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Dear Parents/Carers,

NEU Strike Action- Tuesday 28th February 2023

It is likely that we will be open for some, but not all classes on 28th February (the second day of strike action).

I recommend that you consider alternative childcare arrangements for this date.

Staff do not have to tell their employer which union they are members of and individual NEU members do not have to tell their employer whether they personally intend to take part in strike action. Therefore, it is very difficult to know the precise impact of the strike until the actual day of the strike. I will endeavour to notify parents as soon as I have a clearer picture but this may need to be by email on the morning of the actual strike days.

As before, pupils not in attendance can access appropriate remote learning materials for their year group on the Oak National Academy website.

Please visit: <https://www.thenationalacademy/>. Go to the Classroom button, then Subjects, and then click on show year groups. Select the appropriate year group. Pupils can choose any of the lessons contained within that area.

School lunches can be provided for those pupils in attendance and for any pupils in receipt of free school meals who are at home. Please contact the school office if your child will be at home and you wish for them to receive a school lunch.

After-school clubs will operate as usual for the children who are in attendance.

Again, I'm sorry to those who have to make alternative arrangements for their child at short notice. I understand that this situation may be frustrating, but I ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect.

Caretaker and/or Cleaner desperately needed!

Sewell FM, our facilities management provider is currently recruiting:

Caretaker - 7.00am-9.00am, Monday-Friday, 10 hours per week, £10.50 per hour

Cleaner - 3.30pm-6.30pm, Monday-Friday, 15 hours per week, £10.00 per hour

If you know anyone who might be interested in either or both of these roles, please ask them to contact the school office or Sewell FM directly. Many thanks.



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Y3/4 STEM Session

On Monday 27th February, Year 3 and Year 4 pupils will be taking part in a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) session where they will be making their own robotic musical instruments. The session will be led by an academic from York University. We know the children will have an excellent time putting together their own instruments and creating music!

World Book Day- Thursday 2nd March 2023

We hope you'll join us as we come together to celebrate our World Book Day in school.

This Year's World Book Day Activities

Each class will host a 'book swap'. If your child would like an opportunity to swap a used book with someone else in their class, please send a used book into school on World Book Day.

The school council are organising a bake sale which will be located in the spare classroom situated off the KS2 playground - this will take place at 3:15pm on World Book Day. The theme for cake decoration is anything linked to books! There will be a prize for the most inventive cake/cupcake and we will announce the winners during a World Book Day assembly. All proceeds will go towards buying new books for the library. If you would like to make a cake, please bring it to school on the morning of World Book Day.

Also, as part of our World Book Day celebrations this year, each class will be creating a class storybook. If you would like the opportunity to buy a hard copy of the class storybooks, printed by Potato Print, then all the information is included on the flyer attached. Hard copies of the books will be available for £4.99, digital copies for £3.99 and there is a special pre-order price of £5.99 for a printed and digital bundle.

North Yorkshire County Caterers have created a World Book Day menu to the theme of 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'. There are some, slightly tenuous, links but it will be delicious, I'm sure!

Although we are not dressing up on World Book Day, a costume day linked to reading/favourite books will be planned for the Summer Term. We are currently reorganising our library and, once its finished, we are looking forward to sharing some of our new books and to pair up with other classes to read.

For more ideas on how to celebrate World Book Day at home please follow the link:
<https://www.worldbookday.com/>

We are very much looking forward to celebrating World Book Day, which could not happen without your support – thank you.

Free Online Safety Performance and Workshop for Years 5 and 6

City of York Safeguarding Children Partnership are working with the NSPCC and a range of partners to bring a new online safety campaign to York. Part of the campaign will be the delivery of a new piece of commissioned theatre, performed by N K Theatre Arts, about the impact of sharing inappropriate images. The performance is designed for children in years 5 and 6, and is followed by a 30-minute interactive discussion with the audience about what they've seen and where the moments for intervention were.

Our Y5 and Year 6 pupils will attend a performance on Tuesday 21st March 12:30pm at St Peter's School, York. Further details will follow next week.



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Lego Donations

A huge thank you to the families who have kindly donated lots of Lego! Your contributions are very much appreciated. The pupils in KS1 have already been busy designing and creating new models with all their new Lego. They send a very excited 'thank you!'

Prepare for Outdoor PE!

At this point in the year, many of our PE sessions take place outside. Please ensure your child has outdoor PE kit with them in school. A showerproof jacket is also helpful as we do go out in most weathers!

Water Bottles

Please ensure your child brings a water bottle to school with them every day. We do have a few spares but we've found our supplies have been depleted this week!

Spring Term Parent Consultation

Just a reminder that Parent consultations will be scheduled for the Tuesday 21st- Thursday 23rd March 2023. This is an important opportunity for you to discuss how your child's is progressing in school.

Appointments will be held virtually using the School Cloud platform. We have found this to be a time efficient way of conducting our consultations. The platform provides an easy to use online appointment booking system, allowing you to choose your own appointment times with teachers. The booking system will go 'live' on Monday 6th March 2023 at 4pm. More information will follow next week.

Five Minute Read

This week's 'five-minute read' is 'What Parents and Carers need to know about Spotify'

With very best wishes,



Caroline Hancy

Attachments

- Class Storybooks Flyer
- World Book Day menu!
- Five Minute Read on Spotify

