Friday 19th January 2024

Dear All,

**What’s going on?**

This week has been business as usual. All the children are very settled and working hard. I have read some amazing writing from the younger classes and thoroughly enjoyed chatting with many pupils about the weather. They all wanted snow, I wasn’t so sure!

Please make sure you have returned your after-school club letter to Ms Hamilton, as these start next week.

**Safeguarding – being on time for school**

At the beginning of the year I wrote to you all about our need to improve the attendance and punctuality of the children at Perrymount. The vast majority of our children come to school every day and are on time. We do however have some families who are persistently late and I cannot stress enough how this impacts upon a child’s education.

An example is the subject of reading. For years 1 to 6, reading is taught between the hours of 8.50 and 9.30am. If your child consistently comes into school late, for example 9.10, they are missing out on their reading every day. For reception this time of the morning is settling and discussing the learning for their day. Another crucial part of their education.

In our business meeting this week, all teachers asked me to appeal to you to ensure your child is in school on time. We are well aware that some morning’s, life is not easy, but please try to be on time.

As a reminder the gates open at 8.40am.

Nursery to Year 2 start school at 8.45am. Afternoon Nursery at 12.30pm.

Years 3 to 6 start at 8.50am

This week’s figures are…

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| Class | Attendance | How many lates? |
| Reception | 92.62% | 5 |
| Year 1 | 92.78% | 15 |
| Year 2 | 99.18% | 3 |
| Year 3 | 91.91% | 6 |
| Year 4 | 97.53% | 0 |
| Year 5 | 98.15% | 5 |
| Year 6 | 96.56% | 9 |

Best wishes and thank you.

Christine Keen

Headteacher