Friday 12th January 2024

Dear All,

**Happy New Year**

Happy New Year! I hope you all managed to have a good break and that 2024 has started well.

**What’s going on?**

Our sports coach starts back next week and this term he will be working with the younger members of the school. Each Tuesday, children in Nursery to Year 2 will receive a one hour coached lesson to help improve their PE skills.

Assemblies this term will continue to follow the pattern of:

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| Wednesday | Headteacher assembly |
| Thursday | Singing assemblies |
| Friday | Celebration and Birthdays assembly |

My assemblies will focus upon different events plus, in January the value of positivity and in February, pride. On Friday February 9th Year 1 will be performing their class assembly. This will be at 10am and invites will go out to Year 1 families nearer the time.

**Safeguarding – Mobile Phones**

As you would expect at Perrymount, we do not encourage children to have mobile phones. Children in Years 5 and 6, who walk home alone, may bring a phone to school but it must be stored in the school office.

The use of their mobile phones is a difficult path for young children to navigate. How they speak / text one another can cause upset and then become an issue that both impacts in school and on a child’s mental health.

Keeping up to date with your child’s mobile use is not easy and as technology changes, keeping children safe on line becomes increasingly more difficult.

Mrs Wilson and I are not experts but we would like to offer you the opportunity to come to a meeting where we can share experiences and hopefully offer each other some advice and support. This meeting will be held on Tuesday 6th February at 6pm and we will send out further information nearer the time.

Best wishes

Christine Keen

Headteacher