



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



The Perryfields Post

Teddylympics

On Tuesday 5th November eight year one children took part in the Teddylympics event. This is where a small number of children are selected to take part in a variety of sporting events. This event took place over 2 days where 65 different teams took part. The day in which we took part our year one children came 1st and over the entire event we came 6th out of 65 teams. This is a fantastic accomplishment and I like to pride ourselves on being an extremely sporty and competitive school.

I would like to say a huge congratulations to all of the children who represented the school in this event. Well done Hayden, Leon, Lauren, Charlotte S, Raiya, Thomas W, Edson and Holly C—you were all FAB!



Reading Stars

At the beginning of half term we launched our new reading stars competition. This is where the children are awarded class points for the amount of times they read at home or are read to at home.

Each week the class teachers will look in the reading diaries and count how much each child has read and then they will reward a number of class points. At the end of each week I will add up the class points for each class team. These will be discussed and displayed on our 'Reading Stars' board. Each week a running record will be shown and at the end of each half term the winning class will get a treat. So far the scores are: Ruby Class 126 points, Topaz Class 131, Emerald Class 116, Sapphire Class 131, Diamond Class 162 and Pearl Class 219 points. Well done everyone for reading well at home. The gap isn't very big so any class could win by the end of this term. Keep going and happy reading!



Perryfields Infant School

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Dates for your diary...

- 15th Nov—Children in Need Day
- 22nd Nov—Non-uniform day, secrets presents to come into school
- 28th Nov—Secrets Room for Ruby, Emerald & Diamond classes (details to follow)
- 29th Nov—Secrets Room for Topaz, Sapphire & Pearl cases (details to follow)
- 6th Dec—Beauty and the Beast Panto in school
- 6th Dec—FIPS Christmas Fayre 3.15—5.00pm (details to follow)
- 12th Dec—1.45pm Christmas Play (Ruby, Sapphire & Pearl parents)
- 13th Dec—9.30am Christmas Play (Topaz, Emerald & Diamond parents)
- 13th Dec—FIPS Sparkly disco
- 16th Dec—1.45pm whole school to All Saints Church

Admissions

It is that time of year again when parents will be making their decisions on their child's Reception school place for September 2020. If this is you, please can I remind you of the application deadline date of 15th January 2020. The admissions website can be located on www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.

CURRENT YEAR 2 PARENTS—Just as above the current year 2 parents need to make an application to the junior school via the same admissions website to Essex County Council. This is a similar application where you have to state which school you would like your child to attend in September 2020. Historically all children have automatically attended the junior school. Last year the government made some changes to this process which means that all current Year 2 parents **MUST** make a formal application. Please complete this application between 11th November to 15th January 2020. The advice previously given from the Admissions team is to ensure the application is **NOT LATE** and that you only have to name one school. Please do this as soon as possible.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Children in Need

Friday 15th November is Children in Need day across the country. As usual we will be taking part and the children have now voted. There were a number of different ideas, but the overwhelming decision was to have a pyjama and bring a bear to school day! So, children can come to school on Friday 15th November wearing their pyjamas and bring in a bear, however please remember that the children will still be having lessons and going outside in the play-ground. So sensible shoes and warm coats are a must. If you would like to make a small donation it will be collected by the class teacher and then sent onto this worthy charity. Last year we raised £241.96!



The Big Question

Our Core Value for this half term is **HONESTY**



As a Headteacher and mother this is my most important value that I feel is so important to develop with our very young children.

The Big Question this week is — **How important is fairness and honesty in life?** Please can you discuss this in detail at home.

Families in Focus

For many of our children and young people September and October can be a challenging and stressful time. The change in routines and transitions with new timetables and new school environments, along with the darker nights can all have an effect on our emotional wellbeing and put strain on the entire family. There are several organisations that can help provide support and advice at both a local and national level;

ESSEX FAMILY WELL BEING SERVICE 01245 329240

<https://essexfamilywellbeing.co.uk>

Brings together a range of children's community services provided by Virgin Care in partnership with Barnardo's on behalf of Essex County Council and the NHS.

EMOTIONAL WELLBEING & MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE (EWMHS)

This service provides emotional wellbeing and mental health advice and support for people from 0-18. For a Self-referral—call 0300 300 1600 to access EWMHS during working hours 9am-5pm, Mon-Friday. Email:

NELFT-EWMHS.referrals@mhs.net

Website: <https://www.nelft.nhs.uk/services-ewmhs>

Dates
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- 18th Dec—Last Day of School.
- 18th Dec—Carols around the tree
- 19th Dec—INSET DAY non-pupil day.
- 6th Jan—INSET DAY non-pupil day
- 7th Jan—Children back
- 16th Jan—Teacher clubs to start for 5 weeks for KS1 3-3.45am (details to follow)
- 22nd Jan—9.15am New parent helper meeting
- 24th Jan—FIPS meeting at 2pm Everyone Welcome
- 7th Feb—Assessment parent workshop 9.15am (TBC)
- 11th Feb—3.05-3.45pm Open Afternoon
- 13th Feb—Last teacher club
- 14th Feb—9.15am Emerald Class Assembly
- 14th Feb—Last Day
- HALF TERM
- 24th Feb—Children back to school.

SUNDAY 24TH
NOVEMBER—2PM
SCOUT XMAS
BAZAAR!

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