



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



The Perryfield Post

Welcome Back

After this unusual year with the COVID lock down, guidance changes and social distancing it has been wonderful to welcome all the children back. This new academic year has got off to a flying start with the children enthusiastic to be back. Children in Years 1 and 2 have settled very quickly into their new routines and have already begun to meet the challenges of being a year older.

During the first part of the new school year, children spend their lesson time thinking about how they can best work together in their new classes and keep each other safe with the new COVID changes. Classroom rules are negotiated and the children begin to understand their new expectations.

As I walk round the school I can see that all the children have settled well into Perryfields—there may have been a few anxious tears on leaving Mum or Dad in the morning but after a few minutes in the busy classroom all the tears have

vanished and it is great to see their smiley faces. The children have taken these new changes in their stride.

Each year group follows a theme for the term—these begin on Monday 14th September. The themes are -

Foundation Stage

WHAT'S THE STORY?

Year 1

WHEN I GROW UP

Year 2

OUT OF THIS WORLD

I am looking forward to seeing the children's work develop over the term. There will be an opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress later in the term during Parent Consultations. You will certainly receive an overview of the work the children will be covering—this will be sent home shortly.

Social Distancing Reminder

I would like to thank everyone for following the social distancing rules, one way system and keeping your distance in the field and playground. Whilst I'm sure the children have been excited with the start of the new term they have behaved extremely well.

The reason education settings returned to full-time opening was due to a large reduction in COVID-19 cases in the community. This is thanks to the sacrifices every member of the community made earlier this year, by staying at home etc.

A message from Essex County Council is that groups of parents and pupils

have been seen congregating outside some Essex schools at drop-off/ collection times and on their way to schools.

We must all continue to remain alert to prevent this new spike from increasing. As Mike Gogarty the Director of Well-being said *"The whole school population, whether on school grounds or off it, must remain vigilant and observe social distancing measures. It is vital we all play our part if we're to avoid a spike in the community and the reintroduction of lockdown measures!"*

PLEASE CAN I REMIND EVERYONE THAT IT IS ONLY ONE ADULT PER HOUSEHOLD WHEN DROPPING OFF OR COLLECTING YOUR CHILDREN.

Perryfields Infant School

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Dates for your diary...

- 21st Sep—Year 1 Sapphire Class Forest School to start (details to follow)
- 24th Sept—Year 1 meet the teacher meeting (remote via Zoom details to follow)
- 25th Sept—Macmillan Cake morning—children only due to COVID (see below for details)
- 1st Oct—Year 2 meet the teacher (remote via Zoom details to follow)
- 6th Oct—Individual photos and family photos—details to follow
- 19th Oct—Foundation Stage Parents Consultation report cards to go home.
- 20th Oct—Foundation Stage Parents Consultation calls due to COVID (4 -6.30pm) details to follow
- 21st Oct—Foundation Stage Parents Consultation calls due to COVID (3.30-6.00pm) details to follow
- 22nd Oct—Last Day
- 23rd Oct—Non-Pupil Day Staff Training/Half Term
- 2nd Nov—School Starts—children back.

Covid-19

I can report that we currently have no known cases of COVID-19 at school. If a child/member of staff has Covid symptoms:

- They must be kept off school and self isolate for 10 days (or at such point as they get a negative test in that window)
- All other members of the household need to self isolate for 14 days. They can only come out of isolation if the symptomatic person tests negative
- The symptomatic child/member of staff cannot come into school for 10 days (or until such time as they secure a negative test and show evidence of this)
- If child/member of staff tests positive we will contact PHE

At this time of year there is an increase in childhood illnesses and we all need to be extra vigilant to keep everyone safe. For more information please go to: www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection

New Children & New Staff

We would like to welcome our new Foundation Stage children and families into Topaz and Ruby classes. We hope this is a positive start to your school learning journey and we look forward to working with you.

At the beginning of this academic year, as well as welcoming the new reception families into the school, I would like to welcome four new members of our Perryfields team:

Mr Clark is our new Caretaker, Mrs Farrell our new LSA currently in Emerald Class, Ms Smithers has joined our cleaning team and Mrs Chilvers has joined our Midday Assistant Team.

They have all settled in extremely quickly and I am sure you will help to make them feel welcome when you see them around the school grounds.

See Hear Respond Service

This is a new service aimed at children who are not receiving support or who have not met thresholds but, because of COVID-19 and wider problems, are struggling. They and their families would benefit from some immediate help in the short term.

The aim is to provide short term wrap around support to help de-escalate issues and support children with re-integration into education and agencies where their support needs can be met in the longer term.

