



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



The Perryfield Post

Welcome to 2019

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

As usual, the year will be very busy and exciting for everyone here at Perryfields 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 17th 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.

Another event we are planning is a Science Week in March. This will coincide with National Science Week, so there will be news in the media about all things scientific!

Mrs Vale, who is 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

'A New House for Mouse'

Year 1

'Fire and Ice'

Year 2

'African Safari'.

What an exciting start to the new year!

Perryfields Infant School

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Dates for your diary...

- 17th Jan—Teacher clubs to start for 5 weeks (Year 1 & 2 only)
- 18th Jan—9.30 a.m. Maths information morning with Mrs Champion.
- 18th Jan—2 p.m. FIPS meeting—all welcome
- 29th Jan—Year 2 Cheer-leading competition AM
- **29th Jan—9.15 p.m. PAIR reading meeting for ALL Ruby & Topaz parents (details to follow)**
- 29th Jan—2.15 p.m. new parent helper meeting—come and see how you can help in school.
- 8th Feb—Assessment workshop at 9.15 a.m. (details to follow)
- 8th Feb—Movie night (TBC)
- 12th Feb—3.05 to 3.45 p.m. Open Afternoon—ALL parents welcome to come and look at their children's work.
- 14th Feb—Last after-school teacher club
- 15th Feb—Emerald class assembly 9.15 a.m.
- 15th Feb—Last Day
- HALF TERM
- 25th Feb—Back to school

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 2019.

THE NATIONAL CLOSING DATE IS TUESDAY 15TH JANUARY 2019. PLEASE REMEMBER TO DO THIS BEFORE THE DEADLINE BY VISITING:

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

Open Afternoon

All parents/carers are invited into school on Tuesday 12th 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. You will also be able to see which areas of learning you could support them further with at home. I look forward to seeing you then.

The Big Question ?

The BIG QUESTION aims to be thought provoking in order to encourage discussion and will be debated within the assemblies and classrooms. We ask that you support this further by discussing the 'BIG QUESTION' with your child at home. You might be surprised by some of the answers. This half term the Core Value is HONESTY and we have talked about being honest. The BIG QUESTION is 'How important is fairness and honesty in life? Why? Please discuss this further at home.



More Dates....

- 1st March—FIPS meeting all welcome.
- 7th March—World Book Day (details to follow)
- 11th March—Science Week (details to follow)
- 27th March—5.30-7.30pm All parents invited to on-line safety training.
- 29th March—9.15am Sapphire Class assembly
- 29th March—FIPS Easter Disco (tbc)
- 1st April—4-6.30pm Parents Evening
- 3rd April—6-8.30pm Parents Evening

Other Events....

As you know ICT is becoming increasingly popular with our young children. It is a fantastic source of information and fun but on the other hand it has many hidden dangers. At school the children and staff are taught about internet safety. To help you protect and support your children better with e-safety at home we are holding a **STRANGER DANGER e-safety training evening on Wednesday 27th March 2019 at 5.30-7.30 p.m.** for parents.

Each year we offer this valuable training session to staff and parents. Once again this year we will be holding this presentation in the larger Junior school hall. I am sure that you will find this very informative with lots of new information.

We are holding a Maths Mastery workshop morning for everyone on **Friday 18th January at 9.30am.** Come and see how maths is taught throughout the school, what maths mastery means and how you can support your child further at home.

We are also holding a Foundation Stage PAIR reading meeting for all **Topaz & Ruby class parents** on **Tuesday 29th January at 9.30 a.m.** This is a special scheme giving you ideas on how to develop your child's reading comprehension skills. More details to follow—**please save the date Tuesday 29th January at 9.30 a.m.—we would like ALL Foundation stage parents to come along.**

School Council News

The School Council continues to meet with me regularly to discuss aspects of school life. These are issues which are important to the children and therefore important to the school.

The children have been deciding how to spend the £55 they raised on their children's Christmas stalls at the Christmas Fayre. The School Council have been looking

at a variety of charities and researching what their money can buy for third world countries. The School Council selected three options and asked their classes to vote for their favourite. This money enables the children to choose a gift to help poorer communities around the world. The most popular ideas will be purchased. The children are aware of how lucky we all are and

understand that there are children in the world who are less fortunate than us.

After the class votes there was an outright winner. Option 3 won. The children decided to buy clean water for 10 people, some honey bees and a real chicken to lay eggs. The children will order these next week with Mrs Clark in the office. A great choice, well done everyone.

Christmas Play DVD—Are we nearly there yet?

We have a few spare copies left from the original order we placed that are available to any parents or carers who may have not ordered a copy already. Please telephone or call into the school office if you would like to purchase a copy of the DVD (£5).