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## KEY INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK

We do hope that you have found the opportunity to speak to your child's class teacher this week valuable. Thank you for taking the time to book an appointment and attend the sessions. We are also grateful to everyone who completed our survey. This is now closed for us to analyse the results.

### **Industrial Action – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March & Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March:**

With a further two days of industrial action planned for next week, I am writing to inform you that there will be considerable disruption. On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March school will only be open to our Reception Class. For Years 1 – 6, remote learning will be posted on Google Classroom under a heading 'Remote Learning – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March' which they will be able to access in the usual way.

With more staff deciding to strike, there is no alternative other than to close school for the majority of students. I apologise that many of you are being asked to make alternative arrangements for your child and I understand the frustration this may cause. We will do all we can to ensure the learning for those children not in school is relevant and engaging.

### **Success in Sport:**

It was unfortunate that the weather this week has disturbed some of the sporting fixtures Mr Whittle had organised and we apologise for the inconvenience this may have caused you. That said, some events did go ahead. The boys' football squad secured a 3-0 win against Cookham Rise on Monday and the girls, in two matches yesterday, drew 0 – 0 with Oldfield and beat Furze Platt 6 – 1. This afternoon our Year 5 football team travelled to Claires Court for an under 10, 6-a-side tournament. While they weren't successful in bringing back any silver for our trophy cabinet, I was proud to accompany them and witness for myself their spirit of determination and sportsmanship.

### **WrapAroundCare4U:**

As you will be aware from the letter circulated by the after school care provider earlier in the week, there will be some changes to the team who run our after school provision. We have been assured that this will cause no major disruption and that the service will continue to run in the way it has since September. We are grateful to Annie and Jess who have worked so hard to set up an excellent service for us and we wish them well for the future.

### **Forgotten Items:**

The office staff are spending an increased amount of time making phone calls home to ask for items the children have forgotten to be brought to school. Time is also spent distributing items which have been left in the box outside. Please ensure that your child arrives at school with everything they need for the day as the office is always very busy; we cannot guarantee that items delivered will be distributed.

### **Pennies for Change, Ethiopia:**

We are delighted that so many children have joined in with our 'Pennies for Change' campaign in support of Partners for Change, Ethiopia. Any donations should be brought in to school by 29<sup>th</sup> March. For more information, please refer to the 2 flyers which have been sent out again today and the posts on Google Classroom.

This week our Year 6 students have been writing news reports about this project which we are sending off to First News and Junior Week in the hope that they might be published. We shall keep you posted.

### **Red Nose Day – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March:**

We will be supporting Comic Relief next Friday (17<sup>th</sup> March). Your child is invited to come to school on that day with a joke attached to their uniform. Sticky labels are great for this! They should keep the punchline to themselves ready to share in our special assembly at the end of the day! There will be collection buckets at the gate for the children to drop donations into.

Thank you again for your support this week; have a lovely weekend.

Anna Smith

## CALENDAR DATES

Please continue to refer to this section in our newsletter during the course of the term to keep ahead of what is happening in school. Dates will be posted on a regular basis.

13 <sup>th</sup> March	Boys and Girls football matches vs Waltham St Lawrence (home) (selected children informed by letter)
15 <sup>th</sup> March	Industrial Action: school open for EYFS, remote learning posted on Google Classroom for Years 1 - 6
16 <sup>th</sup> March	Industrial Action: school open for EYFS, remote learning posted on Google Classroom for Years 1 - 6
17 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day
17 <sup>th</sup> March	PTA Quiz Night
22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Berkshire School Games (selected children to be informed by letter)
24 <sup>th</sup> March	Frimley Paediatric Respiratory Nursing Team in school 9:15am (see flyer)
29 <sup>th</sup> March	Send in your 'Pennies for Change' in support of Partners for Change, Ethiopia
29 <sup>th</sup> March	Rocksteady Concert
30 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Service tbc



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