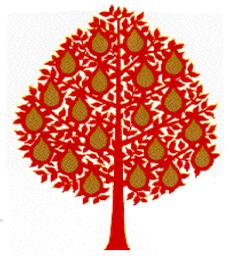




*Whoever you are, be happy, be safe,
be kind, stay sensible, love learning.*

Keep caring!



The Perryfields Post

Happy New Year!

Dear Parents and Carers

This is my first Perryfields Post for 2025. It was wonderful to see all the children return to school and get back to some form of normality after the festive period.

Although the spring term is a very short term there is a lot of learning to be done and a lot of fun activities to look forward to.

A Guide to Online Safety and Gaming

Next Monday, 13th January we have some excellent Online and Gaming Safety training for both staff and parents provided by the 2Johns. Over the past five years you may have seen either one of the 2Johns present at numerous key event in relation to the Online Child Sexual Exploitation of Children (OCSE). They have completed interviews for BBC Breakfast TV, BBC Radio 4, Channel 4 TV and numerous other local radio stations and have presented in schools across the UK.

As a new generation of young people arrive onto using multiplayer games and internet in general this new year, it is more important than ever to make children and parents aware of how to stay safe online. All parents and carers are invited from both the infant and junior schools to attend this important training. This is on Monday at 8pm and can be accessed from your home via the Zoom link below. We know you will find this extremely helpful.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81767208641>

Congratulations Perryfields Infant School!

I'm pleased to inform everyone that Perryfields Infant School has successfully been awarded the Active Essex Key Stage 1 Award. This is for being recognised for good practice in physical activity, PE and school sport across the school. We wanted to congratulate everyone and share this success with our whole school community.



Perryfields Infant School

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Dates for your diary...

- 10th Jan—2:40pm
Parent/grandparent helper meeting
- 13th Jan—Online Safety
2Johns parent training
8pm
- 31st Jan—Celebrating
Chinese New Year
- 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
- 25th February—KS1
Teacher Clubs to start
(TBC)
- 4th March—Parents
evening 4:10-6:40pm
(details to follow)
- 6th March—Parents
evening 4:10-6:40pm
(details to follow)
- 24th March—National
Skipping Day
- 1st April—Last Teacher
Club
- 3rd April—EYFS & KS1
Easter Discos (details to
follow)

Parent/Grandparent Helper/Volunteer - Today

Would you like to come into school to support the children's learning, hear readers, work in the class, help to stick in all their lovely work into their topic books, help on school trips? If so, I will be holding a parent volunteer talk TODAY— Friday 10th January at 2:40pm—just before pick up time. Pop along to see what this would entail. I look forward to seeing you there.

Important.....

COATS— The outside temperature has plummeted and there are lots of children going outside without doing up their coats. Please can we ask all parents/carers to make sure that they are all able to do this themselves and that the coat zips are working. This is a life skill that all the children (4years+) should be able to do independently and staff should not be expected to do these up.

VELCRO SHOES & TRAINERS— Thank you to everyone who is following the school uniform policy. This is to remind everyone that all children should be wearing school shoes (**not boots**) and these must have Velcro fastenings (**not laces**). For PE all trainers should also have Velcro Fastenings (**not laces**). Infant school children are unable to do up laces and for health and safety reasons must not wear these to school. If seen, staff will do these up but they must not be worn in school. This will be monitored this term by the school team.

WATER BOTTLES—In line with school policy, all water bottles must be plastic transparent bottles and filled with water (only). These must be clearly named to prevent other children from using them or getting lost.

NAMED GLOVES—Again, now the weather has changed the children are bringing hats and gloves to school. Please can I remind parents/carers to clearly name them. Staff cannot be expected to go around the school trying to locate their owners.

HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME—please can I remind parents/carers that holidays should not be taken during term time. If you do have family abroad, please remember to book flights in the school holidays.

Schools are monitoring attendance closely, especially at the end and beginning of term times (including sickness) and penalty notices may be given by the local authority.

SCHOOL START TIME—please remember that school starts at 8:40am with children starting their phonics lesson straight away. Children who are late miss this important lesson but also disrupt the rest of the class when arriving late. Thank you for your support in this matter.

- **Dates for your diary...**
- 4th April—Last day 1:15pm home time (no Peardrops)
- 25th April—Class Photos
- EASTER HOLIDAY
- 22nd April—Children back to school

Have a lovely weekend.

Amanda Reid



Mrs Farmer's Attendance Award -

Ruby Class 99.26%

Emerald Class 99.25%

& Diamond Class 99.26%