

15th February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Earthquake Appeal

I, like you are saddened by the devastating earthquake that has struck Turkey and Syria recently, killing many thousands of people. Unfortunately, some of our families have friends and relations living in that region and they have asked me to share the link below to a UK based charity which is supporting the ongoing relief effort.

<https://actionforhumanity.org/appeals/emergency-syria-earthquake-appeal/>

Industrial Action

As we approach the half term break I am aware you may be considering how the next round of industrial action may affect you and your child - Tuesday 28th February 2023. At this stage I am unable to share plans for opening or closing as colleagues are still considering their plans on the day indicated. I cannot confirm that previous arrangements will be the same on this occasion. The timing of the strike day means that the most notice I can give you is the day before. It may be prudent for you to make arrangements with family and friends and to speak to employers early (at this stage), so that you have childcare arrangements in place should school be closed to your child.

It is my intention to inform you of arrangements as I understand them on Monday 27th February.

I know that the industrial action has a direct impact on your child and your personal arrangements. I appreciate your patience, understanding and your support in this matter. Whilst this action is a response from colleagues in our region and not a national strike, it is taking place to reiterate how poorly funded our schools are as well as to raise awareness of the pay and conditions of our teachers. Should you wish to support the action and help voice the need for better funding, resources and services in our school you can do so by writing to your MP. For those of you living in our catchment area this is Navendu Mishra.

May I take this opportunity to remind you of other dates where school may be affected due to industrial action. These are Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March. Please mark them in your calendars. I will, of course, write to you in due course regarding the impact on school for those days closer to the time.

Reading

As a school, we believe that reading is at the core of all successful learning. We prioritise every pupils' development towards becoming a fluent, intuitive and aspirational reader; as a leisure activity, to aid positive wellbeing and finally as a key to unlocking the wider world of learning. With this in mind and the success of our Parent Reading session this half term we will be inviting parents and carers into school every Friday to read with their children from 8:45 am to 9:15 am beginning on Friday 10th March.

Other News

Please look out for the Red Nose Day letter from the School Council and the Spring One attendance letter.

The Raisin and Fruit Challenge has raised over £400; the winning class will be announced on Friday.

Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets for the Valentines Raffle. All money raised will go towards paying for the children's VP Christmas December 2023.

There is still time to purchase Valentine Disco tickets; Thursday 16th February.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of any help. Have a wonderful half term and we will see you all back on Monday 27th February from 8:45 am.

Yours sincerely,

Claire E Lee
Head Teacher