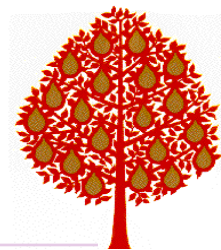


*'Be safe, be kind.
Listen and think a lot.
Be your best!'*



The Perryfield Post

It has been another busy and productive week at Perryfields Infant School. It has been wonderful to have so many children come to my office to show me their fantastic writing. They have all been working hard on their handwriting, spellings and writing stamina. In the Foundation Stage our youngest children have been persevering with writing simple sentences using capital letters and full stops which is excellent. Again, I will be giving more spelling badges out to those children who have learnt their year group spellings and have started using them correctly in their writing—fantastic!

Everyone has probably noticed that the weather has certainly changed and we are now getting frosty mornings. Our playground is also looking a bit frosty. Mr Clark, our caretaker is gritting the surface, but could you please also ensure that your children are walking sensibly into school, not walking on the train sleepers or equipment and wearing safe and sturdy shoes to avoid slipping. Please can I also remind parents to name their children's coats, hats and gloves.

Parents Evenings & Open Afternoons

To try and minimise contact and avoid larger un-managed gatherings, we will have our spring parents evenings over the telephone. Report Cards will be sent home to all parents on Monday 21st February and parents evenings will be on 22nd and 24th February. Further information will follow, so please sign up to a meeting time once this is received.

Prior to then, we are aiming to hold a couple of Open Afternoons, where parents/carers can come and look at their children's work books with their children one day **after school 3.05—3.30pm**. Parents from specific classes will be invited into school on set days to look at the work. This will give parents/carers an opportunity to see their children's work prior to parents evening and celebrate their hard work and the progress made. This will be one class from each year group to allow parents to socially distance across the two classrooms. Please remember to wear a mask and if you are unwell or have a positive lateral flow or PCR then please do not come.

TUESDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 3:05—3:30PM

Topaz, Emerald and Pearl class parents

THURSDAY 10TH FEBRUARY 3:05—3:30PM

Ruby, Sapphire and Diamond class parents.

We look forward to seeing you then.

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Dates for your diary...

- 3rd Feb—6pm Online safety with The 2Johns via Facebook (signup)
- 8th Feb—Open Afternoon for Pearl, Emerald & Topaz
- 10th Feb—Open Afternoon for Diamond, Sapphire & Ruby.
- 14th—18th Feb—Half Term
- 21st Feb—Report cards to go home
- 22nd Feb—parent evening (telephone calls)
- 24th Feb—parents evening (telephone calls)
- 3rd Mar—KS1 Teacher clubs to start (TBC)
- 4th Mar—2:15 Parent workshop on School Assessment (TBC)
- 14th Mar—Science Week (details to follow)
- 25th Mar—Easter Disco (details to follow)
- 1st April—Last Day (Finish at 1:15pm)

Covid-19 Update

Firstly, thank you all for supporting the school during these unusual and changing times. Covid guidance to schools continues to be sporadic and vague. As a school, our Covid numbers remain fairly low. With this in mind, I am making no changes to our school Risk Assessment before half term. Therefore, I am asking everyone to continue to wear masks when on the school grounds at least until this time. My aim is to keep the school open, fully staffed and with happy and healthy children. I will continue to review the situation and aim to return to 'normal' as soon as possible. Thank you.

The Big Question



Everyone in school has been thinking and working hard towards our Core Value 'PERSEVERANCE'.

This weeks Big Question is—What skills do you find hard and want to improve? Please discuss this further at home. You can write a comment on this on the school's DBPrimary Home Page.

Parent Volunteers and School Trips

It is wonderful to see parent helpers returning to school. Work is being quickly stuck into the topic books, children are being heard read and there is additional help in class.

As the terms progress we will also be looking for parent helpers to accompany us on our school trips. So far, this term the Year 2 classes are going to Chelmsford Cathedral to learn more about Easter on 15th March. Mrs Newland has been working hard to arrange this and book coaches to enable this to take place.

The whole school are also planning a trip in the summer term in line with our whole school theme around the Jubilee (History). With this in mind Mrs Lovett has been working hard to organise a wonderful learning experience to Layer Marney Towers on 17th May.

If you are interested in being a parent volunteer and coming into school to help then please let the office know. I will then organise a volunteer meeting.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Amanda Reid

Mrs Farmer's Attendance Award - Ruby Class 98.64%