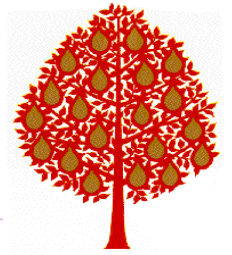


*Whoever you are, be happy, be safe,
be kind, stay sensible, love learning.
Keep caring!*



The Perryfields Post

Dear Parents and Carers,

For the past 12 years Perryfields Infant School has had a code of conduct. This is not unusual as many schools and organisations have something similar. However, what makes the code of conduct at Perryfields so special is that it is written by the children. Young as they are, your children have strong opinions and views—they know exactly how they should behave in and around school!

The code of conduct is rewritten every 3 years to reflect the views of the children who are currently at school. Each one has been very different from the previous one.

Before the summer holiday, the children had been discussing their ideas and the School Council had a meeting to decide how we should put all the ideas together. We now have a new code—which you will see at the top of the newsletter.

Around the classrooms there are new posters displaying this new code. All the staff, teachers, LSAs and midday assistants use the code when we talk to the children about their behaviour. This year we are using sign language alongside the words. The code of conduct is reinforced during weekly assemblies and in class. It will take a while for the new one to become embedded but I know the children will be very proud of their achievement.

Teddy Lympics

This week Mrs Bowen and Mrs Barnett and sixteen of the Year 1 children went to the Melbourne Stadium to take part in a variety of sporting activities against other schools. The festival was made up of 16 teams and it runs across 2 days, giving lots of Year 1 children a great opportunity to showcase their skills. The children were in 2 teams Sapphire formed the Yellow Team and Emerald class were the pink team. The children did 8 activities including throwing (Javelin and large ball), bouncer, standing long jump, hurdles, jumps, skipper, runner and aiming and throwing beanbags.

The children had such a fun morning, they cheered each other on and the children really worked hard in a team. We had a fantastic result and the Yellow team (Sapphires) came 1st and the Pink team (Emeralds) came 2nd!

Well done to all the children in both classes.



Perryfields Infant School

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Dates for your diary...

- 4th Dec—Emerald Class last Forest School
- 5th Dec—EYFS Christmas plays at 9:30am (2 people only)
- 7th Dec—KS1 Christmas play 9:30am (Sapphire & Pearl parents). 2pm (Emerald & Diamond parents). Only 2 parents.
- 8th Dec—Christmas Fayre
- 12th Dec—Yr2 Colchester Zoo trip
- 13th Dec—Christmas lunch and jumper day (Details to follow)
- 15th Dec—Christmas Panto
- 18th Dec—Whole school trip to All Saints Church 1:00pm
- 19th Dec—Last Day 1:15pm home time (no Peardrops)
- 20th Dec—NON-PUPIL DAY (Staff Training)
- Christmas holidays
- 4th January 2024—Back To School

Christmas Fayre Help

As previously mentioned, we require help to run our Christmas stalls on **Friday 8th December (3pm-5pm)**. This is a fantastic fund raiser for the school and the children really enjoy this fun event.

All Saints Church

MONDAY 18TH DECEMBER AT 1:00PM—As usual we are hoping to take the whole school to the local All Saints Church to sing some of our Christmas songs and retell the nativity story. We will be walking to the church and need some parent helpers to walk with us and attend this event. If you would like to help on this trip, please speak to Mrs Boon and Mrs Farmer in the office.

Labelling clothes & equipment

As previously mentioned, please remember to label all clothing and equipment.

Stikins labels are great for clothes, shoes, lunch boxes and water bottles. Using the schools unique fundraising code: 29373, the school gets 30% commission (increased from 15% in previous years). And they do next day delivery! <https://www.stikins.co.uk/>

Information/Reminders

YEAR 2 PARENTS—TRANSITION TO THE JUNIOR SCHOOL—IMPORTANT! - All current Year 2 parents must complete the Essex County Council online admissions form by 15th January 2024 to ensure their child gets a place in Year 3 at the junior school in September 2024. Applications open on 6th November and close on the 15th January. You only need to name one school—Perryfields Junior School and ensure that you send it in time. Once sent, you will receive an email confirming it has been submitted. This is really important as your child will not get a place if it is a late application. Please complete the on-line form that has been sent out to confirm with us that you have applied and received your email confirmation.

Have a lovely weekend.

Amanda Reid

Dates continued.....

- 8th Jan—2 Johns online safety parent & staff training 8:30pm (save the date)
- 26th Jan—Owl Visit at school (more information to follow)
- 6th Feb—Maths parent workshop (details to follow)
- 8th Feb—Open Afternoons 3:05-3:30pm
- 19th Feb—23rd Feb HALF TERM
- 26th Feb—INSET DAY (Non-pupil day)
- 27th Feb—Parents Evening
- 29th Feb—Parents Evening
- 7th Mar—World Book Day (details to follow)
- 28th Mar—Last day 1:15pm home time (no Peardrops)
- EASTER HOLIDAY
- 15th April—Children back to school
- 19th April—Class Photos

Mrs Farmer's Attendance Award -
Emerald Class 98.52%