



Tuesday 14th February 2023

Newsletter Number 4- Spring Term 2023

Dear families,

Use of the drop off

This has been much improved since the last newsletter and we thank you for your cooperation in ensuring that the drop off zone remains as it was always intended- to drop off children.

Information Regarding proposed strike action by the NEU

As you will be aware, the National Education Union (NEU) announced on 16th January that their membership has voted in favour of industrial action. Whilst there will be several days of strikes across the country, individual schools in England will be affected by four days of action. The remaining dates are as follows:

- Tuesday 28th February
- Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March:

At this point in time, **IF** the strike action goes ahead, the school will be;

- Open to pupils in Year 2 and Reception class;
- Closed to pupils in Nursery, year 1, year 3, year 4, year 5 and year 6.

Please be aware, that although this is the position of the school at this time, if it alters in any way I will let you know.

Cleaning position and Midday Assistant positions

A reminder we have a cleaning position available. This is for 10 hours a week. If you would like details of the position please email into the school office and these will be sent to you. We have extended the closing date for applications to Friday 3rd March 2023 as we did not get any interest following our previous request.

We are desperately short of midday assistants and it is proving extremely difficult to staff lunchtimes adequately without pulling existing members of staff away from their current roles, and in turn, away from the children. We therefore require the appointment of at least 4 midday assistants in order to organise lunchtime supervision and keep existing systems in place. The days are flexible and hours per week are flexible. If you would like details of the position please email into the school office and these will be sent to you. The closing date for applications is Friday 3rd March 2023.

Year 6 Robin Wood Residential

What a success the year 6 residential to Robin Wood was! We were thrilled to take such a kind, supportive and well-mannered group of children away with us and although we already know how fabulous our children are, it always fills us with such pride when other people notice this too. Staff at Robin Wood commented that our children's manners were impeccable; that their support and encouragement for one another was exceptional and that their ability to challenge themselves was tremendous! Well done year 6.

Opportunity for you to look at your child's books

On Wednesday 15th February 2023 from 3:30pm-6pm, you are invited into school to look at your child's books. The arrangements for this are as follows:

Please collect your child from their classroom doors as usual and head back round to the main entrance if you are planning to look at your child's books straight after school. This allows us to safely dismiss all children.

At 3:30pm, we will open the doors to the main entrance where you will be able to head to the classrooms to view your child's books.

Once you have finished, you can exit from the main entrance.

Cake sales

As per the previous newsletter, the cake sales continue on Friday. The idea is that when it is your child's class's turn, you send in a small donation of cakes. These will then be sold to all classes as the children leave school for 50p a cake. A nice treat on the way home at the end of the school week. We will email reminders for when these are;

Years 1 and 2 Friday 3rd March

Years 3 and 4 Friday 17th March

years 5 and 6 Thursday 30th March

World Book Day Thursday 2nd March

The theme for World Book Day this year is 'reading for pleasure' so we are asking that children come to school in their pyjamas and bring a pair of slippers to wear inside the classroom. The children will need outdoor shoes for playtime and lunchtime. Miss Grant has planned some lovely events and has requested that the children also bring a book from home to enjoy as part of this special day.



Reading Champions

Our new Reading Champions received their shiny new badges today! They are already working on their reading journals and are currently planning a reading for pleasure club that will take place during one lunchtime each week. The Reading Champions want to share their love of reading with the whole school community in lots of fun and interesting ways. Watch this space for more news soon!



Online PTA meeting

The next online PTA meeting is on Monday 27th February at 6.30pm. The link to the meeting is below and you just need to paste it into the search bar; <https://meet.google.com/ewo-dghe-ahj>

Valentines biscuits

Tesco, Heswall kindly donated the ingredients for the children to make and decorate biscuits for Valentine's Day. The biscuits will be coming home with the children this afternoon.

Dates for the term

Please note that school closes on Friday 17th February (this Friday) for the half term break.

DATE	TIME	EVENT	DETAILS
Wednesday 15 th February	3.30 to 6.00pm	Event for families – children's work	Families invited to look at children's work
Friday 17 th February	3.30pm	School closes for half term	
Monday 27 th February	8.40am	School opens for second half of spring term	
Monday 27 th February	6:30pm	PTA online event	See details in this newsletter
Tuesday 28 th February	IF the strike action goes ahead, the school will be;		
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Wednesday 1 st March	2:00-5:30	Face to face parents' evening	We will let you know when this is available to book on Arbor
Thursday 2 nd March	All day	Parents' phone calls	We will let you know when this is available to book on Arbor
Friday 3 rd March	3.15 to 3.40pm	Year 1 and 2 cake sale	See details in this newsletter

Monday 5 th March	All week	Year 5 Bikeability sessions	Details sent to year 5 families
Tuesday 7 th March	9:00-12:00	Parents' phone calls	See Arbor for booking
Monday 13 th March	All day	Year 5 Bikeability sessions	Details sent to year 5 families
Friday 17 th March	3.15 to 3.40pm	Year 3 and 4 cake sale	See details in this newsletter
Wednesday 22 nd March to Thursday 23 rd March	9.30am	Y4 to Barnstondale	Details sent to year 4 families
Thursday 30 th March	3.15 to 3.40pm	Year 5 and 6 cake sale	See details in this newsletter
Friday 31 st March	3.30pm	School closes for Easter break	

And finally,

I am pleased to share with you're the dates for the next academic year 2023-2024 as attached.

Best regards,

Mrs K Wright

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