



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



# *The Perryfield Post*

## *Deputy Headteacher's Diary*

It has been another busy week at Perryfields Infant School. During my walks around the school I have seen children working really hard to develop new skills or apply skills they had already learned. In Foundation Stage, the children were weighing things and making predictions about which brick would weigh more, Lego or wooden. In Year 1, the children were creating pictograms in the computer suite, while in Year 2 they were learning to multiply by creating arrays. One child was heard to say "I was red yesterday but today I really get it!" while another subtly reminded their teacher, "You might need to double click it again if it doesn't work the first time!" Everywhere there was a buzz about learning. What a fantastic school to belong to!

### *A Few Reminders*

**Start of day**—please can I remind parents that all children need to be in school by 9:05am at the latest. Doors open at 8:55am to give everyone ten minutes to be in school. This is an important time of the day when key phonics, spellings and morning work takes place. It also causes disruption to the class when children arrive late via the front entrance. Thank you for your support with this.

**Considerate parking**—please remember that parking is prohibited between 8-9am and 3-4pm on parts of Lawn Lane and near the pedestrian crossing. I appreciate that everyone is busy and in a rush however there have been several reports that cars have been parked inconsiderately on paths, corners, double yellow lines etc. Apart from being illegal it is extremely dangerous with cars reversing and parking where families with young children are walking and needing pushchair access. Please can I ask everyone to think

**New Communication Assistant**— This week our new Communication Assistant joined the school. Sonia will be working with specific children to help support their speech and language development every Thursday across the school.

**Zone of Regulation Parent Workshop**— This week we held a remote parent workshop on the Zones of Regulation. This is a whole school approach with helping children to begin to self regulate their own emotions and learn different strategies. The PowerPoint from this can be found on our school website under the Parent Information/helping your child section.

[https://www.perryfieldsinfantschool.org.uk/website/helping\\_your\\_child\\_workshops\\_guidance\\_notes\\_and\\_videos/84750](https://www.perryfieldsinfantschool.org.uk/website/helping_your_child_workshops_guidance_notes_and_videos/84750)

### **Perryfields Infant School**

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

- 21st Jan—Movie Night (FIPS)
- 28th Jan—Movie Night (FIPS)
- 3rd Feb—6pm Online safety with The 2Johns via Facebook (signup)
- Wk bg 7th Feb—Open Afternoons to start (TBC)
- 14th—18th Feb—Half Term
- 21st Feb—Report cards to go home
- 22nd Feb—parent evening (telephone calls)
- 24th Feb—parents evening (telephone calls)
- 3rd Mar—KS1 Teacher clubs to start (TBC)
- 4th Mar—2:15 Parent workshop on School Assessment (TBC)
- 14th Mar—Science Week (details to follow)
- 25th Mar—Easter Disco (details to follow)
- 1st April—Last Day (Finish at 1:15pm)

**Lettings**—We currently have two halls that are available for long term lettings (dance/yoga etc) and also for one off events (parties/anniversaries/quizzes etc). If you or anyone you know is interested please enquire with our office.

## *Online Safety Training For Parents From the 2 Johns*

Just a reminder of the online safety training below.

The Essex Safeguarding Children Board (ESCB) is offering online safety training for parents and people working with children and young people (delivered by the 2 Johns). It will take place on Thursday 3rd February 2022 and will explore how young people are navigating around restrictions and using the internet without parents' knowledge. This session will explore solutions that parents and professionals can adopt to help keep children safe. This will be a Facebook Live for parents on Thursday 3 February at 6pm. Anyone wishing to attend will need to go to The 2 Johns [EST Safety Facebook page](#). It will look at:

- The online world and how our young people are using it. It will explore how they are navigating around restrictions and using the internet without parents knowledge.
- Content in regards to favourite apps and games
- Look at the dangers young people face, not only from predatory people, but also how they are being groomed in games which ranges from receiving gifts for the young player (typically Primary age) and being groomed on servers for the older players.
- Bully across all age ranges.
- The use that gangs make of the online world.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

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**Mrs Farmer's Attendance Award - Sapphire Class 100%**