Friday 17th November 2023

Dear All,

This week has been busy. On Monday the NHS were in school and children received their flu vaccination. On Tuesdays and Thursdays I have been taking prospective parents for reception 2024 around our school. All the tours have been full and parents have made positive comments about the quality of the display work, the behaviour of the children and how calm and welcoming the school feels.

**Meeting your child’s class teacher**

Our morning appointments have started and next week is the turn of Years 1, 2 and Reception. All year groups are holding appointments during the evening of Thursday November 23rd. Please make sure you have made an appointment.

**School Closed on Friday November 24th**

Please don’t forget that next Friday, the school will be closed for a training day.

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

Thank you for returning your forms. The last day to return a form for Years 1, 3 and 5 is Monday. After this date no places will be available. For those of you who have ordered tickets, the trip will be going ahead and Miss Hamilton will be putting the cost on ParentPay next week.

**Friends of Perrymount**

Don’t forget to order your tea towels. Closing date is Wednesday November 22nd.

I have again copied the letter at the bottom of this newsletter regarding the donations needed for our Christmas Fair.

**Talking of Christmas!**

The children are today bringing home a letter which contains all the important dates over the next few weeks. Letters concerning some events will come home separately.

**Safeguarding**

On our website under E safety I have placed some important information regarding children’s use of the app X.

**Attendance and Lateness**

This week’s figures are…

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| Class | Attendance | How many lates? |
| Reception | 86.10% | 3 |
| Year 1 | 97.00% | 10 |
| Year 2 | 95.09% | 2 |
| Year 3 | 90.20% | 3 |
| Year 4 | 97.60% | 0 |
| Year 5 | 92.40% | 1 |
| Year 6 | 94.40% | 7 |

Congratulations to Year 4, this week’s attendance cup winner. This week our attendance is lower but we have had many children with coughs and a high temperature. Let’s hope everyone’s health improves.

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**