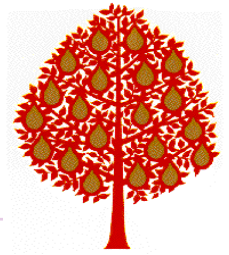


*Whoever you are, be happy, be safe,
be kind, stay sensible, love learning.
Keep caring!*



The Perryfields Post

I hope everyone had a lovely half term break. It was wonderful to see everyone return to school well rested and ready to learn. Again, we have another busy and exciting half term on the run up to Christmas.

Please remember that if you did hear your child read at home over the half term or you read to them, to write this in the reading record so the children get their well deserved reading points for the class competition.

Rocket Phonics decodable books are now available online, which everyone will now have access to. Please go onto the site to access these great resources and read the books several times to ensure there is total fluency. The decodable books aren't changed as frequently as these need to be read fluently and fully understood before being changed by a member of staff.

This week Mrs Shankar one of our fantastic LSAs and the EYFS team taught the EYFS children about Diwali (photos below).



Big Question

Our new Core Value for this half term is **RESPECT**.

We have started to think about why respect is important in life, how we can show respect and who we should respect and why. We started thinking about respecting our things (property) for example books and other people's property.

The Big Question for this week is — **How do you look after your things and other people's property at home?** Please discuss this further at home.

Travelling Book Fair We have our Travelling Book Fair in. Payment will be credit card only as we are unable to accept cash. The school does receive rewards to spend on books for our classes and our library after the event. The Book Fair will be on; Friday 8th November at 8:20am & 2:40pm, Monday 11th November at 8:20am and Tuesday 12th November at 8:20am. A great time to get some Christmas bargains!

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Dates for your diary...

- 8th Nov—Flu Immunisations
- 8th Nov—FIPS Meeting at 2pm (everyone welcome) (cake & coffee)
- 15th Nov—Children in Need (PJ Day)
- 3rd Dec—EYFS Nativity Play 9:15am (2 parents/carers per family)
- 5th Dec—KS1 Christmas Play 9:15am parents from Year 1 classes (Emerald & Sapphire) and 2:00pm parents from Year 2 classes (Diamond & Pearls) Only 2 parents/carers per family. Entry tickets will be provided beforehand and must be handed in for entry.
- 6th Dec—Christmas Fayre (details to follow)
- 11th Dec—Christmas Jumper day and Christmas Lunch (TBC)
- 13th Dec—In school pan-to
- 16th Dec—Visit to All Saints church for Christmas singing
- 19th December—Last Day half day school closes at 1:15pm (no Pear-drops)



Christmas Preparations

On Friday afternoon we had a FIPS face to face meeting in the school with coffee and cake. Thank you to everyone who attended. Letters around Christmas gift donations have already been sent out and a big thank you to everyone who sent something in as part of the non-uniform day before half term.

Again, if you would like to help on a stall or help organise a stall at our Christmas Fayre on Friday 6th December, please let someone from the FIPS team know or the office team. 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! (Santa slots are now available on the PTA events site).



Please can we ask for any of the following donations:

- Pre-loved soft toys for the Teddy tombola
- Gift bags (any for hook a bag with a handle)
- Wrapping paper, gift tags & Sellotape
- Children's books (good condition)

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 2025 to ensure their child gets a place in Year 3 at the junior school in September 2025. Applications open on 4th 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.

DAFFODIL AND TULIP BULB DONATIONS—On Monday and Tuesday next week some of the children with some of the staff will be planting the bulbs around the school, so hopefully the school will look extra colourful during the spring time. A big thank you to everyone who has donated the bulbs.

PUMPKINS COMPETITION—This year we saw only a few children enter the pumpkin competition but they were of a high quality. It was extremely difficult for the office team to pick the winners. Prizes have been given to the 6 winners. Well done Alara (Ruby), *** (Topaz), Eleanor (Emerald), Millie (Sapphire), Oscar (Diamond) and Milo (Pearl).

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Amanda Reid

- ***Dates for your diary...***
- 20th Dec—INSET non pupils day (staff training)
- 20th Dec—Christmas Holidays
- 6th Jan—All children back to school
- 13th Jan—Online Safety 2Johns parent training (details to follow—save the date)
- 11th Feb—EAL Parents Coffee, cake & chat (details to follow)
- 14th Feb—Last Day
- Half Term
- 24th Feb—INSET DAY (staff training)
- 25th Feb—Children back to school

Mrs Farmer's
Attendance
Award -
Emerald Class
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