



Perryfields Junior School

The Flyer

Week 5 – October 2023

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents/Carers

I am extremely proud of the team at Perryfields for achieving the Artsmark Silver Award. The school has worked hard to ensure all our children have access to the arts in all its forms and are committed to delivering a high-quality arts and cultural education. Thank you, Miss Riley and Miss Boyle, for your hard work in securing this accolade.

As we move deeper into Autumn, Miss Howlett decided to lead a whole school assembly based on Sukkot and thinking about thankfulness. *Sukkot* is one of the festivals celebrated by Jews around the world each year. The festival lasts for 1 week and gives thanks for a successful harvest. A key part of Sukkot is the *sukkah* - a temporary dwelling which each family constructs and in which they will spend time during the festival. Our children really enjoyed the assembly and asked lots of interesting questions about the importance of harvest time throughout the world.

Year 6 enjoyed an information packed, hands on Homefront 40's Day today! They took part in a whole host of different craft and roleplay activities and were immersed in World War 2 experiences throughout the day. The children were all beautifully behaved and were superb ambassadors for our school. A huge thank you to all of our adult helpers who made the day such a great success.

Well done to our table tennis teams who competed with great skill and determination in this week's inter-school contest and achieved 2nd and 4th place overall! Outstanding efforts all round.

Thank you to all families who have made donations towards the Chelmsford Food Bank - your kindness will help to make a difference to our whole community.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Jane Hasler

Pupil of the Week

Cowell: Dexter
Seuss: Ryan
Walliams: Mohid
Lewis: Bella
Dahl: James
Rowling: Archie
Tolkien: Teddy
Morpurgo: Sachith
Pullman: Chloe

Award for
Outstanding Manners
Hayden – Lewis Class
Lilah-Rose – Rowling Class

PE Award
Lilah – Tolkien Class

Spelling Award
Rowling Class

Mrs Siddall's Attendance Award
Cowell Class – 99.5%

ATTENDANCE

The national expectation for attendance is 96%. The government has clarified the position regarding the term 'regular' attendance. It means children must be in school **EVERY DAY**. Every second counts at Perryfields. We must work together to improve attendance and punctuality even more.

Year 3	99.4%
Year 4	95%
Year 5	97.2%
Year 6	94.8%



Reminders/Notices

Items brought to school office: There has been an increasing number of items being dropped into the school office after children have had registration. Can you please try to make sure that children have all their belongings at the start of the school day. If you do need to drop something into reception, please make sure it is named.

Harvest Festival Donations: We are very low on harvest donations. If you are able to donate please bring your items to the school office. Thank you.

PE Kits: Your child should have a PE kit in school all week. Can we please also remind you that children will need to remove earrings and must be able to do this themselves.

School Car Park: Please do not park in the school car park to drop off or collect children at any time. The car park is strictly for staff of the Junior and surrounding schools. Please also refrain from using the area in front of the gates as this can cause traffic problems for staff trying to enter and leave the car park.

Coming up so far this half term:

Monday 16 th October	Year 5 Harvest Festival – Please join us in the hall at 9.15am
Tuesday 17 th October	Parents Evening – Available to book on ScoPay from Monday 9 th October @ 7pm
Thursday 19 th October	Year 6 Enterprise Day – Please join us from 9.15am-9.45am
Thursday 19 th October	Parents Evening – Available to book on ScoPay from Monday 9 th October @ 7pm

Year 7 Applications – September 2024

As you may be aware, the new secondary school admission round opened on Tuesday, 12 September 2023, for parents of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2024.

The statutory national closing date for applications is 31 October 2023.

Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. 99% of parents in Essex applied online last year. All of the application information is available on the website above.

Please see below our dinner menu for next week.

Please note that we can also provide a packed lunch if your child would prefer this. This will be either the baguette, wrap or soft roll and also includes a drink, fruit, cucumber sticks and the dessert of the day.

