

Friday 8th November 2024

Dear All,

Welcome back. This half term is definitely my favourite. The build up to Christmas and the excitement of the children is always amazing to be part of and I enjoy it very much. Of course we are still in November, so it is business as usual. This week Year 4 visited the Horniman Museum. They are working on a project with the museum to write the information for one of their new displays appearing in 2025. This trip was unique as lunch was provided for the children and in my long teaching career that is definitely a first!

Yesterday was our Reception to Year 2 Sparkling Disco. This was very well attended and a great deal of fun. Some outfits were indeed very sparkly and the dancing was incredible. 'Mrs Keen, look at my moves!' was a sentence I heard many times. All the money raised from both discos will go towards Christmas and other children's activities.

Next week is very busy in school. On Monday nurses will be administering the Flu vaccine. This is for children from Reception to Year 6 and you must register online for your child to take part. On Tuesday the nurses are back again for a check on the height and weight of children in Reception and Year 6. On Friday (15th November) our school photographer is in school taking individual and sibling shots of the children of Perrymount. The office has sent out today a separate letter concerning an after-school offer for siblings who do not attend our school.

In November we will be holding parents' meetings for children from Reception to Year 6. Each class will have a morning or afternoon and everyone will be here during the evening of Thursday November 28th. Class letters for appointments will be coming home next week. Nursery meetings will take place later in the year.

As I have mentioned Christmas a few times the Friends of Perrymount would like me to remind you of the following:

Christmas Fair Donations

- **Bottle Tombola (*Prize also for the class who brings in the most bottles!*)**
 - Bottles and cans of all kinds please - no still or fizzy water please!
 - Gift bags (in good used condition) - for our mystery bottles
- **Adult Raffle**
 - Do you have any connections to a business/restaurant/shop? We are looking for more raffle prizes from businesses e.g. 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.
 - Brand new unwanted raffle gifts for adults are also welcomed donations
- **Teddy Bears**
 - We are collecting unwanted teddies / soft toys again this year for our popular **Knock Down Santa Game** - 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** which is also very popular!
- **Kids' Raffle**
 - Please donate any brand-new kids' toys/games/prizes for the kids' raffle

- **Elfridges**

- Every year the children choose presents at school to wrap and put under the tree for their parents - if you have any brand new unwanted adult gifts (no matter how small) please donate them.

Look out for Lego keyring orders that will be coming home next week.

Best wishes

Christine Keen

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