



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



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Welcome Back

The new academic year has got off to a flying start. Children in Year 1 and 2 have settled very quickly into their new routines and have already begun to meet the challenges of being a year older!

During the first part of the new school year, children spend their lesson time thinking about how they can best work together in their new classes. Classroom rules are negotiated and the children begin to understand their new expectations.

As I walk around the school I can see that all the children have settled well into Perryfields—there may have been a few anxious tears on leaving Mum

or Dad in the morning but after a few minutes in the busy classroom all the tears have vanished and it is great to see their smiley faces!

A big welcome to the very new children and their families in the Foundation Stage. They have started their staggered visits into their new classes which have been extremely smooth. Next week they will start school full time.

Each year group follows a theme for the term—

The themes are—

Foundation Stage

Big and Small

Year 1

The World Beneath the Waves

Year 2

Light and Dark

I am looking forward to seeing the children's work develop over the term. There will be an opportunity for you to have a look at your child's work later in the term during Parent Consultations. You will certainly receive an overview of the work the children will be covering which will be sent home shortly.

In the meantime, please remember to talk and read with your child—you are your child's first natural teacher and talking and reading are both crucial for their continued success.

Please note that the school crossing patrol will not be manned during the afternoon on the 21st and 25th September 2017.

Meet the teacher

Come and find out more about what your child will be doing in their new year group. These meetings are a great opportunity for you to find out about the new classroom routines and expectations. Each year group is different with varied arrangements.

It is also a good time to ask any questions you may have. The meetings start this week.

Year 2—Diamond and Pearl Classes, Friday 15th September at 2.30pm.

Year 1—Sapphire and Emerald Classes, Friday 22nd September at 2.30pm.

Foundation Stage—Ruby and Topaz Classes, Friday 29th September at 2.30pm. Come and find out about the curriculum, PE, homework, parent helpers, phonics etc.

Pre-school children are welcome and we look forward to seeing you all there.

Perryfields Infant School

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Dates for your diary...

- 15th Sept 2.30pm—Year 2 meet the teacher
- 18th Sept—all Foundation Stage children full time
- 21st Sept—3.10-4.10 mad science club starts
- 22nd Sept 2.30pm—Year 1 meet the teacher
- 29th Sept—Macmillan Coffee morning
- 29th Sept 2.30pm—Foundation Stage meet the teacher
- 3rd Oct 1.30pm—author visit
- 6th Oct 9.30am—Harvest assembly
- 6th Oct 2pm—FIPS (PTA) meeting everyone welcome
- 10th Oct—individual photos
- 13th Oct 9.15am—new parent helper meeting
- 16th Oct 4-6.30pm—Parents consultation
- 18th Oct 6-8.30pm—Parents consultation
- 20th Oct Last Day

(Further dates are available on the website calendar)



The Big Question

As it's the beginning of the new academic year we have been thinking about things to look forward to in our new year groups. Our first big question of the year is—

'What are you excited about/ worried about?'

The children have already come up with some thoughts and fortunately the majority of them have been about looking forward to new things in their new classes. Please discuss this further at home.

Drinks in school

Research has shown that children's brains work faster and are more efficient when they are properly hydrated. This is why children have a water bottle that they can sip from throughout the day.

The bottles are kept in an accessible place within the classroom and children can sip freely from them. They can also be refilled from our water cooler. However I would like to remind you that

Do you wish to volunteer?

We have always been very grateful to any parent or carer who is able to volunteer to help in our classrooms. All our volunteers have an up to date DBS check. This has to be completed through Essex County Council. I will be holding a parent volunteer meeting on **Friday 13th October at 9.15am**. Here I shall go over issues about working with children and confidentiality.

I look forward to seeing you.

Summer homework

At the end of last year we gave the children a small exercise book to keep a summer holiday diary. These were amazing and it was great to read about their very busy and fun filled holidays. The class teachers had a difficult job to select one winner from each class. Congratulations go to Willow and Elizabeth in Year 2 and Evie and Riley



in Year 1. The children have really enjoyed looking at each others diaries.

The school is unable to order milk for your child on your behalf. Children under 5 receive their milk free of charge but you must still register and apply.

Finally, I know the children have a great deal to carry—one of our rucksacks may be a good idea—but we would appreciate it if water bottles were not placed in the children's book bags. We have had leaks when the water bottle top hasn't been secured and the reading books then get ruined.

External Clubs

We are extremely fortunate to have several before and after school clubs at Perryfields Infant School which are provided by external companies. These are only available to the KS1 children. Unfortunately due to club size restrictions from the providers themselves it is not always possible to get your child into your desired club. **Places are on a first come basis** and to ensure all parents are able to see these forms we do not accept forms or payment until

the following day and they should be placed in a sealed and named envelope and placed in your child's book bag and given to the class teacher for the class boxes (not via the office).

The club letters come from the external providers and the office staff are only the collection source. The office staff work hard to ensure this process is as fair as possible and should not be pressed or spoken to in a derogatory manner if a place isn't

provided for your child. We are always looking out for new and different clubs but space in school is limited. This term we currently have spaces still available in the tennis, football and basketball clubs and a letter about an external mad science club has gone out this week. Alternatively, there are several independent clubs available in the local area.