Friday 24thFebruary 2023

Dear All,

Welcome back.

**What’s going on?**

The children have settled straight back into work. This week Year 4 started a five-week training programme with a cricket coach and today Year 2 are visiting the Tate Modern as part of their art project.

**World Book Day**

Unfortunately, this year, World Book Day falls on a planned strike day. However, all of the children will bring home their £1 vouchers on Wednesday 1st March and the books designed for the voucher will be available from Thursday 2nd.

On the World Book Day Website, they have an amazing selection of free audio books. Why not take a look?

<https://www.worldbookday.com/world-of-stories/?dm_i=35S3,1D782,2ABP2E,5CTVD,1>

I know the children are very eager to dress up so we will have a ‘different’ day on Thursday March 9th. On this day, we are going to celebrate our uniqueness and wear clothes that express who we are. Traditional costume, Elsa from Frozen - anything goes (as long as it is still appropriate for school). While dressing up is just for fun, it equally reminds us, that while we all have so much in common, we are all still unique. During this day we will be talking to the children about what is positive mental health and each class will complete a wellbeing activity.

**National Education Union Strike Day**

On Thursday 2nd March the National Education Union are continuing their series of strikes. They continue their campaign to improve teachers’ pay and conditions, and desire for the government to improve school funding. At Perrymount, this means that the following classes are closed:

Reception

Year 2

Year 3

Year 6

School is open for all other classes.

**Assemblies**

This term my assemblies will continue to focus upon our values of love for February and honesty for March. On Thursday, we have our singing assemblies and Friday, achievement and birthdays.

For parents of the children in Years 2 and Reception your child’s class assemblies will be on:

Friday March 10th for Year 2 and Friday March 17th for Reception. They begin at 10am.

Years 3, 4 and 5 will be performing their play ‘Shakespeare Rocks’ on Thursday 30th March at 2pm.

**Children’s progress meetings**

This term we will be holding teacher and parents meetings as we did last term with the late evening on March 23rd. Each class will also have a morning or afternoon where you can come in during the day. More details to follow next week.

**A few pleas**

* Children should not bring energy or specific hydrating drinks into school.
* Earrings should be studs only, no hoops.

Thank you

Best wishes

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