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For every child a chance to shine*



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Website:

I hope you have all had a chance to view our new school website. We hope that you will find it easier to navigate and locate information quickly. Your feedback is welcome.

Teaching and learning:

The children have had a wonderful week of learning. On Monday, all year groups had the opportunity to have a discussion with the Young Peoples Trust for the Environment, (YPTE). YPTE aims to encourage young people's understanding of the environment and of the need for sustainability. They discussed the awareness of environmental problems such as climate change, focussing on the importance of recycling. After the discussion with YPTE, we linked the children's learning to their Design and Technology lesson. The children created wonderful posters on how we can reduce, reuse and recycle litter. As a school we are thinking more about what we waste, helping to protect the environment by saving energy, reducing pollution, cutting costs and preserving our natural resources.

Cold weather:

As temperatures have dropped please ensure your child has appropriate layers, a school coat, hat and gloves, all named please.

Strike action:

Following recent ballots by teacher unions, the National Education Union (NEU) intend to carry out industrial action over the national pay offer and their members plan to strike over a number of days in the coming months.

The national dates are:

*Wednesday 1st February

*Wednesday 15th March

*Thursday 16th March

At the moment, I am assessing the impact this may have on our school and will inform parents of this at the earliest opportunity. Whilst as a school we regret any inconvenience this may cause, we must respect that members of any professional association/union have the right to take this action following a legal ballot.

I would like to recognise that I understand the frustrations of many teachers with workload and pay issues, something we have seen documented by recent strike action in other professions. The commitment of our staff to your children remains as high as ever and any decisions that staff make will not be taken lightly.

Illness:

Please continue to be mindful of the guidance sent out last week. If your child is unwell with a temperature, please keep them at home.

Parent/teacher consultations:

These will take place during the day the week commencing 20th March. Further information is available on the school website.

Best wishes,

Adele McMurrough

Head teacher

