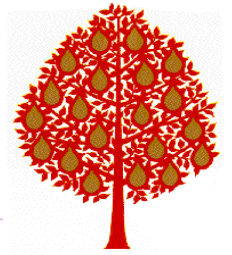


*'Be safe, be kind.
Listen and think a lot.
Be your best!'*



The Perryfields Post

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was wonderful to see parents and carers back in school today for our Harvest celebration assembly. I know you will agree that the children sang beautifully, read their words or re-told their poems extremely well. I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you for all your food/consumable donations which will shortly be collected by the Chelmsford Food Bank. This food will be invaluable for many families, especially in the current climate.

We were pleased to be able to invite some parents into our school, whilst still trying to minimise contacts and the potential spread of Covid-19. We are currently able to do this whilst the number of positive cases remain low within our community. Unfortunately, several of my headteacher colleagues have not been so fortunate in their schools. I would like to thank everyone for your continued support by monitoring your children's health and your own and being sensible about whether to come into school or not.

As always, if you are unsure of the ever changes guidance please call the school.

Macmillan Cake Day

Firstly, a huge thank you to all parents and carers who made donations towards our Macmillan cake morning last Friday. All in all, our community raised more than £295.53 for this fantastic charity. Thank you.



Perryfields Infant School

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Dates for your diary...

- 1st Oct—2:00pm FIPS parents meeting—everyone welcome
- 5th Oct—9:15am—Phonics Reading parent workshop
- 5th Oct—2:30pm Parent Helper meeting
- 7th Oct—1:30pm Diamond parents meet the teacher meeting
- 7th Oct—2:30pm Pearl parents meet the teacher meeting
- 12th Oct—individual photos
- 12th Oct—1:30pm Topaz parents meet the teacher
- 12th Oct—2:30pm Ruby parents meet the teacher
- 15th Oct—9:30am Maths Parent Workshop (details to follow)
- 19th Oct—Open Afternoon (TBC)
- 20th Oct—Last day at school
- 21st Oct—INSET DAY (staff training)
- 22nd Oct—INSET DAY (staff training)
- 25th—29th Oct—HALF TERM
- 1st Nov—Back to school

A few reminders.....

A change in the weather—the nights are drawing in and the weather has definitely started to get colder. Please can all children bring a NAMED coat into school with them and as we get closer to winter NAMED hats and gloves.

Water Bottles—all water bottles **MUST** have a clear name label on it. Please do not rely on your child with remembering which bottle is their one. Lots of these bottles all look the same. Please remember to use the plastic bottles (**NO METAL WATER BOTTLES**) as metal bottles are extremely noisy in class, do not pour correctly and when they accidentally tip over will go everywhere.

Reading Workshop—don't forget that Mrs Fairbanks our Literacy Lead teacher will be leading a parents phonic/reading workshop this Tuesday 5th October at 9:15am. Unfortunately, we are unable to hold these in the evening due to teacher workload but these resources and PowerPoint will be uploaded to our school website after the event for everyone to access. If you have any questions regarding any of these resources please then ask your class teacher.

School Cleaner Needed—**URGENT!** We are continuing to search for a school cleaner to work 3 hours a day. If you know of anyone in the local community please let them know of this vacancy.

Diwali—in November, as a school, we will be celebrating Diwali the festival of lights. If anyone celebrates this festival at home we would welcome you to come into school and share this with the children. As a community school we always welcome parents into school to share their cultures and festivals which are celebrated. If this is something you can spare the time with then please get in touch with me.

Parents Evenings & Open Afternoons

To try and minimise contact and avoid larger un-managed gatherings, we will have our autumn parents evenings over the telephone. Report Cards will be sent home to all parents on Monday 1st November and parents evenings will be on 2nd and 4th November. Further information will follow, so please sign up to a meeting time once this is received. Prior to then, we are aiming to hold a series of Open Afternoons, where parents/carers can come and look at their children's work books with their children one day **after school 3.05—3:30pm**. Parents will be invited in one year group at a time and will be able to look at the work either in the hall, classroom or the outside covered areas (please come prepared for the weather).

Topaz Class and **Pearl Class** - Monday 11th October

Emerald Class and **Diamond Class** - Tuesday 19th October

Ruby Class and **Sapphire Class** - Wednesday 20th October

I wish you all a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Amanda Reid

Dates continued.....

- 2nd Nov—Parents Evening
- 4th Nov—Parents Evening
- 12th Nov—Flu Vaccinations
- 19th Nov—Children In Need
- 3rd Dec—Christmas Fayre (TBC)
- 10th Dec—Christmas lunch and jumper day (TBC)
- 17th Dec—Last Day 1:15pm home time (no Peardrops)
- 20th Dec—3rd Jan CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
- 4th Jan—INSET DAY (staff training)
- 5th Jan—Children back to school.