



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



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*Dates for your diary..*

## *Welcome to 2017!*

I would like to wish all of you a very Happy New Year! I hope your Christmas was as magical as mine!

As usual, the year will be very busy and exciting for everyone here at Perryfields Infants. The staff and children are busy planning various different activities and events. The first of these will be the start of school club night which will begin this Thursday 12th January and run for 5 weeks. KS1 children have already been allocated a club to go to and we look

forward to seeing them there 3.00-3.45pm. Clubs are only for the KS1 children but the Foundation Stage children will get their turn next year.

Another event we are planning is a Science Week in March. This will coincide with National Science Week, so there will be news in the media about all things scientific! Miss Gilson, who is our Science subject leader, will be finalising plans shortly. However, if any of you have a particularly scientific aspect to your line of work and could help that would be wonderful!

## *A few reminders.....*

- ♦ There will be no school crossing patrol person in the morning this Friday 13th January. Please be extra vigilant when crossing Lawn Lane.
  - ♦ School starts at 8.55am and all children should be in school for this time.
  - ♦ Named water bottles need to be brought in every day but not put into the book bags as these leak and damage the books. Thank you.
- 16 Jan—2 Johns E-safety meeting for all parents at 6.30pm—8.30pm in the Junior school hall.
  - 16 Jan—2.15pm Foundation Stage parents the PAIR reading meeting.
  - 20 Jan—coffee morning for Year 2 parents on assessment 9-10am.
  - 20 Jan—2pm FIPS meeting everyone welcome.
  - 27 Jan—Rocksteady Music school assembly
  - 3 Feb—3-5pm FIPS Movie Night for KS1 (more details to follow)
  - 7 Feb—open afternoon 3.10-3.45pm
  - 10 Feb—Sapphire Class Assembly 9.15am
  - 10 Feb—19 Feb Half term
  - 20 Feb—back to school

## *Curiosity*

A few years ago now, the school negotiated with parents and carers about the 'core values' you believed to be important for your child. These are the values you wanted to instil in your child through our curriculum. The values we decided upon were— individuality, honesty,

curiosity, responsibility, team work, courage, thoughtfulness and enthusiasm. Each half term, we have a new core value. This forms the basis of our school assemblies, RE and PSHE curriculum. This half term the core value we will be looking at

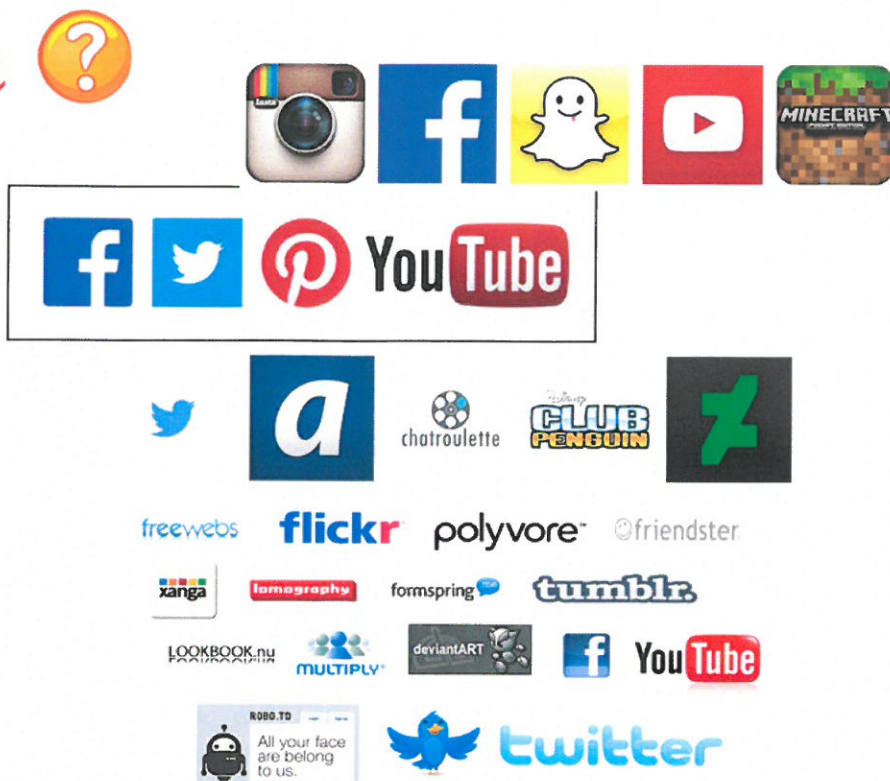
across the school is 'curiosity'. We want the children to ask questions and discover new things everyday. I'm sure you will say that your child does this naturally anyway! Let's hope they continue to do this in later life as well.

- 2 Mar—World Book Day (details to follow)
- 13 Mar—Science Week (details to follow)
- 27 Mar— 4-6.30pm parents consultation
- 29 Mar—6-8.30pm parents consultation
- 31 Mar—9.15am Emerald Class assembly



# The Big Question ?

The BIG QUESTION aims to be thought provoking in order to encourage discussion and will be debated within the assemblies and classrooms. We ask that you support this further by discussing the 'BIG QUESTION' with your child at home. You might be surprised by some of the answers. This week we have talked about being curious about ourselves and healthy relationships. The BIG QUESTION is Do you respect yourself? How do you look after yourself? Discuss.



## Other events .....

As you know ICT is becoming increasingly popular with our young children. It is a fantastic source of information and fun but on the other hand it has many hidden dangers. At school the children and staff are taught about internet safety. To help you protect and support your children better with e-safety at home we are holding a STRANGER

DANGER e-safety training evening on **Monday 16th January at 6.30-8.30pm** for parents and staff. This year we will be holding this presentation in the larger Junior school hall. I am sure that you will find this very informative.

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We will be holding a Foundation Stage PAIR reading meeting for all Topaz & Ruby class parents on **Monday 16th January at 2.15pm**

This will give you ideas and examples of how to support your child in their reading and reading comprehension skills and know how to use the excellent PAIR resources that will shortly be coming home.

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We will also be holding a coffee morning for Year 2 parents about assessing year 2 children in school. Please let us know if you are coming.

## School Council News

The School Council continues to meet with me regularly to discuss aspects of school life. These are issues which are important to the children and therefore important to the school.

Usually at this time of year the children would be deciding how to spend the money they raised on their children's Christmas stalls at the Christmas Bazaar. This year

the children did make some lovely sweets and cakes for the Christmas Bazaar but unfortunately due to the winter sickness bug going around the school we decided that for hygiene purposes that we wouldn't be able to sell them. Due to this we have decided to give £50 from the school fund for the children to choose a gift to help poorer communities around the world.

The School Council members will ask the children in their classes for their ideas and the most popular ideas will be purchased. The children are aware of how lucky we all are and understand that there are children in the world who are less fortunate than us.

### Christmas Play DVD—The Jolly Christmas Postmen.

We have three spare copies left from the order we placed that are available to any parents or carers who may have not ordered a copy already. Please telephone or call into the school office if you would like to purchase a copy of the DVD.