



Perryfields Junior School

The Friday Flyer

Week 24 – March 2024

Headteacher's Message

This week we have enjoyed another busy and productive week with a range of activities and events taking place.

Firstly, well done to our busy School Council who organised a non-uniform day and a cake sale to raise £400 for Comic Relief last Friday! Thank you to all parents who supported Red Nose Day at PJS.

On Tuesday, I was delighted to hear that our gymnastics squad performed absolutely faultlessly in an inter school competition at Chelmsford Sports Stadium. Against a field of 20 schools and some very tough competitors, we were placed 4th overall. Well done everyone and a huge thank you to Mrs Gregory for coaching the team.

I'm sure the parents of our Dance Club enjoyed watching their end of term performance on Wednesday - inspiring to see how hard the children have worked to fine tune their moves!

Over the past 2 weeks, all children have undertaken termly assessments and all class teachers are so proud of how hard they have worked to show what they have learnt. Super efforts all round.

I have been so inundated with children coming to see me to share their achievements over the past few days that Mrs Siddall has had to order more gold stickers! Once again this has been a week where we have been so proud of our children in so many ways.

Jane Hasler

Pupil of the Week

Cowell: Darshan
Seuss: Harry
Walliams: Ayathi
Lewis: Joe
Dahl: Lara
Rowling: Sophie
Tolkien: Abigail We
Morpurgo: Oliver
Pullman: John

Award for
Outstanding Manners
Shanwick – Cowell Class
Tara – Dahl Class

PE Award
Gymnastics Squad

Spelling Award
Dahl Class

Mrs Siddall's Attendance Award
Rowling Class 99.3%

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	96.7%
Year 4	98.8%
Year 5	96.6%
Year 6	97.1%



Coming Up This Term

Friday 22 nd March	School Sports Clubs, LAMDA & Dance finish
Monday 25 th March	SATS Talk to parents – email sent 9/2/24
Tuesday 26 th March	Year 3 Easter Service to parents @ 9.15am – email sent 8/3/24
Tuesday 26 th March	Parents Evening – email sent 6/3/24
Wednesday 27 th March	Parents Evening – email sent 6/3/24
Thursday 28 th March	Year 5 Residential deposit due
Thursday 28 th March	Last day of term – School finishes at 1.30pm

Reminders/Notices

Permission for School Events/Trips – If asked, please make sure to give your child permission to attend school events and trips through your ScoPay account. Please let the school office know if they are not taking part. Thank you.

Parking – Once again, we are having to ask parents not to park in front of the school gates at any time. This can cause problems for both incoming and outgoing traffic and is particularly dangerous at peak times.

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.

Wednesday is our special Easter lunch.

		Week: One		
		Monday	Tuesday	Thursday
Main course	Meat	Homemade Pizza Wheel	Bolognese (contains Beef)	Pork Sausage
	Vegetarian	Homemade Cheese & Onion Rolls	Quorn Bolognese	Vegetarian Sausage
	Gluten Free	Gluten Free Pizza Wheel	As above	Gluten Free Pork Sausage (if available) Gluten Free Wrap
	Jacket Potato	Tuna/Cheese	Tuna/Beans	Tuna/Cheese
	Side Dish	Coleslaw Baked Beans	Pasta Garlic Bread	Hashbrown Baked Beans
	Vegetables	Sweetcorn Salad Bar	Salad Bar	Salad Bar
	Packed Lunch	Wrap (Tuna, Cheese or Ham)	Baguette (Tuna, Cheese or Ham)	Baguette (Tuna, Cheese or Ham)
	Dessert	Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Sponge Cake & Chocolate Custard	Fresh Fruit Yoghurt
	Drinks	Water/Milk	Water/Milk	Water/Milk

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about — SHARING PHOTOS ONLINE

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

School is often a time check-full of milestones for your child, and you may well be eager to share their accomplishments with the world. In today's digital age, sharing images of such precious moments on social media is commonplace, and – while that's a lovely thing to do – it does come with some risks attached. Our guide can help parents and carers to consider the potential dangers and make informed choices about safely sharing photos of their children online.

INVASIONS OF PRIVACY

Even with the right settings in place, absolutely nothing online is 100% private. Anyone who can view your photos could take screenshots and potentially share them elsewhere. Privacy settings are still important, though, so it's always wise to ensure your social media accounts have them set up; just bear in mind that you can't completely control what happens to anything once it's gone online.

REVEALING PERSONAL DETAILS

Small details in photos can often reveal personal information. Backgrounds can give clues to where you live, for example, while school logos on uniforms, sports kits, or bags could help someone identify which school your child attends. With interactive maps and reverse image searches commonplace online, information like this could easily be misused by an individual with malicious intentions.

MISUSE OF IMAGES

Once something's been shared online, it's almost impossible to get it deleted. Photos can show up in search engine results and be downloaded, manipulated, and shared without consent. There's the potential for someone's images to be used for advertising purposes (which in many cases, isn't illegal) or even more inappropriate reasons, such as cyber-bullying or serious forms of exploitation.

ONLINE GROOMING

Pictures that convey details about your child's interests, activities, or daily routines could arm an online predator with the kind of information they can deploy to gain a child's trust. They might use this knowledge to pretend to be the same age as the child or to have a shared hobby. Essentially, the more a predator knows about a young person, the easier it is for them to invent some 'common ground'.

PRESSURE TO PLEASE

When their parents or carers share notable moments and accomplishments in a child's life on social media, some children may begin to feel an expectation to always meet certain standards, to achieve things, or to behave in ways that are 'worth sharing'. Knowing that other people (even friends and family) can see these posts on social media might also add to the pressure they're feeling internally.

IMPACT ON DIGITAL FOOTPRINT

Every photo of a child posted online contributes to their digital footprint. Young people's lives have never been so closely and publicly documented as they are now, and this permanent online presence could affect a child's future opportunities or the choices they make as they grow up – in addition to influencing how they see themselves and, consequently, their emotional wellbeing.

Advice for Parents & Carers

REVIEW SETTINGS REGULARLY

Make sure your social media's secure in terms of who can view your content or see your location (only family and trusted friends, for example). Privacy settings aren't totally foolproof, but they do make it tougher for strangers to access your pics. Reviewing your settings regularly is also a good starting point for conversations with your child about managing their own social accounts when they're older.

CHECK YOUR PHOTOS

Photos of your child shouldn't provide any clues to where they live or go to school; even a house number, street name, or car number plate could be a giveaway. Cover up or blur out school logos, too. If you really want to share a particular pic, you could post a watermarked or low-res version, which can help to discourage misuse as these images are less appealing to download or reproduce.

CONSIDER OTHER CHILDREN

When taking a group photo, make sure you get parents' or carers' permission to share it on social media. There may be an important safeguarding reason for them not wanting their child's photo posted publicly online, or it might simply not tally with their personal beliefs or cultural background. A quick conversation in advance, just to make sure, is usually hugely appreciated.

THINK AHEAD

Try to consider the longer-term implications of what you post. Would you be happy with that photo being online in 10 years' time? Would your child still be OK with the image when they're older? Once your child is mature enough, you could ask for their consent before posting; it respects their privacy, fosters trust and understanding, and helps them to start thinking about their own online life.

Meet Our Expert

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