



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



# The Perryfield Post

## Welcome Back

The new academic year has got off to a flying start. Children in Year 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. Classroom rules are negotiated and the children begin to understand their new expectations.

As I walk around 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

## Meet the teacher

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 varied arrangements.

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!

A big welcome to the very new children and their families in the Foundation Stage. They have completed their home visits and are about to start their staggered visits into their new classes. They will start school full time on Wednesday 19th September.

Each year group follows a theme for the term—

The themes are—

### Foundation Stage

Monsters & Aliens

#### Year 1

In the Woods

#### Year 2

Heroes

It is also a good time to ask any questions you may have. The meetings start very soon.

**Year 2**—Diamond and Pearl Classes, Friday 14th September at 2.30pm.

**Year 1**—Sapphire and Emerald Classes, Friday 21st September at 2.30pm.

I am looking forward to seeing the children's work develop over the term. There will be an opportunity for you to have a look at your child's work later in the term during Parent Consultations. You will certainly receive an overview of the work the children will be covering which will be sent home shortly or given to you at the 'Meet the Teacher' meetings.

In the meantime, please remember to talk and read with your child—you are your child's first natural teacher and talking and reading are both crucial for their continued success.

### NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

**CHILDREN ARE NOT ALLOWED ON ANY OF THE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT BEFORE OR AFTER SCHOOL**

**Foundation Stage**—Ruby and Topaz Classes, Friday 5th October at 2.30pm. Come and find out about the curriculum, PE, homework, parent helpers, phonics etc.

**Pre-school children are welcome and we look forward to seeing you all there.**

## Perryfields Infant School

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### Dates for your diary...

- 14th Sept—2.30pm Year 2 meet the teacher meeting
- 17th & 18th Sept—Foundation Children to stay for lunch home at 12.45pm
- 21st Sept—2.30pm Year 1 meet the teacher meeting
- 28th Sept—Macmillan Coffee Morning (details to follow—save the date)
- 28th Sept—2pm FIPS meeting—everyone welcome
- 2nd Oct—9.30am reading/phonics parents coffee morning (details to follow)
- 5th Oct—2.30pm Foundation Stage meet the teacher meeting
- 5th Oct—9.30am & 11am Harvest Assemblies
- 12th Oct—9.15am New parent helper meeting—please come and find out how you can help in school
- 15th Oct—4-6.30pm Parents consultation evening
- 17th Oct—6-8.30pm Parents consultation evening
- 19th Oct—Last Day of half-term.

(Further dates are available on the website calendar)



## *The Big Question*

As it's the beginning of the new academic year we have been thinking about things to look forward to in our new year groups. Our first big question of the year is—

### 'What new things are we looking forward to?'

The children have already come up with some thoughts and fortunately the majority of them have been about looking forward to new things in their new classes. Please discuss this further at home. Our new Core Value this half term is 'Teamwork'.

## *Drinks in school*

Research has shown that children's brains work faster and are more efficient when they are properly hydrated. This is why children have a water bottle that they can sip from throughout the day.

The bottles are kept in an accessible place within the classroom and children can sip freely from them. They can also be refilled from our water cooler. However I would like to remind you that

## *External Clubs*

We are extremely fortunate to have several before and after school clubs at Perryfields Infant School which are provided by external companies. These are only available to the KS1 children. Unfortunately due to club size restrictions from the providers themselves, it is not always possible to get your child into their desired club. To ensure all parents are able to see the club forms, we do not accept forms or payment until the day after the letters are sent home via book-bags and emailed to parents.

## *Would you like to volunteer in school?*

We have always been very grateful to any parent or carer who is able to volunteer to help in our classrooms. All our volunteers have an up to date DBS check. This has to be completed through Essex County Council. I will be holding a parent volunteer meeting on **Friday 12th October at 9.15am**. Here I shall go over how you can help regularly in school.

I look forward to seeing you.

children should have just water in their bottles. No flavoured water, or weak squash or any other kind of flavoured drink, it should just be water. During the lunchtime period children can drink whatever they wish—apart from fizzy drinks. Similarly, if you would like your child to have a small carton of milk at break time please apply online at [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com).

All applications for a club place should be placed in a sealed and named envelope and placed in your child's book bag for them to give to the class teacher for the class boxes (**not via the office**). The class boxes are then taken to the office.

The club letters come from the external providers and the office staff are only the collection source. The office staff work hard to ensure this process is as fair as possible and should not be pressed or confronted if a place isn't provided for your child. The club letters were sent home last Friday.

## *School Office*

At the end of the last academic year we said goodbye to Mrs Tucker in the office. I am pleased to say that over the holidays we appointed a new Finance Officer called Mrs King. We look forward to welcoming Mrs King to Perryfields Infant School in a couple of weeks time. This means that Mrs Mears is currently on her own with some temporary day to day support. In the meantime please can I ask everyone to be patient and considerate of the current situation as Mrs King finds her feet in her new role.

Thank you for your continued support.

Finally, I know the children have a great deal to carry—one of our rucksacks may be a good idea—but we would appreciate it if water bottles were not placed in the children's book bags. We have had leaks when the water bottle top hasn't been secured and the reading books then get ruined. Damaged books will be charged for.

## *A polite reminder*

Please can I remind parents about the appropriate use of social networking sites. Negative or offensive comments mentioning the school or any staff is not acceptable and putting pictures of other peoples children onto a site without their permission is not allowed. Fortunately the majority of our parents are aware and follow this. As it is the beginning of a new academic year, please can you take the time to re-read the school's Social Media Policy on our website. As always if there are any concerns please do come in and see me.