



HEADTEACHER NEWSLETTER – APRIL 2023

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DEAR PARENTS

STRIKE ACTION

A number of teachers, who are members of the NEU, will be continuing their strike action for two further days, on Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May.

As a school we fully appreciate the disproportionate amount of impact that this is having on some classes and that the amount of learning the children have access to, in those classes, is limited.

The school will be open to all children, but many, as before, will not experience a normal day. Classes will be covered, but teachers cannot plan on behalf of a striking teacher and striking teachers cannot plan for the day, so activities in classes will often be those that keep children busy but are ultimately not going to be based on curriculum teaching.

As has been the case on previous strike days, if you feel your children have particular needs that mean they will find it difficult to cope with the change, then please contact Mrs Wintle and you will be supported.

Parents who are able to keep their children at home and choose to, based on experience of previous strikes and their impact on their children's own class, can keep their children at home. This will not impact on attendance, but all children are welcome to come to school as normal. As before, some areas of the school are likely to be impacted upon more than others, some of which may run as normal. Teachers cannot be compelled to tell me their intentions and can change their minds up until the day of the strike, but we feel that in any instance, we can keep the school open, however, it does leave us stretched.

Please be aware that I can't advise another union and have no part in planning the NEU approach to each strike day, so would be able to offer a very limited response, in terms of any concerns raised.

Should there be any change in this situation, I will update you.

CORONATION DAY

On Friday afternoon, 5th May, the children will be celebrating the King's Coronation. We feel this is an important time for the children to remember and is likely to be a 'one off' in terms of their school days. Although this comes a day before the national celebrations, which I am sure many of our families will be enjoying at home and in their local neighbourhoods, we also wanted to acknowledge it in school.



We are hoping for good weather, so that the children can spend the last part of their afternoon on the school field.

The PSA will be providing a lovely picnic snack box for all children and there will be snacks available at the front of the school for families, as well as photo opportunities at collection time.

All the children need to do is:-

- Dress in red, white and blue (or any combination)
- Bring a towel - to sit on

We are planning for them to work on Coronation activities through the afternoon and make some interesting mementos to bring home to you! There will also be a number of nice surprises for the children around the Coronation as well, which we will keep under our red, white and blue hats.

EVERYBODY NEEDS GOOD NEIGHBOURS

Please could I remind parents, even if they are in a rush, that they show respect to the residents who live in local roads, if they have to park on them at drop off and collection time. We have had reports of some unnecessarily unpleasant language and behaviour being directed towards our neighbours at that time, when their driveways and pavements have been blocked. Thank you for your help in this matter.



SCHOOL UNIFORM



A polite reminder that a number of children are drifting away from school uniform.

If uniform is an issue we can support you in a confidential way, but in general, both for normal school days and for PE, we ask

that children stick as close as possible to the expectations.

Best wishes to you and your families and in particular to those celebrating Eid this week.

**MR A MOIR
HEADTEACHER**

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

21 st April	World Earth Day
25 th April	Online Safety Talk for Parents – Year 4,5 and 6 2.00pm Isle of Wight talk for Year 6 Parents
27 th April	AGM (PSA Event) 2.00pm
1 st May	Early May Bank Holiday
5 th May	Coronation Celebration Afternoon
8 th May	Kings Coronation Bank Holiday