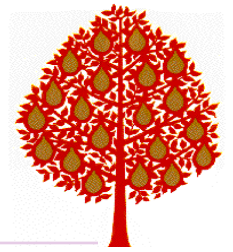


*'Be safe, be kind.  
Listen and think a lot.  
Be your best!'*



# *The Perryfield Post*

What an extremely busy half term it has been. All of the children have been working hard with their learning and enjoying their new Topics. We definitely have some tired children (and staff) who are looking forward to the half term holidays.

It was wonderful to see so many parents/grandparents at the Open Afternoons this week. The children really enjoyed having this opportunity to show you what they've been learning at school. They are very proud of their work, and rightly so.

## *Year 2 Phonics Check Results*

Every year the Year 1 pupils have to sit a national phonics check in June. This is where the class teacher completes a mini test on a one to one basis with each child. It includes some words which are fake or non-words as well as proper words. There are 40 words for the children to decode and the expected level is very high. Due to COVID, these phonics checks did not take place in Year 1 last year so they took place nationally in Year 2 in November 2022. All of the children have been working hard with their phonics and grammar learning and all made good progress. I am please to say that there was a 93% pass rate.

There are so many different ways in which children learn to read. Looking at the pictures, the shape of the word, making sense of the story and of course the sound the letters make—phonics. In addition, we try to instil a love of books and being read to and reading. We are really excited about our up and coming author visit on World Book Day Thursday 3rd March.

## *Our Fantastic Cheerleading Team*

On Wednesday, Mrs Bowen and Mrs Bacon took 10 Year 2 children to Chelmsford Athletics Centre to participate in an interschool cheerleading competition. The children have been working hard to create a team performance and coming in before school starts to learn this. I am extremely proud to say that out of 10 teams attending this event Perryfields Infant School came 1st. **FANTASTIC!**

A big thank you to both staff for making this possible and for Mrs Bowen our wonderful PE lead for taking the time and having the passion to provide this opportunity for our children.



Congratulations go to Maelyn, Izzy, Freya, Oliver, Nicole, Eliana, Alicia Alexa, Alexxa and Alex.

## **Perryfields Infant School**

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

- 14th—18th Feb—Half Term
- 21st Feb—Children back to school.
- 21st Feb—Report cards to go home
- 22nd Feb—parent evening (telephone calls)
- 23rd Feb—Parents evening for Emerald Class only
- 24th Feb—parents evening (telephone calls)
- 3rd Mar—KS1 Teacher clubs to start
- 4th Mar—2:15 Parent workshop on School Assessment 2:15pm
- 14th Mar—Science Week (details to follow)
- 25th Mar—Easter Disco (details to follow)
- 1st April—Last Day (Finish at 1:15pm)
- 19th April—Children back to school
- 17th May—Whole school trip to Layer Marney Towers



## *A few notices and reminders.....*

**Online Safety and films**—during our online safety and keeping safe sessions it has come to our notice that several children have been playing games and watching films that are suitable for older children e.g. Squid Games which is rated 15, TikTok etc. As parents I am sure you are aware of this and have checked the content of all Apps and Films before watching them. If you are unsure of certain age restrictions and would like further guidance and top tips for online/film safety please visit The 2Johns website: <https://esafetytraining.org/>

**Parents Evening**—If you haven't been onto PING and signed up to a parents evening slot please can you asap. Teachers will be calling as near to these times as possible with either the school phone or their mobile phones. If your phone rings with 'No Caller ID' please remember to answer the phone as it is probably the teacher.

**Year 2 Chelmsford Cathedral trip**—the coach has been booked and on Tuesday 15th March the Year 2 children will go to the Chelmsford Cathedral to learn all about Easter. If you have a current DBS, help in school please speak to the class teachers about helping.

**School Office**—we still continue to be short staffed in the office. Please can I remind everyone that school starts at 8:55am. Children who are late miss an important settling in time in the classrooms where morning work has already started and children are given the daily timetable so they know what is happening. Children who are late are also disruptive to the whole class by coming into school late. With only one person in the office it is difficult to answer the reception door as promptly as usual which will make them even later. From my window I can see that several children are regularly late. If you do have a problem getting your child into school on time please make an appointment to see me. A big thank you to Mrs Farmer for organising the office by herself.

**After Half Term**—From Monday 21st February we are returning to our 'normal' morning times. All children and parents are to wait in the playground until the bell gets rung at 8:55am by a member of staff. Children are expected to stand by their adults side (not playing on equipment or running around) to ensure a calm start to the school day. When the bell is rung to indicate the start of the school day the children then walk into class. Anyone who is not in class by 9am will be classed as late.

I hope you all have a fantastic half term.

Best wishes, Amanda Reid, Headteacher.

**Mrs Farmer's Attendance Award - Sapphire Class 98.89%**