



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

The Perryfield Post

Chinese New Year

On Friday 19th February it is the Chinese New Year. We will be spending two days (12 & 13th February) learning about and celebrating the Chinese New Year festival and cultural diversity. Every class will be making a Chinese New Year Dragon and creating a class Dragon dance. In addition the children will be locating China on maps and researching their religion and culture and comparing it to British culture.

The cross-curricular learning will be fun and exciting and will include: eating Chinese food, writing fortune cookies, listening to and playing Chinese music, making Chinese symbols, the Chinese New Year story and finding out in what year they were born and what animal they are. To help us celebrate the Chinese New Year we will be inviting parents and carers to join us in our classrooms on Thursday 12th February in the afternoon. You will be able to work alongside your children and their

friends in several creative activities—more details to follow.



1,2,3,4,5.....Help!

This week on Wednesday 28th January we will be holding a math workshop evening at 7pm in our hall. The format of this evening will be similar to the Early Reading workshop which was held earlier on this year.

This is an opportunity to discover how your child's math skills develop through the infant years and how you can support them. All the class teachers will be contributing to the evening and will be available to answer any questions.

Parents/carers from the reading workshop found it extremely helpful and we have listened and taken on board your feedback and created this math workshop. I look forward to seeing you there.

**Perryfields Infant
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Dates for your diary

- 28 Jan 7.00pm
Maths parent workshop
- 9 Feb 1.30-3.00pm—E-safety training
- 13 Feb 9.30 am
Sapphires Class assembly
- 16-20Feb—half term break
- 23 Feb—children return to school
- 5 March—World Book Day
- 13 March—Red Nose Day
- 16-20 March—Science Week
- 23 & 25 March—Parent consultation evenings
- 27 March 9.30am—Amber Class Assembly.
- 28 March-10 April—Spring break
- 13 April — Children back to school..

E-Safety training for parents and carers

Monday 9th February at 1.30-3.00pm in the Junior School hall we are holding a joint E-Safety Awareness Presentation for Parents, Carers and Grandparents.

As technology is changing so rapidly our children are more susceptible to new and hidden dangers. As parents we want to protect our children as much as possible. This session is to raise the awareness of some of the current potential issues and to help you support your children in the safe and responsible use of technology.

The Big Question

Some of your children may have come home very excited last week, talking about the 'BIG QUESTION'. This week's question provoked a lot of debate.

Is it better to be happy or rich?

As the discussions progressed some of the children changed their initial responses.

UniFest

Anglia Ruskin University would like to invite children and their families to their 2015 UniFest event. It is open to anyone aged 6-16 years, and their families and friends, the event gives young people a chance to take part in hands-on activities and explore a university campus setting. It's a day to celebrate Higher Education, encouraging young people

and their families to think positively about university and how further study can realise ambitions.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Tuesday 10th February is National E-Safety Day and the whole school and country will be emphasizing the importance of being E-Safe when using the computers, ipads and laptops with the children.



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UniFest will be running at the Chelmsford campus on Saturday 21st March and the Cambridge campus on Saturday 7th March between 10am and 3pm. There will be over 20 workshops running including:

'Fips' Meeting

The next meeting of the 'Fips' Committee will be on **Friday, 30th January at 2 pm.**

It would be great to see as many of you as possible, so that we can plan some events for 2015.

Although, we call it a 'committee', everyone is always invited and welcome.

I really value the hard work that parents and carers put into events at school. The children will definitely enjoy spending the money on their school.

A reminder—

If your child is going home with another child in their class, it is school policy that this information should be given **in writing** to the class teacher. Teachers and LSAs cannot take verbal messages of this kind. I am sure you will understand, that in a busy classroom of 30 young children, verbal messages will inevitably be forgotten. **The safety of your children is paramount, so to avoid any mishap please write messages.**

Lego—from the factory to the toy cupboard, The pig personality test, junk modelling and Secret spies—break the code.