

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



The Perryfields Post

So long, farewell......

Perryfields Infant School

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Dear Parents / Carers,

This is my very last Perryfields' Post for this academic year. It is with mixed emotions that we have to say goodbye to our current Year 2 children. It has been wonderful to see you for some of the time over the last three weeks. Over the years I have had the privilege of watching many children mature and grow in self-esteem and confidence during their time here. The children never cease to amaze me. Each of them being unique with very many special individual qualities. I have been a very proud headteacher and I wish them all the best of luck in Year 3.

On Monday and Tuesday of this week it has been fantastic to welcome so many of our current EYFS and Year 1 children back into school. The children had an excellent opportunity to spend a day with their new

class teacher and LSA in their new classrooms. This should give the children a good indication of what school life will be like in September and ease any concerns they may have.

The staff team, whatever their role, have always put the children first. I have and do, work with people who are totally dedicated to ensuring your children have the best possible learning experience. I would like to thank them for their support and for going the 'extra mile', not just during these unprecedented times but always.

I have worked as a teacher for 17 years, so you can imagine the number of changes I have seen! This September there will be a new Keeping Children Safe in Education document and a new recovery curriculum with staggered school times. However, I know whatever new initiative, regulations, guidance is introduced, Perryfields Infants will continue to put children first and provide the very best learning experience for your children.



Harry releasing his butterflies for their next exciting journey in life —just like our Year 2 children.

Important Dates And Times

September Plans

We look forward to seeing all the children back to school in September. Please familiarise yourselves with the previously sent 'Parents' Guide to Returning to School' information. All children will be expected to wear uniform from September. On Wednesday 2nd September there will be a staff training day (non-pupil day) and we will see our KS1 children on Thursday 3rd September.

The Boswell's Gates

Please note that in September parents and children will be unable to go through The Boswell's School and use this as a cut through due to social distancing and in order to keep all the children safe.

Hot School Meals for September

In September we will be offering all of the children a FREE Infant hot school lunch. Although we will have new caterers the menu will be very similar to what we have previously had. As normal our MDA team will help support the children with their food and their lunchtime experience. More information to follow.

Goodbye Miss Mower

At the end of this week, we will sadly say goodbye to Miss Mower. Miss Mower has been with us since 2016. And amongst all her other jobs she has been magnificent in organising our before and after school club, Peardrops, as well as supporting children within the classroom. Miss Mower has caught the bug and is off to complete her Teacher Training. We wish her every success in her training and with her teaching career.

Thank you Miss Mower!

Goodbye Mr Draper

A huge big thank you for everything you have done for the children, staff and school building over the past 7 years. You will be greatly missed by all.





Staff changes

This year that have been no changes to the teaching team. There are, however, a few changes to the LSA and MDA team.

Mrs Caetano, who has been an MDA & LSA for 2 years has decided to go to pastures new and we wish her all the best.

In September we will be welcoming Mrs Chilvers to our MDA team.

Reading over the holidays

Please can <u>ALL</u> children continue to read at home over the summer holidays so they do not fall behind with their reading. This life skill is extremely important. Books can now be borrowed again from libraries or you can access an electronic eBook from the Oxford Owl link below.

Please go to **www.oxfordowl.co.uk** and go onto the Levels tab and select Book Band. These colour books link with our current reading scheme. Everyone has free online access to these resources until September. The school will be paying a yearly fee to ensure that all parents and children will continue to be able to access these online books from September.

Please can I remind all parents who have not yet returned the school reading books to return them at the beginning of September when school reopens.

The Big Summer Read

Six weeks is a long time for children to remember all the reading, writing and numeracy skills that they have worked so hard to acquire. Don't forget to join the Silly Squad this Summer either on line or at your local library (which may now be open!).



