

Monday 27th February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Spring Term Update 2

Please find below a few information items as the second half of the Spring Term is now well and truly underway.

Industrial Action

As previously indicated, it remains my intention that the school will be open to all pupils on Wednesday 1st March. I am grateful to all members of staff that this is once again the case. There are two more days of planned action on the part of one of the teacher unions and I will confirm arrangements for these in due course.

Although some classes in Highbury Infants will be closed, Mrs Avey has confirmed that Breakfast Club will run as usual for those pupils who usually make use of this facility.

Shakespeare Week

The pupils have begun a themed week in school with various lessons given over to all things 'Shakespeare'. Tomorrow, we welcome back Anthony Glenn to perform for the school and also to run some workshops for some of the classes.

On Thursday, Kahlo Class will be performing Macbeth for their parents and we also hope to enable the other classes to watch their 'workshop production'. Parents of pupils in Kahlo Class who are coming to watch should arrive via the main door from 1.15pm. The performance will start at 1.30pm.

Staffing

I have previously written to parents and carers of pupils in Apollo Class to let them know the arrangements for when Miss McGurk goes off on maternity leave. I am delighted that Mrs Vernon has agreed to put her 'teacher hat' back on for me and teach Apollo for the summer term. I know she is looking forward to working with this class again, having been with them in Year 3.

To ensure the support remains in Lamarr Class, I am delighted to share with you that we have appointed Mrs Chillery as a Teaching Assistant to work alongside Mrs Davies and Mrs Lomas.

Consultation Evening

Although we have only just returned after the break, I wanted to remind you of the dates for this term's consultation evenings. They have been scheduled for Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th March and will again be held via video appointment. A letter will come home on Monday 13th March inviting you to book.

Once again, we will open the doors of the school on Monday 27th March in the afternoon (timings to be confirmed) so that you can come and have a look at your child's books and see the displays around the school.

Mrs McConnell Smith will also be available for SEND additional meetings on Friday 21st March for those who would like one. Bookings for this will open on Thursday 30th March.

School Lunches

Can I remind you to book your child's school lunches in a timely manner if they have one provided by Herts Catering. In addition, should your child be off school, it is your responsibility to cancel their lunch for that day by 9.00am otherwise you may still be charged.

Parent / Carer Questionnaire

It is usual for me to put out a parent questionnaire at some point during the spring term. Please do look out for this as your feedback is always really useful (and I do like to read all the lovely positive comments you make - hint, hint!) It might be that rather than using the school's own survey this year, we anticipate Ofsted (if they haven't been by then) and ask you to respond to their Parent View directly. I will let you what we decide nearer the time.

Some Key Dates

Wednesday 8 th March	'A' Team Netball Rally at Whitehill
Friday 10 th March	Sports Hall Athletics Finals
Saturday 11 th March	'B' Team Netball Rally at Highover
Monday 13 th March	Consultation Evening booking platform opens
Thursday 16 th March	School Nurses to work with Year 6 pupils – Lancaster Model survey
Thursday 23 rd March	Year 6 River Trip
Friday 24 th March	Non-uniform Day for Friends' Association
Monday 27 th March	Open Afternoon
Tuesday 28 th March	Consultation Evening
Wednesday 29 th March	Consultation Evening
Friday 31 st March	End of Term (1.30pm)

As always, thank you for your ongoing support.

Best wishes,



Steve Mills
Headteacher