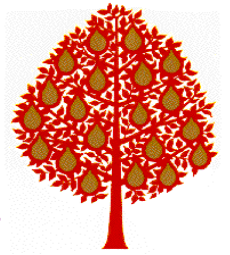


*Whoever you are, be happy, be safe,
be kind, stay sensible, love learning.
Keep caring!*



The Perryfields Post

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was fantastic to see so many of you at Parents Evening over the last two weeks. I hope you enjoyed looking at your children's work books and know what their next step targets are.

From talking with several parents it is wonderful to hear that lots of you have already accessed the online books on the Rocket Phonics site. If you have any difficulty with your username or password please let the class teacher know.

Over the last two weeks I have been hearing several children read the new Rocket Phonics decodable books and these are matched well to the children's phonics knowledge. Please continue to read these books at home several times to ensure there is total fluency. The decodable books aren't changed as frequently as these need to be read fluently before being changed by a member of staff.

Christmas Preparations

On Wednesday evening it was great to see so many people on the FIPS Zoom meeting. There were a lot of great ideas, most of which were based around Christmas! Letters around Christmas gift donations have already been sent out so if you do have any of the following, please bring them into the school office where we will gladly take them from you. Again, if you would like to help on a stall or help organise a stall at our Christmas Fayre on Friday 8th December, please let someone from the FIPS team know. All help is greatly appreciated to make sure this event is fun for the children and a success. The children always love the run up to Christmas and the Christmas Fayre is no exception—there will even be a visit from Santa!

- Pre-loved soft toys for the Teddy tombola
- Wrapping paper, gift tags & Sellotape
- Unused gifts for male and female adults for the secrets room
- Gift bags (any for hook a bag)
- Children's books

Please look out for further information.



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Dates for your diary...

- 17th Nov—Children In Need
- 23rd Nov—Secrets Room (details to follow)
- 24th Nov—Secrets Room (details to follow)
- 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 (TBC)
- 15th Dec—Christmas Panto
- 19th Dec—Last Day 1:15pm home time (no Eardrops)
- 20th Dec—NON-PUPIL DAY (Staff Training)
- Christmas holidays
- 4th January 2024—Back To School

Information/Reminders

NAMED CLOTHING & EQUIPMENT—Please can all clothing (coats, gloves, hats, scarves, uniform) and equipment (bags, water bottles) be clearly named. Staff are spending a lot of time sorting out clothing which hasn't been labelled. Anything unnamed will be put straight into the lost property in the front office reception area. Time in school is precious and staff cannot be spending this valuable time trying to locate the owners of unnamed belongings. Thank you for your help with this matter.

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.

BEING SCHOOL READY— Please can I remind everyone that in the mornings before school that the children should be standing quietly next to the parent or carer or holding their hand. The children are not to be playing in the wooded area, on the climbing frame, football pitch area or running around the playground. A quiet morning in the playground helps the children to come into school more calmly and ready to learn. Thank you for your continued support in this matter.

TRAVELLING BOOK FAIR—The book fair will be visiting Perryfields on Friday 10th November 8:40am and 2:40pm, Monday 13th November at 8:40am, Tuesday 14th November at 8:40 and Wednesday 15th November at 8:40am. This is a great opportunity to buy those early Christmas presents.

Have a great weekend.

Best wishes,

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 Eardrops)
- EASTER HOLIDAY
- 15th April—Children back to school
- 19th April—Class Photos



Mrs Farmer's Attendance Award -
Topaz & Emerald Class 100%

