



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



The Perryfields Post

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are extremely lucky at Perryfields Infant School to have such wonderful support from parents, grandparents and the local community which helps to build on the success of our pupils and the school. Over the years we have been fortunate to have several parent/grandparent volunteers who come in and hear children read or work together in small groups and it was lovely to see so many people at our volunteer meeting. If you would like to volunteer in school, please let me know.

A big thank you to everyone for standing behind the coned area at the end of the day. The staff and children have found this much easier to locate and identify the correct parent/carer at the end of the day. Several parents have also commented on how much easier it is to enter and leave the playground—so FANTASTIC! We will be sourcing a more permanent solution to the cones but in the meantime please can this continue.

We are also fortunate to have some extremely helpful and supportive School Governors who help to make Perryfields Infants the school it is. Being a school Governor is a voluntary but important role to help with the direction and the conduct of the school in helping to promote high standards of educational achievement and care.

There are currently two vacancies on the Governing Body for two Community Governors, which is either a parent, carer or grandparent or someone in the local community. Being a Governor is a rewarding role and training is available for anyone who joins. The Governing Body is a friendly group of people and meetings are quite informal. Governing Body meetings are held six times a year and are usually held on Monday evenings at 6:30pm and are usually finished by 8:30p. This is a wonderful way to become involved in the life of the school. If you or someone you know within the community are interested in supporting the school as a Governor please pop in to see me or give me a call.

Reminders

HARVEST ASSEMBLY—We will celebrate Harvest in school on Thursday 12th October.

Emerald and Diamond parents/carers are invited to watch our assembly at 9:30am

Sapphire and Pearl parents/carers are invited to watch our assembly at 11:00am (for health & safety reasons, no more than 2 adults per child)

We would appreciate contributions of non-perishable items of food which the children can bring in on the morning. All donations will be going to Chelmsford Food Bank, Harvest appeal. The Early Years Foundation Stage classes will not be joining us on this occasion as they continue to settle into school life.

Perryfields Infant School

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Dates for your diary...

- 2nd Oct—Black History Month
- 4th Oct—EYFS parents meet the teacher meeting 9:15am
- 6th Oct—Individual photos and siblings (details to follow)
- 6th Oct—Parent/Grandparent/Carer/Volunteer helping in school meeting 2:30pm
- 12th Oct—Harvest Assembly (KS1 details to follow)
- 17th Oct—Phonics, reading and writing parents workshop 9:15am (details to follow)
- 18th Oct—Open afternoon (details to follow)
- 19th Oct—Wear Red Day—show racism the Red Card!
- 19th Oct—Pre-loved uniform sale (TBC)
- 19th Oct—Winter Disco (FIPS—details to follow)
- 19th Oct—Last day at school
- 20th Oct—INSET DAY NON-PUPIL DAY

Reminders continued.....

A GOOD START TO THE DAY—OUTSIDE PLAY EQUIPMENT—

Children must **NOT** climb on or play on any school equipment before or after school as the school's insurance does not cover this. This equipment is only to be used when a member of staff is there. At the start of the day, please ensure that the children stand by your side at all times, ready for a smooth start to school or end of day. Several children have been seen coming out of the playground area by themselves before the bell has been rung, which is a safeguarding concern. Please do not use the football pitch or the wooded area before or after school. Children are aware of these rules so please help them to follow them.

REGULAR READING AT HOME—Please remember to hear and read to your child five times a week. Regular reading and phonics practise is so important for children's learning and to be able to access a range of information as they go through their learning journey.

Remember to write this in their reading record to ensure they get the special reading points to help their class become the first STAR READING CLASS of this academic year. The class who reads the most will get to choose a special treat!

Pupil Premium Funding—A reminder to please use the following link to see if your child is eligible for Pupil Premium/Free School meals .

<https://pps.lgfl.org.uk/>

SCHOOL TOURS— We are now having school visits/tours for September 2024 admissions. Please call the office if you or someone else you know would like to visit the school.

EARRINGS—Please remember to remove your child's earrings on PE days. PE is part of the National Curriculum and children cannot take part with earrings in. On other school days, if your child has to wear earrings then please ensure they are the small stud ones (not hoops or dangly earrings).

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Amanda Reid

Dates continued.....

- 30th Oct—Back to school
- 30th Oct—Last Sapphire Class Forest School
- 30th/31st Oct—Report cards to go home
- 2nd Nov—Parents Evening (4:00—6:30pm)
- 6th Nov—Emerald Class Forest School Starts
- 7th Nov—Parents Evening (3:30—6pm)
- Travelling Book Fair (Dates to follow)
- 17th Nov—Children In Need
- 23rd Nov—Secrets Room (details to follow)
- 24th Nov—Secrets Room (details to follow)
- 5th Dec—Christmas plays (TBC)
- 7th Dec—Christmas plays (TBC)
- 8th Dec—Christmas Fayre (TBC)
- 11th Dec—Emerald Class last Forest School
- 13th Dec—Christmas lunch and jumper day (TBC)
- 15th Dec—Christmas Panto
- 19th Dec—Last Day 1:15pm home time (no Peardrops)

Mrs Farmer's Attendance Award - Emerald Class 98.52%