



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



# *The Perryfields Post*

## *Staying At Home & Key Workers*

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As you are aware, Perryfields Infant School has been closed for the majority of our children since Monday along with a new national lockdown.

Many of you will be feeling as I do, devastated at the current changes we are all needing to follow once again. These decisions however have been made for the safety of everyone within our community and country.

However, what I do know is that all our community have shown great resilience, kindness and been extremely supportive and taken on board the ever changing advice from the government so far.

As you know schools are remaining open for only a very small number of Key Worker children to help beat this horrible virus. Guidance sent out to schools stresses the importance of children only attending school when there is no alternative provision; therefore, please **only send your key worker child/children in when there is no one else at home to care for them and only when you are working.** This is to reduce risk of transmission and help reduce the spread.

During this time we are communicating with all parents, children and staff to help keep morale as high as possible. Teachers and LSAs are communicating to the children via DB Primary and weekly calls. It is wonderful to hear that several children have been safely mailing their teachers and friends. (Please remember to use any online resources appropriately). Today I have sent out an email with more online safety information, additional website links and a letter explaining our approach to remote learning.

I want to say thank you right from the outset for everything you are all doing, have already done and will be doing in the coming weeks as we work together.

Now that our keyworker provision is up and running, it's time to reach out to our many other families contributing by staying at home. Teachers continue to provide plans and curriculum learning activities for you to do at home with your children. Home learning has already been added to our school website under the 'Working from Home' tab at the top. The information includes free websites and Apps that you can use at home and also a White Rose maths link, an Edshed link, Oxford Owl link, Purple Mash link etc for everyone to access—which is excellent. Please note that the worksheets and PowerPoints do not have to be printed out. Children can use lined/plain paper to complete the set learning.

This partial school closure is set to continue at least until 15th February and maybe longer; therefore, it is extremely important that you all try to support your children as much as possible with their home learning each day where possible. The work set is from the curriculum and is what will be taught in school. As we do not know how long the country will be in partial lockdown and how long schools will remain closed for, it is extremely important to establish some kind of home routine and to include a mixture of learning, exercise and fun time.

With teachers working from home and teaching in school we are devising a schedule for the team to allow some face-to-face Zoom meetings. More details can be found in my earlier email.

Next Friday, **15th January**, I am planning on holding the first ever LIVE Zoom assembly for the whole school. This will be a 'hello' where I will also introduce our new Core Value 'Perseverance'. I look forward to seeing you, if you can. Everyone's home/work situations are different so please do not worry if you are unable to join. Fingers crossed that the technology works.

# *Zoom Assembly Invitation*

Mrs Reid is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Mrs Reid's Zoom Assembly

Time: Jan 15, 2021 10:00 AM London

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5201518264?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5201518264?pwd=aCt5cnFZZjI4UEo2T3BNRTRqZldVZz09)  
[pwd=aCt5cnFZZjI4UEo2T3BNRTRqZldVZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5201518264?pwd=aCt5cnFZZjI4UEo2T3BNRTRqZldVZz09)

Meeting ID: 520 151 8264

Passcode: h7382u

If the whole school assembly runs smoothly I will endeavour to do a weekly Friday assembly at this time.

## *DB Primary*

DB Primary is our online Virtual Learning Platform. All of the children have a username and password to access it which can be found in their reading diaries.

Due to the age of our children they will require help when using it. Children (and parents) can use this platform to email teachers and upload some of the set work. Teachers will specify which two pieces of work they would like uploaded onto DB Primary each week. These two pieces of work will be marked in detail with feedback provide with next steps.

**Important—please upload work into the FILES section of the class page. The teacher will then get notified that there is work to be approved and mark.**

The team here are working extremely hard to ensure we can support you as much as possible. If you would like to discuss anything further please either speak to the class teacher via the email on DB Primary or email or call the school office on 01245 268714 or

[admin@perryfields-inf.essex.sch.uk](mailto:admin@perryfields-inf.essex.sch.uk)

I hope you all stay safe, well and happy.

My very best wishes

*Amanda Reid*

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

- 26th Jan—Parents Phonics and reading workshop

Time: Jan 26, 2021 01:30 PM  
London

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5201518264?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5201518264?pwd=aCt5cnFZZjI4UEo2T3BNRTRqZldVZz09)  
[pwd=aCt5cnFZZjI4UEo2T3BNRTRqZldVZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5201518264?pwd=aCt5cnFZZjI4UEo2T3BNRTRqZldVZz09)

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### *IMPORTANT*

Key Workers—if you or anyone in your family are going to get a Covid test **DO NOT bring your child to school.**

**THANK YOU**