



Newsletter – Wednesday 23rd November

Industrial Action Wednesday 30th November

As we suspected last week, the school will be closed next Wednesday due to the national day of strike action that is set to take place involving most of the teaching and support staff unions throughout the country. Please do not send your child/children to school that day, as there will be no provision available to look after them. We do apologise for the inconvenience this will cause, members of school staff do recognise the importance of delivering teaching and learning and no one has taken the decision to support the strike lightly. Many other local schools are also closed, or partially closed, and no doubt this will be the national picture too.

Unlike last term when only two of the teaching unions were involved, this time the action has been much more co-ordinated. A small handful of staff are either not in a union, or part of one that has not balloted them to take industrial action. However as this only includes one teacher and a number of teaching assistants, we cannot open the school to pupils with such a skeleton staff on site and exercise our duty of care.

We all hope that the dispute will be resolved by negotiation at national level as early as possible. We can confirm that school will be operating again as normal on Thursday 1st December and to the best of our knowledge, there is no further industrial action planned this term.

And now for something completely different!

We have a vacancy for a cleaner for 5-10 hours a week. Do contact the school office for application pack if you are interested. As it's a job in the public sector neither the pay or the pension is looking too good at the moment, but other than that, it's a great place to work!

Ruth French and Andy Matthews