

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Dear Parent / Carer

### Recently announced NEU strike days

You may have seen that the NEU (National Education Union) announced, over last weekend, that they will be asking their members to strike on two days in July – the 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. The 5<sup>th</sup> of July is our Year 6 Induction Day and this will go ahead as planned. I am hopeful that disruption to other year groups will be minimal, but we may need to ask one year group to work from home on that day – I will let parents know nearer the time. The 7<sup>th</sup> of July is our final INSET day of the year so the school is closed to students already so there is no change on that date.

### Walk the Capitals – FIFA Women’s World Cup - reminder

On Thursday, to celebrate the 2023 FIFA Women’s World Cup, we are going to do a whole school walk. Over the course of the day each year group will walk laps of the running track and, together, we will try to walk the distance between the capital cities of the host nations – Australia and New Zealand. The distance is 2,325 km so a great challenge. The day will be a non-uniform day paid for by donations (up to £2) of healthy and non-perishable food items to support the local food bank we work with. If parents / carers and younger siblings would like to join in, then please come to the school field between 3.00pm and 3.30pm and ‘do your bit’. Mr Jackson, head of Healthy Active Lifestyles, has sent a separate letter with all details.

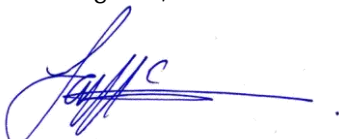
### Used Uniform Pop-Up Shop

Like last year, we intend to offer parents a used uniform ‘Pop-Up Shop’ over the summer. To do this, we need to collect donations of used uniform items, in good condition, that we can give to parents. Last year we supported over 50 families with the pop-up shop. If you have any uniform items that are no longer being used, please drop them at reception – thank you.

### Uniform Change

We have decided to phase out the burgundy hoodie which has been an optional part of our uniform for a few years now; the navy-blue PE hoodie will still be available. Students must have the burgundy uniform sweatshirt, with school logo and house name embroidered, and can continue to wear their hoodie, if they wish, over their sweatshirt. This is detailed in our uniform procedure on the school website. Hoodies can still be worn until they no longer fit; our uniform suppliers will stop selling them at the end of August this year.

Kind regards,



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