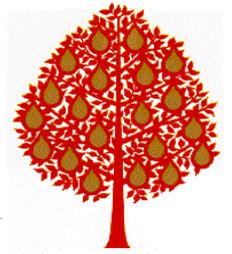




*'Be safe, be kind.
Listen and think a lot.
Be your best!'*



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School Update

Perryfields Infant School

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Dear Parents and Children,

I hope you are all well and coping during these difficult times.

The feedback from staff about our home learning this term has been extremely positive. The calls home as a supportive tool and the sequential lesson plans and worksheets have been positively received. It seems the majority of children and parents are accessing learning through our website and are really engaging with the lessons. Staff have enjoyed looking at and marking the children's work on DB Primary and it has been wonderful for the team to see the great work that the children have been doing at home with your support.

Due to being unwell, I was unable to lead the first whole school assembly last Friday. Fortunately, Mrs Champion was able to take my place and the feedback received was extremely positive. It is lovely to hear that the children all enjoyed seeing each other on the screen and I look forward to seeing everyone soon. I am hoping to make these assembly a weekly occurrence once I am better. Moving forward, these will be Monday morning assemblies as class Zoom meetings will be taking place on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. A Zoom invitation will follow shortly.

This week the team have been working extremely hard to create mini-support videos and will be introducing Zoom meetings starting this Wednesday. Please remember that all children are appropriately dressed and that you are at hand nearby for the duration of the meeting to help with any IT needs.

Exercise books and worksheets are available to those who are unable to access them in year group boxes under the bike shelters. These will be available each Monday after 9:30am. If you are experiencing problems accessing the website, or you need help with IT devices, then please let us know. As previously explained, the expectation is that KS1 children are provided with 3 hours of work a day (2.5hrs for F/S). Due to the age of our children and the wide range of family circumstances we would like all children to join in with as much learning as they can. Remember that you are all doing a fantastic job!

Prior to Christmas we were extremely fortunate not to have any known positive Covid-19 cases in school. As you are aware, the number of Covid-19 cases continue to be high in Essex. The new variant has meant that the transmission rate is much faster. Even by following stringent cleaning schedules and following the government guidelines, I can report that some members of our staff have tested positive for coronavirus including myself and other staff/children are having to isolate. In line with government guidelines we have had to close our Year 2 and Foundation Stage Key Worker bubbles and everyone involved is having to self-isolate at home. If there are no further positive cases the Year 2 Key Worker bubble will be able to return to school on Monday 25th January and the Foundation Stage Key Worker bubble can return on Tuesday 26th January. Due to staffing issues it has been difficult for us to provide the before and afterschool 'Peardrops' provision for the key worker children this week. We always endeavour to provide as much notice as possible about any school closures but due to the ever changing nature of this virus it isn't always possible.

Staff symptoms have varied from light symptoms to some staff being very poorly. Having experienced this illness first hand, I must emphasise how important it is for everyone to follow the government rules of,

HANDS + FACE + SPACE.

The team will continue to work from home to provide all children with access to the remote learning. I would like to wish all the staff and anyone in our local community with this horrible virus a speedy recovery.

Super Stars!

Last week the class super stars were:

RUBY CLASS

Savannah—for being extremely hard working and sensible. She did extremely well with her morning writing in class last week.

TOPAZ CLASS

William—for working so hard at home last week. He is now remembering to use finger spaces when writing the EWI sentence—excellent and keep up the hard work.

EMERALD CLASS

James—for a great week in school last week, working enthusiastically and completing all his work more independently.

SAPPHIRE CLASS

Matilda—for high quality work at home with good presentation for English and Maths submitted and for tackling the DB Primary challenges too!

DIAMOND CLASS

Zac—for all his hard effort with his writing and the quality of his handwriting—excellent work!

PEARL CLASS

Sophie—for working really hard with her home learning and uploading excellent work. She also completed the extra challenge on the Titanic and painted a beautiful picture inspired by Claude Monet!

No matter what your current situation, I think you are all doing a fantastic job with home schooling. Please remember that the school is here to help as much as possible. The whole school community is working together positively to help each other through these difficult times.

Keep healthy and safe.

All my best wishes

Amanda Reid

Headteacher

Dates for your diary...

- 26th Jan—Parents Phonics and reading workshop

Time: Jan 26, 2021 01:30 PM
London

Join Zoom Meeting

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IMPORTANT

Key Workers—if you or anyone in your family are going to get a Covid test **DO NOT bring your child to school.**

THANK YOU