



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



The Perryfield Post

Goodbye & Good Luck Year 2's

Last week the Year 2's performed their leavers assembly. The children sang, danced, drummed and narrated. The performance was absolutely fabulous and showed just how talented your children are. The assembly illustrated just how hard and busy they have been during their time here.

Good luck to all the year 2's as they start the next stage in their learning journey.

I would like to wish each and everyone of you a happy and safe summer holiday.

(More photos on the website)



Celebration of music concert

Last week, 27 of our fantastic Year 2 children bravely went to sing at the Boswells 'Celebration of music' concert. This involved children from The Boswells school from Year 7 to Year 11. Our children were given the opportunity to sing in front of a huge audience and alongside the older students. It was wonderful to see so many parents and siblings in the audience supporting their children.

I would like to thank Mrs White for making these fantastic school links with Mr Hardaker the Head of music at The Boswells School and bringing the two school communities within our CLP Trust together for the benefit of the children.

In addition, I would like to thank Mrs Bacon, Mrs Pope, Mrs Etheridge and Mrs Fairbanks for giving up their time to accompany the children.

The Boswells staff were extremely impressed with our singing and behaviour and will continue to invite us back next year!

The feedback from parents so far has been that our Year 2 children were definitely the highlight of the first half.

Finally I would like to say a big thank you to all the super year 2 children who attended this musical event. The atmosphere was electric, the children's behaviour was outstanding and the concert was fab! (More photos on the website)

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Dates for your diary...

- 23rd July—Last Day
- 24th July—Non Pupil Day staff INSET
- SUMMER HOLIDAYS
- 3rd Sept—INSET NON PUPIL DAY
- 4th Sept—KS1 children start school
- 13th Sept—2.30pm—Year 2 meet the teacher meeting (save the date)
- 20th Sept—9.15am—New parent helper meeting (come and find out how you can help in school)
- 20th Sept—2pm FIPS (PTA) cake and chat meeting—everyone welcome including pre-school children
- 27th Sept—AM—The biggest coffee morning ever! Save the date (MacMillan Coffee Morning)
- 27th Sept—2.30pm—Year 1 meet the teacher meeting (save the date)
- 1st Oct—Individual photographs
- 3rd Oct—Harvest assembly (details to follow)
- 3rd Oct—Foundation Stage meet the teacher meeting (save the date)
- 21st & 23rd Oct—parent consultations

Online safety message from The 2 Johns

Dear Parents,

The 2 Johns, as they are known, are experts in online safety for children and they put out the following message recently, suggesting that we forward to you:

We are putting out this message due to some very worrying information we have been told by numerous very young children aged between 6 and 10 years of age over the past 3 weeks.

It appears that Online Child Sex Offenders are targeting young children aged between 6 and 10 years of age that are playing well known games and their parents have disabled the online chat function. In many top games typically used by children the game makers have built in safety systems within the chat (for example some games hash tag out swear words)

The offenders are asking the children to make their character do something if their parents have turned off chat (for example jump up and down). They are then given instructions regards how to talk to the offender over a third party application.

The most popular apps being used to get around the chat restrictions are: Facetime, Whatsapp, Messenger and Discord.

When we ask little children how they are getting away with this they have come up with a range of answers. Last week a 6 year old girl said she installed Whatsapp on her phone so she could chat in a popular game and would then uninstall it when she stopped playing. Another explained how she was using Snapchat and gave a detailed breakdown of how she does this.

Today we were told by lots of children in an infant school that they had access to devices in their bedroom that their parents are unaware of. One little girl explained how she hid an Ipod touch in a book so she wasn't detected.

Over half of a year 2 class (Age 6-7) said that they could access the internet in their bedroom even though their parents thought it was turned off. When asked how, some explained how they were hot spotting from other devices in the house.

Of significant concern to us several children today said they were chatting to people in games once their parents go to sleep.

It seems that most of the devices the children are using to chat are ones that parents have previously used and now replaced. As an example a little girl last week explained how she was using her Dads old Ipod touch that he no longer used. Most of these 'unused' devices are usually already associated with the house wifi and haven't typically been subjected to parental controls.

We ask that our followers with young children check that their children are not getting around chat restrictions by using third party apps and also check that any old devices at home haven't been utilised by their children for use in their bedrooms.

We can't stress how many very young children are talking about this and wouldn't believe it if we weren't seeing and hearing it first hand from the children.

Please share this information with anyone that you feel may need to be made aware.

Thank you for taking the time to read this post.

Best Regards

John and John



The Big Question

Core Value—Self-belief

As you move on in your learning journey can you think of all the good experiences that you have had at school and at home? Think about how much you've achieved and continue to believe in yourselves.

The Big Question this week is — **What 3 achievements from this year are you most proud of?**

3 Tees Cricket County Final

Last week eight Year 2 children went to the 3 Tees Cricket County Finals. This team had already won the finals out of all the Chelmsford schools and then had to play another 16 schools at Billericay Cricket Club.

In one of the leavers assembly, in my excitement I stated that they came 16th—this is incorrect (apologies). Out of the 17 school teams in the County Finals last Monday we came 2nd!

FANTASTIC!

I would like to thank Mrs Bowen for the additional training sessions and for arranging everything for these events. I would also like to thank Mrs Bacon for accompanying and supporting the children at these events.

As a school we are very proud of all of the children's achievements.

CONGRATULATIONS to:

Florence, Isobel, Minerva, Henry B, Teddy, Callan, Stanley and Joshua.



End of year—School Books

This year to ensure that your child's new teacher has a good record of their writing and mathematical ability and for moderation purposes we are keeping their writing and maths books. Their new teachers will then be able to see exactly how capable they are and ensure that this good progress is continued. These books will be sent home at Christmas time.

We will also be keeping the Year 2 writing and maths books for moderation purposes. These books will be given to the junior

school in September so the Year 3 teachers and external moderator can see their work. These will then be returned at Christmas time.

The children's fabulous topic books will however be coming home. We hope you have a lovely time looking through them with your children. These topic books show a wide range of subjects that they have been learning and all the hard work they have done throughout the year here at Perryfields Infant School.

**I WOULD
LIKE TO WISH EVERY-
ONE A HAPPY AND
SUNNY SUMMER HOLI-
DAY. I LOOK FOR-
WARD TO SEEING
MOST OF YOU IN
SEPTEMBER.**