Friday 3rd February 2023

Dear All,

**Friends of Perrymount Events**

This **Wednesday 8th February**, the Friends will be holding a cake and uniform sale after school. Please support them by either making or donating cakes and/or buying from the stall.

They are also holding a raffle to win a home baked delicious cake. Tickets cost 50p and will be available from Monday February 6th.

All the money raised by the ‘Friends’ is going towards a joint project with school to afford a permanent shade structure in the playground.

**Sickness**

We have an ever-increasing amount of children off with diarrhoea and sickness. If your child does have symptoms please keep them off school as this illness spreads very quickly. The rule is that children can return to school 48 hours after the last incident.

I know last week I was writing about improving attendance, but the health of everyone must come first.

**Safeguarding - ESAFETY**

Tuesday 7th February is ‘Esafety’ day and throughout next week we will be reminding the children of how to stay safe online. This topic is an ongoing one in school as the internet changes so quickly and fake news and unsavoury people are out there trying to entrap children and adults alike. The Children’s Commissioner has in fact published a report this week that states that children as young as nine have been exposed to indecent material online.

Please always make sure you know which apps and sites your child visits, and check their browsing history often. These actions along with your parental controls are ways you can help protect your child in this virtual world.

**And now for something completely different…**

**Chocolate**

Fairtrade goods and the book ‘Charlie and the Chocolate Factory’ by Roald Dahl is Year 4’s topic this term. This afternoon they are being visited by ‘The Chocolate Museum’ who will deliver a chocolate workshop with them all. I am positive they will enjoy this.

**Half Term**

Next Friday, the 10th February, is the last day of this half term. School is closed for one week and reopens on Monday 20th February at normal time.

**BUT** before we close on Friday 10th February we have Year 1’s class assembly which starts at 10am and all year one parents and carers are welcome to attend.

Best wishes

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Headteacher