School Snippets

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Industrial Action – Tuesday 28th Feb

As mentioned previously, staff who are NEU members may be taking strike action next Tuesday (and 15th / 16th March).

In line with DfE guidance, the decision to open, restrict attendance or close the setting will be based upon our ability to ensure that staffing is of a sufficient level to ensure children are not exposed to health and safety risks.

The DfE also tells us that:

"If the numbers of staff on strike means a school must temporarily prioritse places, they should, where posisble, give priority to vulnerable children and children of critical workers"

The national guidance on 'critical workers status can be found in Annex B of the following document Annex B

Please take a look at this and, if you meet the definition for Critical Worker, fill in the 'Critical Worker' form that will be sent via Parentmail. To assist in planning, please do this by 9am tomorrow (21st February). As staff are not required to inform the headteacher on their decision to strike or not, I am unable to acertain the exact staffing levels on the day in advance. Therefore, attendance will be restricted to vulnerable children and children of critical workers, and those children will be supervised during the day by Teaching Assistants, unless teaching staff do attend school on the 28th.

However, please note that if we have a high number of children of critical workers, we may need to prioritise those who can attend in order to ensure health and safety risks are reduced.

We will inform you as soon as possible if your child **can** attend school. If you do not hear from us by Wednesday 22nd Feb, please assume your child **should not attend school** on 28th Feb.

If you are, as a critical worker, able to keep your child at home, please do not fill in the form.

I understand how difficult these actions will be, but please be assured that any decisions to take strike action are not taken lightly.

Our curriculum drivers are: **Community Aspiration** Resilience **Empathy**

Clubs this half term

Year 6 revision clubs / groups will continue this half term

The last Martial Arts club will be Monday 27th Feb.

All other clubs from last half term have now finished and new clubs will begin next week (forms for these were sent out before the half term break).

Some clubs have limited places – if you do not hear from us, please assume your child has a place.

Red Nose Day – Fri 17th Mar

This will be a non-uniform day. If you wish to donate, please do so directly to **Comic** Relief.



Top Doodlers the week before ½ term are Isla (Y3), Jess (Y5) & Maddie (Y4)

Dates for the Diary this Spring term...

Wed 22nd Feb & Thur 23rd Feb

 Parents evenings – bookings are live on Parentmail

Thur 2nd March

World book day

Fri 17th Mar

Comic Relief – non-uniform

Wed 22nd Mar

• Bingo night - details to follow

Thur 30th Mar

Easter event / competition

Fri 31st Mar

- Theme day Art in nature
- School closes for Easter

Tues 18th Apr

• School re opens

This week's top Mental Health & Wellbeing tip...

Try a 90 second hug (set a timer!). This releases oxytocin which helps to reverse the effects of stress hormones!

Attendance Winners (before ½ term)

Class: Apple Class Raffle: Luke H

- $\cos - 137$

Ouse - 74

Aire - 73

Derwent – 61

(All team points are checked by an independent adjudicator!)

Inspirational Person



Sir Isaac Newton