



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



The Perryfield Post

What's happening?

At this time of year there are many different activities happening in school. The big Chr... celebration is just around the corner and I am sure you are all beginning to make plans for that.

Here at Perryfields, we realise that this is a very exciting time for the children and although we really make the most of the festive season, we try not to mention the actual word, until the 1st December! Once the staff have completely finalised details of all our celebrations I shall

be writing to you again—it gets very busy but there is a lot of 'magic and sparkle' in school.

The Chr... Bazaar is one of the first of our events on Friday 8th December. A huge 'thank you' to the 'Fips' team who have already started thinking about the stalls and games. If you are able to give a bit of time to help and support this event please do approach a member of the FIPS team or the office staff. There will shortly be letters going out and posters going up asking

parents to volunteer to run one of the stalls for part of the afternoon. The more volunteers we have the more stalls we can run—so please don't be shy! Each year group will have a stall each to support and by signing up to help for 20 minutes to half an hour on a stall would be a great help.

Can I please remind all parents and carers that children and siblings are not permitted to play or use any of the play-ground equipment before or after school. Please remind your children they should be walking nicely along side you when entering, exiting and whilst waiting in the play-ground before and after school. Thank you for your co-operation.

Children in Need

It will not have escaped your attention that Friday 17th November is Children in Need day. The School Council met with me to decide how they would like to mark this occasion. There were a number of different ideas, but the overwhelming decision was to have a pyjama day and to bring a teddy bear! So, children can come to school on Friday 17th November wearing their pyjamas and can bring in a teddy bear. Please try to name your child's bear and it may not be a good idea to bring their most special bear.

Please remember that the children will still be having lessons and going outside in the play-ground. So sensible school 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 on to this worthy charity. Last year we raised £186.06.



Perryfields Infant School

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Dates for your diary..

- 7th Nov—parents reading/handwriting/phonics meeting 2.15pm
- 10th Nov—Pearl Class assembly—9.15am
- 16th Nov—last Mad Science club
- 17th Nov—Children in need
- 17th Nov—FIPs Movie night KS1 (details to follow)
- 20th Nov—Year 1 Colchester Zoo trip.
- 21st Nov—3.10-3.45 Open afternoon
- 24th Nov—Diamond Class assembly—9.15am
- 1st Dec—parent coffee morning on assessment 9.10-10am (more details to follow)
- 7th Dec—Chri..... Panto in school
- 8th Dec—Chri..... Fayre 3.05—5.00pm
- 14th Dec—Chri..... Dinner Day
- 14th Dec—Chri..... jumper day
- 14th Dec—Chri..... play 1.45pm (Ruby, Sapphire & Diamond parents)
- 15th Dec—Chri..... play 9.30am (Topaz, Emerald & Pearl parents)
- 15th Dec—Sparkly Disco (details to follow)

The Big Question



Welcome back to an exceedingly busy term. As normal our Core Value changes each half term. This half term the new Core Value is

HONESTY. I'm sure the children will tell you that I personally think that this Core Value is the most important. Honesty is the best policy!

This week we were lucky enough to have a visit from Reverend Susan from All Saints Church who led an assembly on honesty. I was extremely proud of the children as they came up with some excellent answers to her questions and of course their behaviour was fantastic.

This half term we will be honest about our own abilities, hopes and worries. We will learn the best ways in which to be thoughtful and honest and whether it is ever alright to tell a lie.

The Big Question for the next two weeks is—

Is honesty always the best policy?

We have already discussed this during assemblies and will further discuss the Core Value during class PSHE time. This is such an interesting concept—please discuss this at home.

YEAR 1 COLCHESTER ZOO TRIP

Parent helpers with the necessary DBS/CRB checks needed. If you have previously helped on a school trip or help in a different year group we are needing more parent help for the Year 1 Colchester Zoo trip. Please let the office staff know if you are available to help on Monday 20th November.

Many thanks.

Fantastic Results

I am sure you are all aware that schools are expected to ensure that the quality of teaching within the classroom is of a high standard. The teaching obviously has a direct impact on the standards children achieve.

Each year, individual schools receive a summary report, drawn up by Ofsted, of the achievements of children over the past 5 years. The data included in the report is not just with regard to academic standards, but also absence, exclusions, ethnicity, and special educational needs.

Here at Perryfields Infants, our data has shown for the past 6 years that the standards the children achieve are always above the national average. This is fantastic news! I would just like to thank all the teaching and support staff for their commitment and hard work. Thank you too, to you as parents and carers for your continued support with reading and homework, but most of all to the children. Aren't they amazing? School results can be found on the school website under the 'About us' tab.

Poppy Appeal

Over the next week the Year 2 children will be going round the school with The Royal British Legion poppies. If your child would like to get a poppy please bring in some pennies in an envelope labelled Poppy Appeal. We have been informed that they are still able to take the old £1 coins—so this is a good opportunity to put them to good use!



SHOW YOU REMEMBER
ON THE 11th OF NOVEMBER

Chris..... Play

Although it is just November I have already been asked for information on when the school Christmas play will be. I appreciate it is an extremely busy time of year and that parents may need to organise time off work.

The performance on Thursday 14th December at 1.45pm will be for the parents and carers of children in Ruby, Sapphire and Diamond classes.

Friday 15th December morning performance at 9.30am will be for parents and carers of children in Topaz, Emerald and Pearl Classes.

Due to health and safety regulations only two people per family will be invited to watch. Two coloured programmes will be given to each family to indicate which day they can come

to. Please only come on the stated day and bring your coloured programmes in order to gain entrance. If you prefer the other date then the alternative would be to find someone willing to swap the programmes with. If you only require one programme, please hand any spares back into the office.