Friday 10th November 2023

Dear All,

Thank you to everyone who has joined in our poppy appeal this week. I do not know how much we have raised but the collection box is very heavy and the sound of slap bands can be heard throughout the school!

Today we held our own remembrance service. I discussed the importance of remembering the ultimate sacrifice that many made, so that we could be free. Myiah and Halima from Year 6 read out some remembrance poetry that they had written and we held a two minute silence at 11am.

During our assembly we also held a moment of reflection, where we hoped and prayed for a world where all children could live in peace. Something I am sure we would all love to see.

**Meeting your child’s class teacher**

Today all children will bring home their appointment time for you to meet with their teacher. If you have not received an appointment then please contact your child’s class teacher as soon as possible.

**Pantomime for Years 1, 3 and 5**

On December 19th Years 1, 3 and 5 have an opportunity to go and visit the Catford Broadway Theatre to see the pantomime Jack and the Beanstalk. If you remember I informed you last summer that we would be splitting the school into two groups. So that annually, Years 1, 3 and 5 will go the theatre and Years 2, 4 and 6 to the seaside. Letters regarding the pantomime have been sent out separately.

**Friends of Perrymount**

For those of you who ordered Christmas cards, these have now been posted so will be back in plenty of time.

On Wednesday we hope you received an order form to give you the opportunity to purchase a Perrymount tea towel. When you take time to look at the drawings, these tea towels are amazing and are certainly a snapshot of your child at this time. Please remember to get your orders in by November 22nd.

Attached at the bottom of this newsletter is a copy of the letter that came out last week asking for donations for our Christmas Fair.

**Safeguarding**

Gas works outside Perrymount should hopefully finish by the end of November. Please take extra care when walking by the works.

From Monday the 13th, unless you are bringing your child to Nursery, in the morning you must leave your child at the main gate. Mrs Wilson or I will be standing with Years 1 and 2 so you do not have to worry. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Attendance and Lateness**

This week’s figures are…

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| Class | Attendance | How many lates? |
| Reception | 86.20% | 10 |
| Year 1 | 92.60% | 7 |
| Year 2 | 97.10% | 2 |
| Year 3 | 93.60% | 8 |
| Year 4 | 96.90% | 3 |
| Year 5 | 98.50% | 6 |
| Year 6 | 97.30% | 8 |

Congratulations to Year 5, this week’s attendance cup winner. This week I am concerned that our lates are starting to creep up. Please remember school starts at 8.45am for Nursery to Year 2 and 8.50am for Years 3 to 6.

Attendance figures are also slipping. Ms Cooke will be arranging meetings with certain families with the attendance officer, to see how we can help improve their attendance.

Improving attendance and punctuality is very important but can only be achieved by us working together.

Best wishes

Chris Keen

**Christmas Fair donations and help needed**

Dear Parents/Carers

Christmas is fast approaching and plans for the festive period are well under way at Perrymount. As always help and support from you all is imperative and if you can help in any way, by donating items, it would be greatly appreciated. Please see below for more information:

Bottle Tombola;

* Bottles of all kinds please - no still or fizzy water please!
* Gift bags (in good used condition) - for our mystery bottles

Winter Wonderland Window Walk

The Friends of Perrymount will once again be running the popular Window Walk again this year. The children will be able to buy a secret map to follow a trail of windows in the local area which have been decorated with a festive theme and a mystery letter. Can you volunteer to decorate a front window for this trail? Please get in touch with Georgia on the the Friends’ email: friendsofperrymount@gmail.com or Friends’ whatsapp if you think you can help - we will need volunteers confirmed by 17th November, and windows decorated by 4th December.

Festive jumpers

* Winter Sweater/Jumper day is on 15th December
* We will be having a sale of second-hand Festive jumpers on 17th November in advance of this event - please donate any Festive attire you have for this sale - Festive jumpers/dresses/pyjamas/accessories, etc.

Adult raffle

* Do you have any connections to a business/restaurant/shop? We are looking for more raffle prizes from businesses eg vouchers for a meal; free exercise class; breakfast and coffee voucher etc.. Please get in touch or email friendsofperrymount@gmail.com if you think you have something to offer
* Also, please donate any brand new unwanted gifts for adults for the raffle

Teddy bears

* We are collecting unwanted Teddies/soft toys again this year - please make sure they are clean and presentable.

Money tree

* Please donate any loose change (no matter how small!) you have lying around at home, or down the back of the sofa, for our Money Tree game

Bookstall

* We will be running a book stall again and we’d like to refresh our stocks please - we have plenty of picture books, but we are missing some books for older kids’, eg chapter books for ages 6+

Children’s raffle

* Please donate any brand new prizes for the kids’ raffle

Elfridges

* Every year the children get to choose presents to purchase, wrap and put under the tree for their parents, carers, grandparents - if you have any brand new, unwanted adult gifts please donate them.

**Please bring any donations to the school office, where there will be boxes put out for donations**

**Thank you once again for your kinds help and support,**

**The Friends of Perrymount**