



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



# The Perryfield Post

## Join us for a coffee!

I am sure you all know by now that tomorrow there is a big event in aid of MacMillan Cancer Research. 'The Biggest Coffee Morning in the World' began some years ago and has become a regular fixture here at Perryfields Infants. We are always astounded by your generosity and last year we raised £827 for MacMillan. This is amazing as we are quite a small school with only 180 children! Tomorrow is the big event so we would very much appreciate your donations of cakes and biscuits—please bring them to

reception first thing in the morning. Each class will have the opportunity of coming into the hall to have a drink and a cake or biscuit with you. If you are unable to attend please don't worry, the children will have their drink with the class LSA. We will be taking donations and the children will be coming round with plates of cakes or biscuits.

This is for such a good cause and I know there are several people who know or have known someone dear to them who has or is battling this horrible disease – myself included.



## Name it or lose it!

Even though the term is just a few weeks old, there are dozens of sweatshirts in the lost property basket. Most of them are brand new! Several people have gone through them looking

for names so that they could be returned to their rightful owner but there are simply no readable name on them. School uniform gives the children a sense of belonging to a community and we instil in the children that they should be

So that we don't get a huge crush in the hall, the morning should run like this -

Ruby and Topaz

9.15-9.45am

Emerald and Sapphire

10.00-10.30 am

Diamond and Pearl

11.00-11.30 am

If you have children in two different year groups we don't expect you to come twice—unless you want to that is! We will make sure your children sit with you whenever you arrive.

If anyone could bake a cake that we could raffle that would be most appreciated.

We look forward to seeing you all tomorrow!

proud to wear the Perryfields uniform. Please teach your children to look after their things and also please name every piece of clothing and equipment clearly. If nobody claims the items in lost property we give it away to a charity.

## Perryfields Infant School

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*Dates for your diary..*

- 29 Sept—Chloe Inkpen author visit
- 30 Sept—MacMillan Coffee morning
- 6 Oct—Book Fair after school everyday until the 12th.
- 7 Oct— 9.30am Harvest Assembly
- 7 Oct— 2pm FIPS meeting (School PTA— all parents welcome and younger siblings)
- 12 Oct—7pm Reading & writing parent workshop
- 14 Oct—FIPS Movie night (TBC)
- 17 Oct— 4-6.30pm Parents Consultation evening
- 19 Oct—9.15am new parent helper meeting
- 20 Oct—6-8.30pm Parents Consultation evening
- 21 Oct—Non Pupil Day
- 24 Oct—30 Oct Half Term
- 31 Oct—children back to school
- 2 Nov—9.00am SEN coffee morning (details to follow)
- 4 Nov—9.15am Diamond Class assembly
- 18 Nov—children in need



## *The Big Question*

This week we have been thinking about keeping safe wherever we are and the people who help to keep us safe. The big question is 'How can we keep safe in and out of school?' The children have already come up with some fantastic ideas, for example the fire bell, staff ID badges, taking the register and using the internet safely. Can you think of any more together?

## *Drinks in school*

Research has shown that children's brains work faster and are more efficient when they are properly hydrated. This is why children have a water bottle that they can sip from throughout the day.

The bottles are kept in an accessible place within the classroom and children can sip freely from them. They can also be refilled from our water cooler. However I would like to remind you that

## *School Council News*

The children have been deciding who they wanted for their School Council representatives. This vote is completely democratic with each class voting for a boy and a girl member.

I am pleased to be able to announce the School Council representatives for the Year 1 and Year 2 classes. The Foundation Stage do not join the School Council until the summer term—for obvious reasons!

## *Do you wish to volunteer? School rules & property*

We have always been very grateful to any parent or carer who is able to volunteer to help in our classrooms. All our volunteers have an up to date DBS check. This has to be completed through Essex County Council. I will be holding a parent volunteer meeting on **Wednesday 19th October at 9.15am**. Here I shall go over issues about working with children and confidentiality.

I look forward to seeing you.

children should have just water in their bottles. No flavoured water, or weak squash or any other kind of flavoured drink, it should just be water. During the lunchtime period children can drink whatever they wish—apart from fizzy drinks. Similarly, if you would like your child to have a small carton of milk at break-time please see Mrs Mears in the office for an information leaflet and you can apply online at [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com).

The Emerald Class representatives are, Jasmine Perry and Dilan Kaul. The Sapphire representatives are Rachel Simpson and George Gregory. The Diamonds voted for Lochlan Marnoch and Ruby Hubble. Finally the Pearl class representatives are Luke Besgrove and Lulu Dodsworth.

I am sure they will make a great team.

I have already mentioned this term that all children **must not** go on the climbing frames or any equipment either before or after school. Can I also remind everyone that for everyone's safety bikes and scooters **must not** be used whilst on the school grounds. The paths are not wide enough and there have been several near misses. In addition can I ask everyone to speak to their children about caring for the school property. We have already had several pieces of equipment broken through inappropriate treatment and these breakages do add up!

The school is unable to order milk for your child on your behalf. Children under 5 receive their milk free of charge but you must still register and apply.

Finally, I know the children have a great deal to carry—one of our rucksacks may be a good idea—but we would appreciate it if water bottles were not placed in the children's book bags. We have had leaks when the water bottle top hasn't been secured and the reading books then get ruined.

Their first task is to ask their class mates about the school rules and to think of a new School Code of Conduct. We also have a new team of Play leaders. They will be working with the junior play leaders and I shall be writing about them in the next edition of the Perryfields Post. Please visit our school website to see our new School Council representatives.