



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



The Perryfields Post

Welcome to 2020

I would like to wish all of you a very Happy New Year! I hope your Christmas was fabulous.

As usual, the term will be very busy and exciting for everyone here at Perryfield Infants. The staff and children are busy planning various different activities and events. The first of these will be the start of school club-night which will begin on Thursday 16th January and run for 5 weeks. You have already received a letter asking your child to select 3 clubs that they would like to attend and clubs will be allocated by Tuesday. Clubs are only for the year one and two children as the youngest of our children are usually exhausted after a normal school day. They will get their turn next year.

If your child didn't get their first, second or even any of their choices please don't panic. Clubs will be held again in the summer term.

Other events we are planning are Chinese New Year in January and Science Week in March. Mrs Newland our PSHE subject leader and Mrs Shaikhly our Science subject leader, will be finalising plans shortly. However, if any of you have a particularly scientific aspect to your line of work and could help that would be wonderful.

This terms themes are:

Foundation Stage

'Once upon a time....'

Year 1

'There's no place like home'

Year 2

'Go West!'

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Dates for your diary...

- 16th Jan—Teacher clubs to start for 5 weeks for KS1 3-3.45pm (details to follow)
- 16th Jan—F/S children height & weight checks
- 22nd Jan—9.15am New parent helper meeting (be a regular helper in class)
- 24th Jan—FIPS meeting at 2pm Everyone Welcome (come and talk about the Happy Circus)
- 7th Feb—Assessment parent workshop 9.15am (TBC)
- 11th Feb—3.05-3.45pm Open Afternoon (come and see your child's work)
- 13th Feb—Last teacher club
- 14th Feb—9.15am Emerald Class Assembly
- 14th Feb—Last Day
- 14th Feb or 6th March — KS1 Movie Night (details to follow)
- HALF TERM
- 24th Feb—Children back to school.
- 5th March—World Book Day (details to follow)
- 9th March—Science Week
- 26th March—7.00pm Internet Safety meeting for parents.

Year 2-3 Admissions

ALL CURRENT YEAR 2 PARENTS MUST HAVE COMPLETED THE YEAR 3 ADMISSIONS FORM IN ORDER TO GET A PLACE IN THE JUNIOR SCHOOL FOR SEPTEMBER 2020.

THE NATIONAL CLOSING DATE IS 15TH JANUARY 2020. PLEASE REMEMBER TO DO THIS BEFORE THE DEADLINE BY VISITING:

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Schools/Admissions/Pages/>

Open Afternoon

Come into school on **Tuesday 11th February at 3.05—3.45pm** to look at your children's work with them. It is an ideal time to see how much progress they have made in their learning and praise them for their hard work. You will also be able to see which areas of learning you could support them further with at home. We look forward to seeing you then.

Happy Circus

SAVE THE DATE - MONDAY 18TH MAY 2020 5.30-8.00PM.

Tickets will be on sale shortly and we will be discussing the details at school on **Friday 24th January at 2pm.** I would like to invite as many parents to

come along and get involved with planning this fantastic event and help to organise it for our children. We are thinking of having an Early Bird discount on tickets for the first month. We are also considering hot dogs, hog roast or sweet bags etc and we would welcome your suggestions. I look forward to seeing you on Friday 24th.



Parent Helpers

I will be holding another parent helper meeting. If you would like to help in your child's class or support them on a school trip then please come along to hear about all of the activities you could help with on Wednesday 22nd January 2020 at 9.15am. I look forward to seeing you there.

Big Question



This half term our Core Value is Enthusiasm. We have started January 2020 thinking about being enthusiastic about different things at school.

The Big Question is '**What new things are we looking forward to/enthusiastic about this term?**'

Please enjoy talking about this at home.

A few reminders

- Please can I remind you that we are a **NUT FREE** school. This includes chocolate spread which contains nuts and also cereal bars which contain nuts. It isn't always obvious that certain foods contain nuts so please can I ask everyone to be extra vigilant when packing their children's packed lunches.
- **HOMEWORK**—please can you help your children to complete their homework and also learn to spell their Common Exception Word spellings. In order to reach the expected standard in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, children must spell these accurately in their writing.
- Please can you check your child's **PE kit** to ensure that the clothes, socks and plimsolls still fit and remember some tracksuit bottoms (please remember the name labels).
- Can all children remember to wear warm clothes, coats, hats and gloves in the coming months. (Please remember the name labels).

Wow! The Fantastic Pearl Class Readers.

I am extremely pleased to say that after the first half term of our class points reading competition, Pearl Class were triumphant. Gradually as the weeks progressed the reading scores got closer and closer and by the end there was only 30 points difference between 1st and 2nd place. The children are extremely enthusiastic and all classes really want to be the winners this next half term. Pearl Class are currently deciding what treat they would like as their reward for coming first. They are deciding between a mini disco or mini picnic. They will shortly take a vote. Pearl Class will also receive a suitcase of a wonderful variety of new books, albums and magazines.

Please continue to help your child get as many reading class points as possible by hearing them read as much as possible (5 times a week) and becoming the next reading champions. Remember to write when they have read in their reading diaries so they can be counted. Thank you.