The support will be delivered both by Barnardo's services and other national and local delivery partners who have been assessed in terms of suitability to provide support. These partners include large charities such as The Children's Society and Action for Children and smaller local charities who are well respected in communities.

There is a freephone number for children and families who wish to self-refer or they can fill out a self-referral online form:

Free phone: 0800 157 7015

Online self-referral: <https://www.barnardos.org.uk/see-hear-respond>

Dates for your diary continued...

- 2nd Nov—Year 1 and Year 2 Parents Consultation report cards to go home.
- 3rd Nov—Year 1 Parents Consultation calls due to COVID (4-6.30pm) details to follow
- 5th Nov—Year 1 Parents Consultation calls due to COVID (3.30-6.00pm) details to follow
- 10th Nov—Year 2 Parents Consultation calls due to COVID (4-6.30pm) details to follow
- 12th Nov—Year 2 Parents Consultation calls due to COVID (3.30-6.00pm) details to follow
- 13th Nov—Children In Need
- 3rd Dec—Flu Immunisation (details to follow)
- 17th Dec—Last Day
- 18th Dec—Non-Pupil Day/ staff training—Christmas Holiday
- 4th Jan—Back To School

WE ARE CURRENTLY REVIEWING OUR READING WRITING PARENT WORKSHOPS AND COFFEE MORNINGS TO SEE HOW THIS INFORMATION CAN BE SHARED IN A COVID FRIENDLY WAY.

WE ARE ALSO THINKING OF HOW OUR USUAL CHRISTMAS PLAYS, FAYRE AND CELEBRATIONS COULD TAKE PLACE OR BE DIFFERENT THIS YEAR.

MacMillan

Friday 25th September, is the annual MacMillan Coffee Morning. Due to COVID-19 we are unable to hold our normal big coffee morning event where the children have a drink and cake with their parents in the hall.

To help Macmillan continue to raise money during this time, and also for the children to have a fun afternoon, we have decided to hold our own Macmillan cake event in class bubbles (children only).

Please can I ask parents for donations of cakes/biscuits. Due to COVID-19 these will need to be pre-sealed shop bought cakes. (NO NUTS PLEASE)

If your child has a food allergy could we please ask that you bring in a separate named container with their own cakes in.

On Friday 25th the children can bring cakes/biscuits into school via their classroom. **Please do not bring donations to the office.**

Due to the current situation we are unable to accept cash donations. However you can donate via your Scopay account: www.scopay.com/perryfields-inf

In the afternoon the children will have a fun cake eating time whilst also supporting MacMillan.

Many of us have had relatives or friends whose lives have been turned upside down by this dreadful disease and this is our way of giving the charity support.

Last year we raised an amazing

£898.50!



TikTok Safety

We have recently been informed that there has been a video appear over the last few days which has gone viral which is inappropriate for children. TikTok (formerly called Musical.ly) is a social media platform that lets you create, share and discover 15 second videos. The **official age rating for TikTok is aged 16+.** Children using this app could be vulnerable to being exposed to inappropriate content and users. Always set TikTok to private to ensure young children can't access content on adults/older children's devices.

Advice about staying safe using TikTok can be found here:

<https://www.protectyoungminds.org/2019/05/21/parent-alert-is-tiktok-safe-for-kids/>

Meet The Teacher

Normally we would invite the Year 1 and Year 2 parents into school to come and find out more about what your child will be doing in their new year group. These meetings are a great opportunity for you to find out about the new classroom routines and expectations. Each year group is different with different arrangements. It is also a good time to ask any questions you may have. Due to current social restrictions we plan to hold these meetings remotely via Zoom.

YEAR 1—24th September Sapphire class at 1pm and Emerald Class at 2pm.

YEAR 2—1st October Pearl class at 1pm and Diamond class at 2pm.

You will find out more about the curriculum, PE, homework, behaviour, phonics, SATS, grammar and spellings etc. The ZOOM invites will be sent out nearer the time.

Follow us on TWITTER!



Our school is connected! Please follow us on Twitter as we use this social media tool as a

school to share, connect, and collaborate with the world around us. If you haven't already got a Twitter account all you have to do is download the free Twitter App from the App Store on your phone and search for Perryfields Infants School. Another great way for us to communicate with you all!

PE STARTED THIS WEEK. PLEASE CAN CHILDREN PRACTISE CHANGING THEIR CLOTHES AT HOME ESPECIALLY THE FASTENINGS.

PLAIN TRAINERS ARE PREFERABLE (NOT PLIMSOLS) AS THEY DO NOT FALL OFF!

PLEASE REMEMBER TO NAME ALL THE CLOTHES, BAGS, BOTTLES ETC.