



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

The Perryfield Post

Summer term

I can hardly believe that there is just a term left before the end of the academic year. This year seems to have gone by in a flash!

As a school there are many different events which will take place in the final half term, so it is always very busy for both the staff and children. However, there won't be any relaxation in the classroom. The children are all working hard, and will be right up until the end of term. We would ask for your support at home too. It is vital that the children read regularly at home to enhance their learning in the classroom.

Help with their regular spellings is also extremely valuable.

Could I also remind parents and carers that children should bring to school a full water bottle everyday. The children can drink from their bottle at any time during the day. Keeping hydrated ensures that the children can work to the best of their ability throughout the day.

Please remember children should bring sun hats into school and sun cream should be applied at home—it cannot be put on by staff.



Music station

The Foundation Stage children have recently been lucky enough to get a brand new music station. This is located in the gazebo at the front of the school in the Foundation Stage playground.

Unfortunately this has already been broken one morning this week before the Foundation Stage children used it.

Please can I remind parents that the children should **not** be playing on the music station or climbing on any equipment before or after school. I know the equipment looks extremely tempting but as you can appreciate things can get easily damaged if not monitored carefully.

Meadows Shop for Schools

A big thank you to everyone who has been shopping at the Meadows shopping centre and been collecting and posting the tokens into our box. There has recently been a change on the leadership board and we are now in second place.

This is still amazing as we are up against some bigger primary schools. However we are never a school to give up! Printed in this week's edition of the Essex Chronicle (available from Thursday 21st April) there will be a bonus token—worth 5 tokens. A few of these tokens in our box would

definitely help us go back up the leader board. So if you do buy the Essex Chronicle, you will find the bonus token at the top left corner of Page 10. Post them into the box in the Meadows shopping centre or bring them into school. Maybe ask family & friends if they have a copy of the

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Dates for your diary.....

- 2 May—Bank Holiday
- 24 May—Open Afternoon 3.10-3.45pm
- 27 May—9.15 Emerald Class Assembly
- 27 May—last day
- 30 May—5th June Half Term
- 6 June—Non-pupil day
- 7 June—Children back to school
- 8 June—Year 2 Mini Olympics at Melbourne athletics club
- 10 June—Whole school trip
- 17 June—3-5.30pm School Inflatable Day
- 24 June—9.15am Ruby Class Assembly
- 1 July—1.30pm Sports Day
- 8 July—9.15am Topaz Class Assembly.

Essex Chronicle too!

Thank you, your support is much appreciated.



Whole School Trip

This week I wrote to you with details of this year's whole school trip. As I said, we will all be visiting Barleylands Farm on the 10th June.

We have asked the children to be dressed in warm old clothes suitable for outdoor muddy activities, however a school sweat-shirt must be worn. The children will be playing games and doing a variety of different activities during the day, so practical clothing is important.

You can appreciate that organising this trip is rather complex. Coaches have already been booked and all the teachers and LSA's will naturally be accompa-

nying the children. However, we will need some volunteers in addition to staff. Those of you who help in school and hold a DBS from Essex County Council will be our first port of call. If we need any other volunteers I will let you know.

Let's hope the sun shines and the children won't need coats.



The Big Question

Our Core Value for this half term is **THOUGHTFULNESS**. We will be thinking about our friends, family, people around the world and our precious environment.

The BIG QUESTION this week is 'Is it important to be tolerant of others? How can we resolve disagreements?'

Please discuss this at home.

Millions of vouchers! I would just like to say a huge thank you to all of you who have given the school Sainsburys' vouchers. They have been accumulating in the foyer. The only drawback is of course that every single one of them has to be counted! It is a gigantic task! So is there anyone who could help us out by counting the vouchers and putting them into bundles? Mrs Mears would be thrilled with any willing volunteers. Vouchers can be collected until 3rd May.



Children's social networks

We all continue to work hard in protecting our children whilst on the internet. I have recently received a helpful website that is a guide to the social networks your children may use. This site will help you stay up to date and keep your child safe in today's digital world. To children, online life is real life.

The NSPCC have joined forces with O2 to create this site which includes an online safety helpline for questions about parental controls or concerns about a social network your child may use. The site also includes online safety videos about talking to your child about staying safe online.

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/#>



A big plea.....

We are continually wanting to improve our outside grounds and provision for the children. We are aiming to create an outside mud kitchen, writing den and growing garden. Please could I ask that if you or anyone you know have anything from the following list that you no longer use, need or have outgrown and you would like to donate it to the school it would all be gratefully received.

Cooking utensils, pots, pans, wooden spoons, colanders, small gardening equipment, forks, spades, trowels, small car tyres for planting, any unwanted seeds, wellington boots, child sized umbrellas, dressing up clothes, old chalk boards and gardening canes etc.

We are also looking for any donations of 'toddler' type toys like peg puzzles, shape sorters, light up

Functional skills: Maths

If you are a parent who would like to develop your numeracy skills and obtain a level 2 qualification there is a **FREE** seven week course starting Wednesday 11th May 2016 1pm-3pm at the Perryfields Children's Centre. For more information or to book a space, please contact the Perryfields Children's Centre on: 01245 359310

balls and cause and effect toys for our very youngest children.

Please kindly pass any donations to your class teacher or to the office staff.

Thank you for your continued support.

