



*Whoever you are, be happy, be safe,  
be kind, stay sensible, love learning.*

*Keep caring!*



# *The Perryfields Post*

## *Welcome Back*

Dear Parents and Carers

This week has been extremely busy with the Year 1 children having a practise Phonics quiz, Thursday KS1 clubs starting, a lunchtime fire drill practise and two Year 2 teams taking part in an external 3 Tees Cricket competition. This is all on top of the regular learning that takes place.

Once again, the Year 2 children represented the school extremely well with super behaviour and excellent team work. Both teams were fantastic and one of them managed to get into the 3 Tees Cricket final on Tuesday 14th May—**FANTASTIC!**



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

- 9th May—Yr1 trip to Barleylands
- 21st May—Open Afternoon 3:05-3:30pm
- 24th May—Sponsored Walk (TBC)
- 24th May—Last Day
- HALF-TERM
- 3rd June—INSET day (staff training no pupils)
- 4th June—Back to school
- 7th June—KS1 swimming starts
- 7th June—Summer Fayre inflatables 3.00-5.30pm
- 11th June—EYFS Call of the Wild trip
- 18th June—Sports Day PM (TBC)
- 25th—New intake Induction
- 27th June—Reserve Sports Day (TBC)
- 2nd July—New Intake Induction
- 11th July—Move Around Day

### *3 Tees Cricket*



### *Social Media and Smartphones*

The school's Chair of Governors, Stephen Hill has recently been involved in a police project concerning the threats to children from both social media and smartphones and we wanted to share the following link with our parents from an Ofcom publication.

There has been a significant increase in children aged from 5 upwards now accessing a smartphone whether it belongs to them or their parent/carer which is raising some concern. This is ever more important when children are being allowed access to sites such as TikTok and become immersed in a false reality of what is happening in the world, upsetting videos, exposure to predators and even how to look, which we know impacts a child's self-esteem, body image and confidence.

Whilst we need to introduce children to technology and allow them access to all the exciting benefits it can offer, we should also be reminded of the greater safeguarding concerns this technology does bring. Evidence states that most recorded incidents stem from a lack of parental supervision/guidance and lack of understanding.

By keeping up to date with recent technology and by clicking on the link below we can all be more informed on how to keep children safer when on-line.

<https://www.ofcom.org.uk/news-centre/2024/a-window-into-young-childrens-online-worlds>



• Children aged 5 to 7 increasingly present online – a third use social media unsupervised, and growing number have personal profiles

## *Save the Date—7th June*

This year our really popular summer inflatables day will be on Friday 7th June 3:00pm—5:30pm. Please pop the date on your calendars. This is an ideal time for friends and family to have a fun time on the school field with the children busy bouncing. Parents are encouraged to bring picnic blankets/chairs to relax in whilst the children are kept busy. More information will follow shortly.

## *Raising money for the school*

FIPS have arranged with Charles David Casson to support the school inflatable day as they have previously done, donating £5 per advertising board displayed. If you would be happy to have a board outside your house please email your details to the FIPS team at [friendsofperryfieldsinfants@hotmail.com](mailto:friendsofperryfieldsinfants@hotmail.com) or let the office know. Any friends/family can help too, as the boards can be displayed anywhere in Chelmsford. The boards would be displayed from 26th May and taken down the week after the inflatable event. This is a fantastic way to raise money for the school without having to physically do anything. Your support would be really appreciated and any money raised will go towards finishing off the library seating and computers for the children to use.

## *Behaviour in School*

Since returning from the Easter break, we have noticed an increase in lively behaviour, especially outside at break and lunchtimes. All of the children have been reminded of the class and school rules and what good learning behaviours are. They have also been reminded about the rule about no rough play. At Perryfields we provide the children with lots of equipment and an exciting curriculum to engage the children. We have high expectations of behaviour, which we are extremely proud of. Please can I ask parents/carers to reinforce this at home and also support the school by ensuring they have a good start to the school day by standing sensibly in the playground before school waiting for the bell. A reminder, children are not allowed to play on the football pitch or climbing frames before or after school.

## *Reminders*

**ADVENTURE ISLAND TICKETS**— If you would like to purchase an Adventure Island Ticket at a much reduced price please email the FIPS team on [friendsofperryfieldinfants@hotmail.com](mailto:friendsofperryfieldinfants@hotmail.com)

Have a great weekend.

Amanda Reid

### *Dates continued.....*

- 12th July—Last KS1 swimming
- 23rd July—Last Day—half day school closes at 1:15pm (no Peardrops)

**Mrs Farmer's**

**Attendance**  
**Award -**

**Sapphire Class**  
**- 99.63%**