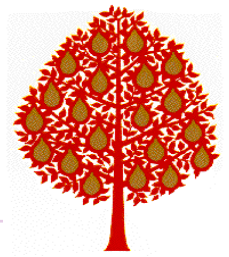


*Whoever you are, be happy, be safe,
be kind, stay sensible, love learning.
Keep caring!*



The Perryfields Post

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back everyone. I hope you all had a pleasant half term break. Just before half term the children enjoyed a wonderful Halloween disco led by the FIP Team. It was wonderful to have so many helpers and I know they'll agree the whole event went extremely smoothly.

I can report that the Emerald Class children won the first half term reading challenge. They scored a fantastic 714 reading points and were given the special reading book case in Mondays assembly. They will also get to chose a special treat with their class teachers. This is our second half term of the year and the reading scores are now re-set to zero—so don't forget to read as much as possible at home and to record the reading in their reading diaries to earn the points for their class. Who will win the special treat for this half term?

Over these two weeks we are looking forward to seeing everyone at Parents Evening. This is another opportunity for you to see your child's work and to speak to the teachers about how they have settled into school life both socially and academically and how they are progressing. Please remember that these appointment times are a one ten minute appointment per child. If, for whatever reason both parents are unable to attend the meeting together, then the other parent will get the booking priority in the Spring Parents Evening.

Being School Ready

Please can I remind everyone that in the mornings before school that the children should be standing quietly next to the parent or carer or holding their hand. The children are not to be playing in the wooded area, on the climbing frame, football pitch area or running around the playground. A quiet morning in the playground helps the children to come into school more calmly and ready to learn. The children have been told about this and I ask that all the parents/carers help to reinforce this each morning. Thank you for your continued support in this matter.

Year 2 Parents- transition to the junior school—important!

All current Year 2 parents must complete the Essex County Council online admissions form by 15th January 2024 to ensure their child gets a place in Year 3 at the junior school in September 2024. Applications open on 6th November and close on the 15th January. You only need to name one school—Perryfields Junior School and ensure that you send it in time. Once sent, you will receive an email confirming it has been submitted. This is really important as your child will not get a place if it is a late application.

Perryfields Infant School

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Dates for your diary...

- 7th Nov—Parents Evening (3:30—6pm)
- 10th—15th Travelling Book Fair
- 17th Nov—Children In Need
23rd Nov—Secrets Room (details to follow)
- 24th Nov—Secrets Room (details to follow)
- 4th Dec—Emerald Class last Forest School
- 5th Dec—EYFS Christmas plays at 9:30am (2 people only)
- 7th Dec—KS1 Christmas play 9:30am (Sapphire & Pearl parents). 2pm (Emerald & Diamond parents). Only 2 parents.
- 8th Dec—Christmas Fayre
- 13th Dec—Christmas lunch and jumper day (TBC)
- 15th Dec—Christmas Panto
- 19th Dec—Last Day 1:15pm home time (no Eardrops)
- 20th Dec—NON-PUPIL DAY (Staff Training)
- Christmas holidays
- 4th January 2024—Back To School

Poppies

Next week the Year 2 children will be coming round to all the classes with a poppy collection. The reason poppies are used to remember those who have given their lives in battle is because they are the flowers which grew on the battlefields after World War One ended.



The money raised from these donations is used to help service men and children who are still alive, whose lives have been changed by wars that they fought in. The money helps veterans who may need to find new jobs or somewhere to live, or any other support they may need. It is also used to help those who have lost loved ones because of wars. Wearing a poppy is still a very personal choice, reflecting individual experiences and personal memories.

If you or your child would like to donate and buy a poppy please put some pennies into an envelope labelled 'Poppy Money' for next week.

Information/Reminders

NAMED CLOTHING & EQUIPMENT—Please can all clothing (coats, gloves, hats, scarves, uniform) and equipment (bags, water bottles) be clearly named. Staff are spending a lot of time sorting out clothing which hasn't been labelled. Anything unnamed will be put straight into the lost property in the front office reception area. Time in school is precious and staff cannot be spending this valuable time trying to locate the owners of unnamed belongings. Thank you for your help with this matter.

TRAVELLING BOOK FAIR—The book fair will be visiting Perryfields on Friday 10th November 8:40am and 2:40pm, Monday 13th November at 8:40am, Tuesday 14th November at 8:40 and Wednesday 15th November at 8:40am. This is a great opportunity to buy those early Christmas presents.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes,

Amanda Reid

Dates continued.....

- 8th Jan—2 Johns online safety parent & staff training 8:30pm (save the date)
- 26th Jan—Owl Visit at school (more information to follow)
- 6th Feb—Maths parent workshop (details to follow)
- 8th Feb—Open Afternoons 3:05-3:30pm
- 19th Feb—23rd Feb HALF TERM
- 26th Feb—INSET DAY (Non-pupil day)
- 27th Feb—Parents Evening
- 29th Feb—Parents Evening
- 7th Mar—World Book Day (details to follow)
- 28th Mar—Last day 1:15pm home time (no Eardrops)
- EASTER HOLIDAY
- 15th April—Children back to school
- 19th April—Class Photos

Mrs Farmer's Attendance Award - Ruby Class 99.63%