I remind everyone to label their children's clothes. At the end of last term our lost property box was overflowing and none of it was collected.

Lost property is located in the medical room and can be accessed via main reception.

EARRINGS

If children need to wear earrings to school please can you ensure they are the stud type and not dangly earrings. Children are not allowed to wear earrings for PE lessons and the children should be able to take them out and put them back independently.

Staff are not allowed to remove earrings or tape them up so once you know which days your child has PE and if they are unable to remove the earrings themselves please remove them before coming to school. PE is a statutory part of the National Curriculum and extremely popular by the children so it would be a shame for them to miss out.