		Week: Two				
		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main course	Meat	Macaroni Cheese	Crunchy Chicken Fillet	Pork Sausage	Baguette Day (Tuna, Cheese or Ham)	Chicken Chunks
	Vegetarian	Cheesy Bean & Potato Bake	Crunchy Quorn Fillet	Quorn Sausage		Quorn Dippers
	Jacket Potato	Baked Beans/Cheese	Baked Beans/Tuna	Tuna/Cheese	Tuna/Cheese	Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo
	Side Dish	Sweetcorn Coleslaw Salad Bar Crusty Bread	Herby Diced Potato Beans Salad Bar	Mashed Potato Mixed Vegetables Gravy		Chips Baked Beans Salad Bar
	Packed Lunch	Baguette (Tuna, Cheese or Ham)	Wrap (Tuna, Cheese or Ham)	Soft Roll (Tuna, Cheese or Ham)		Wrap (Tuna, Cheese or Ham)
	Dessert	Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Chocolate Brownie Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Flapjack Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Loaded Fruit Smoothie
	Drinks	Water/Milk	Water/Milk	Water/Milk	Water/Milk	Water/Milk



Net Aware from the NSPCC has detailed information about every major social network, app and game that are currently popular with our children. Each page is full of top tips for staying safe online. If you are ever in doubt about a social network, app or game, visit <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/> for more information.

In the meanwhile, use these **TEAM** tips to help your children stay safe in the online world:

Talk to your child regularly about what they're doing online and how to stay safe. Let them know they can come to you or another trusted adult if they're feeling worried or upset by anything they have seen. Reassure them that they can talk to you or a teacher if they are worried.

Explore your child's online activities together. Understand why they like playing certain games and make sure they know what they can do to keep themselves safe.

Agree your own rules as a family when using sites, apps and games. Make sure the children are clear about what they can do online and when.

Manage your technology and use the privacy settings available to keep your child safe.

In the meanwhile, think about...

1. Passwords: create a separate password for your email account. Make it strong with three random words using capital & lower letters, numbers & symbols. If safe to do so save the passwords in your browser.
2. Two factor authentication: turn on two factor authentication (where you need more than one password or form of identification, such as an email address and mobile number) where possible.
3. Your old accounts: if you've stopped using a social media site or forum there's no point in leaving personal information out there unnecessarily, deactivate the account and if you can, delete it.
4. Keep your anti-virus software up to date: make sure you have anti-virus software installed on your device and be careful what you download or install on your computer.
5. Guard personal information: unless necessary, restrict posting any personal information- your address, email address or mobile number - publicly online.
6. Back-ups: turn on all back-ups.
7. In-App Purchases: deactivate in-app purchases on your devices to prevent unexpected costs whilst using apps and games.

nsc.gov.uk/section/information-for/individuals-families

COMMUNITY GLEE CLUB

The all-singing, all-dancing Glee Club!

For Primary Students Years 3–6 in and around the area!

Monday Evenings

The Boswells School Theatre

5pm–6pm | £6 per 1 hour session

With opportunities for performance twice a year!

FIRST SESSION BACK

MONDAY 18th SEPTEMBER

Come and join our wonderful Community Glee Club!



For enquiries and to book your child onto a trial session, email project leader Miss Lyon at: mln@boswells-school.com

FREE Parenting Programme

Starts:

School Age

Thursday 2nd November 2023

9.30-11.30am



The Family Centre, Lawford Mead School site
Trent Road, Chelmsford, CM1 2JH

We are offering a **FREE** 12 week Incredible Years Parenting Programme,
The programme will allow you to strengthen your parenting skills,
by meeting with other parents and sharing ideas and good practices.

The programme includes:

- * Improving your relationship with your child through child led play
- * How to support your child's social and learning skills
- * Support and Ideas on setting clear boundaries

"It helped make our home calmer and harmonious."

*"It helped me look at the way I parent and to reinforce
things that were OK and change the things that were not working"*

- previous parent's comment who attended the course

*Pop in for a coffee and an
informal chat about the
programme on
Thursday 19th October 2023
9.30-10:30*



Call now to book your place

Crèche available places limited (Free of Charge)

Please call 01245 354134 to book a place