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Happy Friday!

Planned NEU Strike Days - Wednesday July 5th and Friday July 7th

As you may be aware, two further strike days have been announced for the first week in July and I think it is fair to say that there is a great deal of disappointment within the profession that this matter is ongoing.

Decision making regarding class closures will be on the same basis as with previous strikes and I will also communicate the impact on classes in the same way - 48 hours before, 24 hours before and then on the morning of the strike day.

As you will see on the calendar, Wednesday 5th July is due to be EYFS and KS1 sports day. The field is booked (as are the portable loos!) and this now cannot be moved to a different week. However, whilst strikes are inevitably disruptive, there is a desire in school for us to be able to find a way to avoid the affected children missing out on a sports day this year and so we are looking at combining EYFS and KS1 sports day with the KS2 sports day already booked for Tuesday 4th July. To accommodate this we will be changing the format of the activities and providing each year group with a time slot. I will provide more details about this once we have ironed out the logistics but for now, please note that EYFS/KS1 sports day **will not** be taking place for any of the children on Wednesday 5th July, and instead all year groups will be involved at some point in the sports day on Tuesday 4th July.

Friday 7th July is already designated as an Inset Day for us. Although staff may still choose to strike, as school is already closed to the children this will not impact upon you and I therefore won't communicate with you regarding the 7th.

Whole School Assembly Theme

During Monday's assemblies, Mr. Commander focused on the school value of courage. He read the book 'Little Monkey'. The Little Monkey shows us that the world is a big, wild and wonderful place where anything is possible. And no matter how small you feel, just be bold, be fearless and curious and you can accomplish anything.

Francophone Day Celebration

Last week I shared some photos of the Myrtle Francophone Days but I wasn't able to share news of how the week ended - with a dance performance by Year 6 in the hall. Not only were parents and carers invited to watch, they were also encouraged to get involved and as you will see from these action shots - l'effort etait fantastique! Thank you to Madame Turvey for once again organising a fantastic two days of French speaking fun and energy!



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Online Author Visit - Speak up!

Year 1 and 2 enjoyed an online visit from author Nathan Byron and illustrator Dapo Adeola this morning. They read and spoke about their book *Speak Up!* The book has an important message about standing up for what you believe in and how everyone can make a difference. What a treat!



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Orchard Project Funding

The orchard at Myrtle has been a hugely popular addition to our playtime spaces (and lesson time too!) and I am really grateful to the many parents and carers who have given up their time, energy and creativity to make it possible. Mrs Flaecher and Mr Potter have continued to work hard behind the scenes and I am delighted to share that they have secured a grant of £5,000 from the West of England Combined Authority Community Pollinator Fund to support the ongoing development of this area. This will mean we are able to continue to develop the orchard and ensure it flourishes for many weeks, months and years to come!

Charity Donation

This week we received a generous donation of handbells, hoops, drums and stationary from the charity CCS Adoption. Emma Simpson is part of our parent community and works for the charity, which provides lots of information, courses and support for adoptive families.

If you would like more information please visit <https://www.ccsadoption.org/>. Thank you for the donation Emma!

Have a lovely weekend, Andy Bowman