



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



The Perryfields Post

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic start to the new academic year. The children have quickly settled into their new routines and classrooms and there is a wonderful buzz in the school. With the reduced Covid restrictions it is definitely beginning to feel a bit more like 'normal'.

I would like to welcome the new children and their families to our school community and look forward to working closely with you over your time here. The new Reception children have been visiting the school this week and we look forward to them coming in next week and starting full time on the 15th September.

Over the autumn term we have lots of exciting things planned for the children and also hope to invite parents into the school more. Due to Covid-19 and the ever changing advice/restrictions all of these planned events will be subject to change. Due to the speed of these changes some things may get changed or cancelled with very little notice. I would like to apologise in advance if this is the case.

To find out more about what the children will be learning in school please look at our website under 'Key Information' and 'Curriculum'. The curriculum ladders are already up for you to see.

Please make sure you have the school PING app on your phones to ensure you keep up with all the school communication. Reception details to follow.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

On Friday 24th September we will be helping to raise funds for this important charity to help fund cancer research. We will be doing this by eating cakes!

The Macmillan Cancer coffee morning is 'The Biggest Coffee Morning in the World'. It is a regular fixture here at Perryfields Infants and we are always astounded by your generosity.

Unfortunately, this year, due to Covid-19 we will be having the coffee morning with only the children in their classes. Hopefully next year we can invite parents once again. Please could we ask parents to make donations of bought cakes and biscuit (pre-wrapped) and bring them to school on Friday 24th September in the morning.

Each class will have the opportunity of having a drink and eating the cakes in class that day. We will also be taking money donations via a 'Just Giving' page which will shortly be setup.

Perryfields Infant School

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Dates for your diary...

- 7th Sept—Year 1 gym club starts
- 8th Sept—Year 2 gym club starts
- 13th Sept—EYFS stay for lunch
- 14th Sept—EYFS stay for lunch
- 15th Sept—EYFS start full time
- 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—9.30am Year 1 Harvest Assembly (save the date)
- 1st Oct—11:00 Year 2 Harvest Assembly (save the date) (details to follow)
- 7th Oct—1:30pm Diamond parents meet the teacher meeting
- 7th Oct—2:30pm Pearl parents meet the teacher meeting
- 12th Oct—individual photos



Please remember that we are

A few reminders.....

SCHOOL DINNERS—next week school dinners will be on week 2. Please remember to pre-order the meals the Wednesday beforehand.

A SCHOOL VACANCY—We have a school vacancy for a cleaner to start asap. The position is for 3 hours a day (3-6pm or 6:30-9:30am). An advert has gone out today. If you or anyone you know is interested in the position, please pick up an application form from the office.

CLIMBING FRAMES—children should not go on the climbing frames either before or after school. School's insurance is only valid if a member of staff team are with the children.

The Big Question



Our Core Value for this half term is **RESPECT**

In assemblies and in class we will be learning about what respect is and why it is important and how we can show it.

The Big Question for next week is — **Why is respect important in life and how can we show respect?**

Please discuss this further at home.

HARVEST ASSEMBLY

On Friday 1st October we will be holding our annual Harvest Assembly by celebrating the growing and harvesting of crops. Due to Covid-19 this will be slightly different to our normal assemblies. All of the KS1 children will learn some special songs. Parents are welcome to come but due to Covid-19 we will be following these rules:

Emerald and Sapphire parents/carers are invited to the 9:30am assembly—please **only one parent per child and a face mask MUST be worn**.

Diamond and Pearl parents/carers are invited to the 11:00am assembly—please **only one parent per child and a face mask MUST be worn**.

Please do not attend if you feel ill or if you are waiting for PCR test results. With these precautions we are hoping to keep the school open and our community as safe as possible.

We would be very grateful if all the children could bring in donations of tinned or dried food goods which we will deliver to Chelmsford Foodbank to assist local families in crisis.

NAME IT OR LOSE IT!

A polite reminder to name everything that comes into school. Please can you ensure that all clothes, water bottles, PE kits, coats, gloves, bags and shoes are named with a clear label.

Harvest Festival Donation Suggestions:

Food Items—

Tinned only of - fish, fruit, meat, custard, potatoes, spaghetti, tomatoes, rice pudding.

Powdered mash potato, sachet soup, dried pasta, custard powder, rice, biscuits, sponge puddings, fruit squash, long-life milk, long-life fruit juice, chocolate treats, jam, honey, spreads.

Non-Food Items—

Shampoo, hand-wash, shower gel, deodorant, tin openers, tooth brushes, washing up liquid, washing powder/liquid.



Dates continued.....

- 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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