



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



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***Dates for your diary..***

## *A fabulous event!*

It was a fabulous evening and I don't think I have ever seen so many people crammed into the school hall! There were games to play, Santa to visit, raffle prizes to win, mince pies to be eaten, lucky dip and secret presents to be bought!

The atmosphere was amazing. Everyone I spoke to said what a good time they were having. Then, just like Christmas, in a flash it was over!

We were amazed by the amount of money that had been raised.

### **A total of £2,018!**

This is a huge amount of money which will either go towards an interactive whiteboard or something else for the children at Perryfields Infant School.

I would like to say a huge 'thank you' to all the 'Fips' team who worked hard to put the event together, then even harder on the night and after the event when we were clearing away. To all the people who acted as stall holders during the evening or who brought in donations or who cooked, knitted or sewed—another 'thank you', we couldn't do it without you.

Unfortunately due to the sickness bug the Foundation stage and Year 1 children were unable to sell the food that they had made for their own stall. However, the money raised from the items the Year 2 children made in the classroom, will be spent on items from the 'Save the Children' charity shop. The children choose what they would like to buy—it could be goats or sheep or chickens for a family in a third world country. In this way the children begin to learn that Christmas isn't just about picking presents from the Argos catalogue, but it can be about giving essential items to those who have very little.

## *Christmas Jumper Day*



Today was 'Save the Children' wear a Christmas jumper day. All of the children and staff wore sparkly and Christmassy jumpers to school to raise money for this worthwhile charity.

We also had our whole school Christmas lunch where the staff all served the children and we had a delicious turkey lunch and sang festive songs. Everyone was getting into the Christmas spirit!

- 15 Dec—1.45pm Christmas play (Ruby, Emerald & Diamond Class parents)
- 16 Dec—9.30am Christmas play (Topaz, Sapphire & Pearl Class parents)
- 16 Dec—Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day
- 16 Dec—Sparkly Disco (FIPS)
- 21 Dec Last Day at school
- 22 Dec—Christmas holidays
- 5 Jan—Back to school
- 11 Jan—New parent helper meeting 9.10am
- 12 Jan—teacher after-school clubs start.
- 16 Jan—2 Johns E-safety meeting for all parents at 6.30pm (details to follow)
- 20 Jan—coffee morning for Year 2 parents on assessment 9-10am (details to follow)
- 7 Feb—open afternoon 3.10-3.45pm
- 10 Feb—Sapphire Class Assembly 9.15am
- 10 Feb—19 Feb Half term



# Magic and Sparkle!

Wow, what a performance! I am so proud of all the children in the school. This year's play was absolutely fantastic. The singing was beautiful and the children performed particularly well whatever their part.

It always amazes me that such young children are able to stand up and dance, sing, act in front of a large grown up audience. They have bags of confidence! However, all the staff always breathe a sigh of relief when the final performance is over!

## Parent Helpers

A big thank you to all the parents who have helped out in school over the last term. I know the children and teachers greatly appreciate it. If anyone else is interested in becoming a parent helper I will be holding another parent helper induction day on Wednesday 11th January 2017 at 9.10am.



Thank you for the performance donations—we raised **£289.00** for the Broomfield Children's ward.

The children have had a wonderful time in their classrooms, making cards and calendars and Christmas decorations—there has been glitter everywhere! Then on Wednesday it will be time for them to go home and start celebrating with their families and friends.

All the children need a well earned rest—it has been rather a long term and last September seems a very long time ago!

## Parental Suggestions

As a headteacher feedback and suggestions from the children and parents is extremely valuable, especially when it moves the school forward. If you have any enquiries or suggestions about the school please let me know by either making an appointment to see me or by emailing me through the enquiry form on the schools website.

## Germs!

As you are probably aware there have been several cases of sickness and diarrhoea throughout the school. Please can I remind everyone of the 48 hour rule from the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea. Please can you remind the children to thoroughly wash their hands frequently. This way we hope all the children will stay healthy over the festive period.

## Dates for your diary...

- 20 Feb —Children return to school
- 2 March—World Book Day (details to follow)
- 13 March Science Week begins
- 27 March—Parents consultation evening 4-6.30pm
- 29 March - Parents consultation evening 6-8.30pm
- 31 March—Emerald Class assembly
- 31 March—Last day of term
- 1st April—17 April Easter Holidays
- 18 April—Non pupil day
- 19 April—Children return to school
- 1 May—Bank Holiday
- 26 May—Ruby Class assembly 9.15am
- 27 May—4th June Half Term
- 5 June—Non pupil day
- 6 June—Children return to school
- 15 June—Sports day 1.30pm
- 16 June—Summer Inflatable Day
- 23 June—Topaz Class assembly 9.15am

## Happy Christmas

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to wish all the children, parents, carers and staff of Perryfields Infant School a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

