



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



# The Perryfield Post

## Half way already!

I'm sure it has not escaped your notice that the half term break indicated that we are at the half way point of this academic year. The children have been working very hard in their classrooms and the themes have really captured their imaginations.

Some children in the Foundation Stage proudly showed me some challenging number work and writing this week. It is wonderful when children come in and show me work that they have completed over half term. Harvey from Diamond class showed me his fantastic holiday diary of his trip to Edinburgh—FAB!

Some of the Foundation Stage children showed me some of their independent writing. It was amazing to see just how much they had progressed since entering school in September. Not only had their fine motor skills developed considerably but also their understanding of what punctuation you need in a sentence.

In Year 2 the children are really enjoying the 'African Safari' theme. They have already learnt about different continents in Africa and researched endangered animals in detail.

The Year 1 theme 'Fire & Ice' has captured the children's interests learning about animal habitats and the artic. Did you know that Polar Bears have 42 teeth and black skin?

By the end of the school year just think what your children will have accomplished!

### Assessment Information Morning

Friday 1st March

9.15 a.m to 10 a.m

All Parents are invited to come & learn about how we assess the children and more.....

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### Dates for your diary...

- 1st March—Assessment Information Morning at 9.15 a.m.
- 1st March—2 p.m. 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. (Please save the date)
- 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
- 5th April—Last Day of Term
- 23rd April—INSET DAY (no children)
- 24th April—Children back to school

## World Book Day

### Thursday 7th March

During the week of World Book Day teachers will be providing a book rich environment by organising stimulating activities. Activities will include a book trial challenge, book token competition, book swap, drop everything and read time and many more engaging learning experiences. On Thursday 7th March children can come to school dressed up as their favourite book character or if they don't want to dress up bring in a prop from a particular book. In the morning you may come into school early at 8.15am and read a book with your child before school.

WORLD  
BOOK  
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Remember the book fair will be available that morning and after school and also after school on Friday 8th March. This will be a good opportunity for the children to spend their £1.00 book vouchers. Book vouchers and further book fair details will be sent home with the children on Monday 4th March—please keep a look out!

### PLEASE NOTE

**There will be NO school crossing patrol during the afternoon of Friday 6th March. Please take care when crossing the road.**

# The Big Question



The BIG QUESTION this week is **'Do you respect yourself?'**

Our new Core Value this half term is curiosity. We started this week talking about Respect—respecting others but also respecting ourselves. This isn't something that many of us are good at but also very important to remember.

## A Few Reminders

**PARENT ASSESSMENT WORKSHOP**—Friday 1st March at 9.15am there is a parent workshop to help parents understand how we assess children's progress over time.

**NEXT FIPS MEETING**—this Friday 1st March at 2pm. If you haven't been to a 'Friends of Perryfields' meeting before and you would like to find out more about it or would like to contribute to the wider school community, please come along. It is a change to meet other parents and to help raise money for the school/

children. There is plenty of room in the family room where pre-school children can come and play whilst we talk. Everyone is welcome.

The work /activities that the FIPS team do helps to generate a lot of money. This money has been used to purchase several things for the children e.g:

Sports equipment, ipads, reading books, wet play toys and recently an interactive white board for the computer room for all children to use during lessons. We are currently saving

to buy an all weather football/sports pitch.

## The School Website

Please look at the school website under the parent information tab—'Helping your child'. Here you will find information from parent workshops.



## School Visits—Help Needed

As parents you are already aware that World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March. All children and staff are encouraged to dress up as a favourite book character.

As part of World Book Day we have organised all children to visit a local library. On **Tuesday 5th March** in the morning the Foundation Stage classes will be walking to Springfield Library. On **Monday 11th March** in the morning the Year 1 classes will be walking to Springfield Library. On **Friday 15th March** Diamond class will hopefully be visiting the Chelmsford Library and **Friday 29th March** Pearl class will hopefully be visiting Chelmsford Library. This is a wonderful opportunity for all children to share a wide variety of books with their

peers and the library assistants which should help to develop their love of reading. We do need **parent help** on these days. If you are free and would be able to help, please speak to your child's class teacher.

The Year 2 and Year 1 children will also be visiting the Chelmsford Cathedral on **Monday 25th March** and **Tuesday 2nd April**. Again **parent help** will be needed (please speak to the class teacher).

**Whole School Trip**—On **Tuesday 21st** and **Thursday 23rd May** the school will be going to Hanningfield Reservoir. Due to large numbers Diamond, Emerald and Topaz classes will be going on the 21st and Pearl, Sapphire and Ruby classes will be going on 23rd May. Please put the dates in your diaries—help will be needed (details to follow).