



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

Keep caring!



The Perryfields

Magic and Sparkle!

Dear Parents/Carers

The stage is up, the Christmas tree and post box are up..... It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!

Firstly, a big thank you to Mr Phillips for speaking with Longacres Garden Centre and delivering a fabulous free 7ft Christmas tree, which is proudly displayed and decorated in our hall. Thank you to Longacres Garden Centre for their kind donation, the children had lots of fun decorating it.



Christmas Jumper Day

MAKE THE WORLD BETTER WITH A SWEATER!

On **Wednesday 13th December** we are asking staff and children to wear a festive jumper to school. This is a fantastic way to have some end of term fun whilst raising money to help save children's lives. Taking part is easy and everyone can get involved. All the children have to do is wear a festive sweater and donate some pennies to Save the Children. The children will be expected to wear the normal school uniform but exchange their school jumper or cardigan

for a festive jumper. This doesn't have to be a shop bought jumper. Children can decorate their own sweaters with tinsel, baubles and snowflakes etc. To find out more about this Christmas jumper day visit the Save the Children website and google Christmas Jumper Day.

Christmas Jumper Day



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Dates for your diary...

- 4th Dec—Emerald Class last Forest School
- 5th Dec—EYFS Christmas plays at 9:30am (2 people only)
- 7th Dec—KS1 Christmas play 9:30am (Sapphire & Pearl parents). 2pm (Emerald & Diamond parents). Only 2 parents.
- 8th Dec—Christmas Fayre
- 12th Dec—Yr2 Colchester Zoo trip
- 13th Dec—Christmas lunch and jumper day (Details to follow)
- 15th Dec—Christmas Panto
- 18th Dec—Whole school trip to All Saints Church 1:00pm
- 19th Dec—Last Day 1:15pm home time (no Peardrops)
- 20th Dec—NON-PUPIL DAY (Staff Training)
- Christmas holidays
- 4th January 2024—Back To School



Christmas Plays

As previously mentioned our EYFS Christmas play is next week on Tuesday 5th December at 9:30am and the KS1 play is on Thursday 7th December. For the KS1 play there are two performances 9:30am (Sapphire & Pearl parents) and 2pm (Emerald & Diamond parents). To ensure the hall doesn't get over crowded and to keep everyone safe there will be two tickets per family coming home with the children's homework today. Please keep them safe and bring them with you to get into the hall to watch the play.

Christmas Bazaar—Friday 8th December

Have you put the special date in the diary? Have you signed up to help yet? There are several slots still available on all year group stalls. Please can I ask parents to look at the sign up sheets which are up in the reception area and to offer 20/30minutes with your child to help run a stall. We really do need everyone's help if these fun and exciting events are to continue to happen. A big thank you to everyone who has already signed up.

Christmas Lunch

This year our Christmas lunch will be on Wednesday 13th December. This is the same day as the Christmas Jumper Day. All the children and staff will be in the hall together having their delicious Christmas roast dinner. We all wear our Christmas jumpers, pull our crackers and wear the Christmas hats. Festive music is played and the staff serve up the children's lunch. Everyone has a fabulous time!

The Big Question



Our Core Value this half term is **KINDNESS**. This week we have been discussing what the expected behaviour is at Perryfields Infant School. We discussed how it felt when someone is kind to us and we all agreed that it made us smile and feel nice about ourselves. Thinking about school life and life outside of school we discussed being safe and how we should behave. The Big Question is '**Should you only be kind to people you know?**' Please discuss this further at home. Is there a difference between being polite and kind?

Christmas Post Box

Next week, the Christmas card post box will be out ready for the children to post their friends Christmas cards. Please can I remind everyone to make sure that the child's name, who is to receive the card and the name of their class (Ruby, Topaz, Emerald, Sapphire, Diamond or Pearl) is clearly written on the front of the envelope. This will ensure that our special post people can correctly deliver the post cards to the correct room.



All Saints Church

MONDAY 18TH DECEMBER AT 1:00PM—

As usual we are hoping to take the whole school to the local All Saints Church to sing some of our Christmas songs and retell the nativity story. We will be walking to the church and need some parent helpers to walk with us and attend this event. If you would like to help on this trip, please speak to Mrs Boon and Mrs Farmer in the office.

Information/Reminders

YEAR 2 PARENTS—TRANSITION TO THE JUNIOR SCHOOL—IMPORTANT!

- All current Year 2 parents must complete the Essex County Council online admissions form by 15th January 2024 to ensure their child gets a place in Year 3 at the junior school in September 2024. Applications open on 6th November and close on the 15th January. You only need to name one school—Perryfields Junior School and ensure that you send it in time. Once sent, you will receive an email confirming it has been submitted. This is really important as your child will not get a place if it is a late application. Please complete the on-line form that has been sent out to confirm with us that you have applied and received your email confirmation.

Have a great weekend.

Amanda Reid

Dates continued.....

- 8th Jan—2 Johns online safety parent & staff training 8:30pm (save the date)
- 26th Jan—Owl Visit at school (more information to follow)
- 6th Feb—Maths parent workshop (details to follow)
- 8th Feb—Open Afternoons 3:05-3:30pm
- 19th Feb—23rd Feb HALF TERM
- 26th Feb—INSET DAY (Non-pupil day)
- 27th Feb—Parents Evening
- 29th Feb—Parents Evening
- 7th Mar—World Book Day (details to follow)
- 28th Mar—Last day 1:15pm home time (no Peardrops)
- EASTER HOLIDAY
- 15th April—Children back to school
- 19th April—Class Photos



Mrs Farmer's Attendance Award -
Emerald Class 95.56%