



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



# *The Perryfields Post*

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another fantastic and busy week. The children, including our new Foundation Stage children are really beginning to remember their daily routines and timetables. As I go around the school it is wonderful to see so many children fully engaged and focused in what they are doing. I look forward to seeing more of the wonderful work they have started to do as the year progresses.

## *Volunteers—parent helpers*

It was lovely to see some parent volunteers at my meeting yesterday. I look forward to seeing you helping in the classrooms. Please can I make a plea for any parents or grandparents that are able to offer their help on a weekly/regular basis in school to speak to your class teacher. The teaching team would really appreciate as much help as possible, especially to hear children read and to stick their work into their topic books.

Due to Covid-19 and then the summer holidays it is noticeable that several children would benefit from reading regularly at home but also again at school. As you can appreciate it is not always possible to do this more than once a week due to the requirements of the National Curriculum. If you or someone you know is able to offer this much needed support then please speak to the class teacher. Another date for parent helpers is Tuesday 5th October at 2:30pm. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

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

**READING PHONICS WORKSHOP**—if you would like to find out more about how you can support your child with their phonics learning and reading please return the reply slip to the office that was sent out earlier this week.

**Macmillan Cake Morning**—please can I ask parents to bring in some shop bought sealed cakes into school next Friday morning, 24th September, with the children. The children will be learning about charities and why they are important whilst eating cake. This is our first fund raising event this academic year and Mrs Roberts in the office has setup a QR Code which is attached. If you would like to donate some money to Macmillan Cancer Research please scan the QR code on to your smartphone's camera and click to be taken to their secure website. Thank you for your continued support.

**Harvest Assembly**—please remember our Harvest Assembly on 1st October 2021. All donations will go to the Chelmsford Food Bank and we ask that these are brought into school that morning with your children. Please remember that it is only one parent per child and we ask that parents wear a face mask when in school.

**Perryfields Infant School**

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

- 17th Sept—Flu Vaccinations
- 20th Sept—Year 1 forest schools begin (details to follow)
- 24th Sept—Macmillan Coffee Morning (details to follow)
- 28th Sept—1:30pm Sapphire parents meet the teacher meeting
- 28th Sept—2:30pm Emerald parents meet the teacher meeting
- 1st Oct—2:00pm FIPS parents meeting—everyone welcome (details to follow)
- 1st Oct—9.30am Year 1 Harvest Assembly (save the date)
- 1st Oct—11:00 Year 2 Harvest Assembly (save the date) (details to follow)
- 5th Oct—9:15am—Phonics Reading parent workshop (details to follow)
- 5th Oct—2:30pm Parent Helper meeting
- 7th Oct—1:30pm Diamond parents meet the teacher meeting

## Reminders continued.....



**READING AT HOME**—please can I remind all parents to listen to their children read at least 5 times a week. Even if the books are picture books please discuss and talk about the pictures and what is happening and predicting what might happen next. Research shows that children who read and share books regularly at home are successful when they are older.

**OUTSIDE SCHOOL EQUIPMENT**—please remember that no-one is allowed on the school play equipment before or after school. Our insurance is only valid if a member of staff is supervising. Can I ask that all parents have their children standing next to them in the mornings whilst they are waiting to go into school and also to hold an adults hands when leaving the school ground. I appreciate the climbing frames are a temptation but the children have also been told that they should not be on them.

**SCHOOL CLEANER NEEDED**—we are looking for a school cleaner to work 3 hours a day. If you are interested please see our advert on the 'Job Vacancy' section of our school website or pop into the office to ask for an application form.

**NAME IT OR LOST IT!** - even though the term is just a few weeks old, there are several sweatshirts and water bottles getting lost or in the lost property basket. Most of them are brand new! Several people have gone through them looking for names so that they could be returned to their rightful owner but there are simply no readable names on them. School uniform gives the children a sense of belonging to a community and we instil in the children that they should be proud to wear the Perryfields uniform. Please teach your children to look after their things and also please name every piece of clothing and equipment clearly, including water bottles. If nobody claims the items in lost property we give it away to a charity.

**HALL LETTINGS**—both the school hall and community hall next door have recently become available to hire on a Saturday. If you know of a fitness club or community club looking for a large space to regularly hire then please ask them to contact the school office on 01245 268714 or email the school on [admin@perryfields-inf.essex.sch.uk](mailto:admin@perryfields-inf.essex.sch.uk)

**FLU VACCINATIONS**-Apologises to all parents/carers but due to a shortage of nursing staff we did not have the flu vaccinations today. A new date has been booked for 12th November 2021.

### Dates continued.....

- 7th Oct—2:30pm Pearl parents meet the teacher meeting
- 12th Oct—individual photos
- 12th Oct—1:30pm Topaz parents meet the teacher
- 12th Oct—2:30pm Ruby parents meet the teacher (details to follow)
- 15th Oct—9:30am Maths Parent Workshop (details to follow)
- 19th Oct—Open Afternoon (TBC)
- 20th Oct—Last day at school
- 21st Oct—INSET DAY (staff training)
- 22nd Oct—INSET DAY (staff training)
- 25th—29th Oct—HALF TERM
- 1st Nov—Back to school
- 2nd Nov—Parents Evening
- 4th Nov—Parents Evening
- 19th Nov—Children In Need
- 3rd Dec—Christmas Fayre (TBC)
- 15th Dec—Christmas lunch and jumper day (TBC)
- 17th Dec—Last Day 1:15pm home time (no Peardrops)
- 20th Dec—3rd Jan CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
- 4th Jan—INSET DAY (staff training)
- 5th Jan—Children back to school.



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