



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



# *The Perryfield Post*

## *January weather*

The weather has recently changed and flurries of snow have started to fall. I don't think this particular neck of the woods will get as much as other parts of the country. I think we have been rather fortunate so far.

Could you please ensure that your child comes to school with a named warm coat, appropriate footwear and change of clothes, should they need it.

We always endeavour to keep the school open whenever possible but at times, for health and safety reasons, this isn't always possible.

## *Attendance*

Please can I remind parents that requests for holidays will not be authorised. Research shows that children who have poor attendance and are regularly late miss out a lot of learning and this can greatly affect their attainment (now and in the future). I will shortly be sending letters out to parents whose children's attendance is falling low (below 90%). In some cases parents will be asked to come to an attendance meeting in school to discuss the attendance in more detail. As a school it is our responsibility to ensure that children receive the best education possible but they do need to be in school for this to happen. These young children need your help to get to school regularly and on time.

Thinking ahead, please access our school website for possible school closures. You can also find out about school closures on the Essex Website

[https://  
www.essex.gov.uk/  
Education-Schools/  
Schools/Dates/Pages/  
Emergency-School-  
Closures.aspx](https://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Schools/Dates/Pages/Emergency-School-Closures.aspx)

And remember to bring your wellies! Can you also remember to provide the children with tracksuit bottoms and trainers for outside P.E.

## *Chinese New Year*

This year the Chinese New Year falls on Tuesday 5th February and it is the year of the pig. To enhance the curriculum, here at Perryfields Infants we plan lots of exciting activities for the children to take part in to celebrate this festival. Miss Newland, our R.E. and PSHE/SMSC leader has organised a Chinese dance workshop for all the children to experience and join in with on Friday 1st February. She is also organising a Chinese New Year competition (details to follow).

## *Open Afternoon*

All parents/carers are invited into school on **Tuesday 12th February at 3.05—3.45pm** to look at your children's work with them. It is an ideal time to see how much progress they have made in their learning. You will also be able to see which areas of learning you could support them further with at home. I look forward to seeing you then.

## **Perryfields Infant School**

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### *Dates for your diary...*

- 29th Jan—Year 2 Cheer-leading competition AM
- **29th Jan—9.15 p.m. PAIR reading meeting for ALL Ruby & Topaz parents (details to follow)**
- 29th Jan—2.15 p.m. new parent helper meeting—come and see how you can help in school.
- 8th Feb—Assessment workshop at 9.15 a.m. (details to follow)
- 8th Feb—Movie night (TBC)
- 12th Feb—3.05 to 3.45 p.m. Open Afternoon—ALL parents welcome to come and look at their children's work.
- 14th Feb—Last after-school teacher club
- 15th Feb—Emerald class assembly 9.15 a.m.
- 15th Feb—Last Day
- HALF TERM
- 25th Feb—Back to school
- 1st March—FIPS meeting 2pm all welcome.
- 7th March—World Book Day (details to follow)
- 11th March—Science Week (details to follow)

# The Big Question



The BIG QUESTION this week is 'How can we be our best?' We have linked this to our Core Value of HONESTY. During assemblies we have thought about how one small lie can spiral out of control and become several lies. Please discuss why honesty is the best policy at home.



*School*

*Website*

It was wonderful to see so many parents at the Maths Mastery parent workshop last week. The feedback Mrs Champion received was extremely positive. As promised the PowerPoint is already on the school website. Please go to the Parent Information tab at the top, go down to the 'Helping your child' section and the maths workshop PowerPoint 2019 is at the top.

As discussed at the workshop the children have access to a fantastic website (DB Primary) at

There are excellent engaging maths and literacy/phonics games for the children to play. This site can also be accessed via the school website. Go to the 'About Us' tab at the top and go down to the 'DB Primary' section near the bottom. The children will need to enter their username and password.

All of the KS1 children have been given their usernames and passwords and the Foundation Stage children will be given them during this spring term. Mrs Champion our ICT lead will shortly be organising and sending these passwords home for all children.

## More Dates....

- 27th March—5.30-7.30pm All parents invited to on-line safety training. (Please save the date)
- 29th March—9.15am Sapphire Class assembly
- 29th March—FIPS Easter Disco (tbc)
- 1st April—4-6.30pm Parents Evening
- 3rd April—6-8.30pm Parents Evening
- 5th April—Last Day of Term
- 23rd April— INSET DAY (no children)
- 24th April—Children back to school

The children's weekly celebration awards are also put onto the school website. The 'star trophies', 'Spelling Stars' and 'Pen Licence' winners. Please go to 'Children' tab at the top and at the top is the 'children's achievements'.

Please take time to look through the various tabs. I will continue to update the website and endeavour to add information to the Headteacher's Blog.

## School Council News

Last week the School Council went into the office with Mrs Clark to order the clean water, honey bees and a real chicken for a third world country.

I am so proud of all of the children as they are extremely thoughtful and understand the importance of charities and helping others.

