

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much for your support and understanding for the teachers' strike action this week. There are three further strike days planned by the NEU in March, so I will communicate the arrangements we will need to make nearer the time if the strikes go ahead.

### **Staff update**

Mrs Moore left this week to start her maternity leave, so we look forward to hearing some exciting baby news soon! Mrs Moore is part of our leadership team, so during her absence, Mrs Aitbenmoussa will be covering her Phase 2 leadership responsibilities in addition to her own Phase 3 leadership role. In recognition of this, she has been promoted to Acting Assistant Head. We are currently recruiting a part time admin assistant, a full time teaching assistant in Year 5 and a full or part time learning support assistant in KS1, so if you know of anyone who may be interested in any of these positions please encourage them to look on the Teach in Herts [website](#).

### **School meals**

There will be a new Spring/Summer menu launching after half term, so please look on our website for more information. The price of our school meals for children in KS2 has been £2.50 since October 2020, but I'm afraid as with everything at the moment, this cost now has to be raised to cover the increased food costs. From after half term, a school meal will cost £2.65. If you are in receipt of certain benefits, you may be eligible for free school meals, so please use this [link](#) to check and apply.

### **Children's Mental Health Week**

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week and this year's theme is Let's Connect. The children will be taking part in a short activity every day with their class to explore this theme. On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February, everyone is welcome to come to school wearing their own clothes to feel comfortable and express their own personalities and preferences. Anything goes...as long as it's appropriate for school and the playground!

### **Safer Internet Day 7<sup>th</sup> February**

Also next week is Safer Internet Day. The theme this year is 'Want to Talk About It: Making space for conversations about life online.' All year groups will be participating in some age appropriate activities to learn more about staying safe when they are online.

### **Online safety workshop for parents 10<sup>th</sup> March**

Following on from this day, we are holding a meeting for parents and carers on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 9am to share information with you about how to help your child use the internet safely. We understand it can be difficult for parents to keep up with the ever changing world of technology, websites, games and apps your child interacts with. This meeting will be a chance for you to hear about how we teach online safety, tips and things to be aware of, and opportunities to ask questions. Herts for Learning also produces a termly newsletter about online safety for parents which can be found [here](#).

### **School donation page**

In my last newsletter we launched our school donation page. This was in response to some parents asking if there is a way to support the school financially. In the first few weeks, almost £1000 has been donated which we are extremely grateful for. The link to the page is on our [website](#) for future reference.

## **Attendance**

Our whole school attendance for the year is currently 95.5%, Thank you so much for your continuing support with ensuring your child has good attendance and punctuality at school.

## **Messages from the PTA:**

**Reception and Year 1 Film Night** is taking place after school on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February. Remember to [reserve your place](#) before Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Feb.

**EasyFundraising:** Next week, the PTA are running an EasyFundraising campaign to raise awareness of what EasyFundraising is, how it helps our school and how you can get involved! As budgets are tighter this year, this is a great way for parents and carers to raise funds for our school - without costing you a penny! More information in the leaflet below.

There are some new dates added to the diary dates below, so please use this version or see our website.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Stray

### **Diary dates Spring term 2023**

6 <sup>th</sup> February	Children's Mental Health Week
7 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day
7 <sup>th</sup> February	Young Voices concert at Wembley
8 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 2 trip to the Royal Festival Hall
9 <sup>th</sup> February	PTA film night for Reception and Year 1
10 <sup>th</sup> February	Non- school uniform day for Children's Mental Health Week
10 <sup>th</sup> February	PTA coffee morning and nearly new uniform sale in Community Room
13 <sup>th</sup> February	Half term week
24 <sup>th</sup> February	Top up swimming lessons start for children in Years 5 and 6
2 <sup>nd</sup> March	World Book Day
3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Amber sharing assembly in the theatre at 9:00am
9 <sup>th</sup> March	Vermillion sharing assembly in the theatre at 9:00am
10 <sup>th</sup> March	Online safety workshop for parents in the theatre at 9:00am
13 <sup>th</sup> March	Spanish theme day
14 <sup>th</sup> March	PTA meeting
17 <sup>th</sup> March	Crimson sharing assembly in the theatre at 9:00am
20 <sup>th</sup> March	Clubs end this week
20 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Evening 3:40-7:00pm
22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Parents Evening 3:40-7:00pm
24 <sup>th</sup> March	Scarlet sharing assembly in the theatre at 9:00am
27 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 Spring Concert in the theatre at 9:00am
28 <sup>th</sup> March	Orchestra performance in the hall at 9.00am
30 <sup>th</sup> March	PTA Easter bake sale *ON HOLD
31 <sup>st</sup> March	Year 5 Spring Concert in the theatre at 9:00am
31 <sup>st</sup> March	PTA Easter raffle *ON HOLD
31 <sup>st</sup> March	End of term 1.30pm



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## Find out more this February

**MON 6th**

**& TUES 7th**

Chat with us in the  
Playground at Drop Off  
to find out more  
**FREE CROISSANTS**

**FRI 10th**

Join us for  
Coffee  
in the  
Community  
Room  
after drop off

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