

Message from the Headteacher

Industrial Action Friday 2nd May

Dear Parents,

I wrote to you last week in regards to the NEU teaching union having declared new dates for strike action, which are scheduled to take place on Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May 2023

The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government about concerns over teachers' pay and working conditions and the funding levels for schools, and not because of any issues at our school.

I'm sorry to inform you that St Paul's CE Primary School will also be closed on Tuesday 2nd May. We are asking you not to send your child into school on this day.

We have not taken this decision lightly. We remain committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our pupils, and feel that we would be unable to provide this with the staff we have available.

I'm sorry that you will have to make alternative arrangements for your child at short notice, and that they will experience disruption to their education. I understand that this situation may be frustrating, and ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect.

We are working closely with our staff union representatives to keep up to date with the situation, and I will inform you as soon as possible if arrangements change further in relation to the planned strike days of either 27th April or 2nd May via School Spider.

Freddy Fit

Freddy fit will be in school to work with all classes on Wednesday 26th April. This is always a fun day. Please ensure that PE kits are in school.

The King's Coronation

We will be marking King Charles III coronation in school on Friday 5th May (the day before the actual coronation). **On Friday 5th May the children can wear red, white and blue clothing for the day.** It can be any combination of the colours. We will learn some things about what happens on the day of the coronation and also join together in celebration.



The PTA have kindly organized a memento for each child to receive of a coronation bookmark. These may well arrive after the date of the actual coronation but we will ensure that they get to the children on arrival.

Easter Service

It was a delight to see so many of you in church for our Easter service on the 31st March. Thank you to all involved in putting together such a fantastic service in church.

Copley Park Mews

We have been contacted by one of our neighbours on Copley Park Mews. It has been reported that a number of our children have been cutting through this area. We have been informed that this is a resident only throughway. If you can talk to your children about this out of respect for our neighbours, we and they would greatly appreciate it.

Parking near School

For the safety of all coming to and from school, please do not drive vehicles down Richmond St at drop off and pick up times. Please do not park in this area or in the immediate areas around school. Also areas such as the nursery near school, care homes and doctor's surgery are private parking areas. If you are coming in a vehicle, please make use of the church car park across the road at these times.

School Uniform

- Just a reminder that earrings are not allowed to be worn in school.
- Although watches are allowed in school, smart watches are not allowed to be worn.
- Black shoes are to be worn and not trainers.

Save The Date

Wednesday 26th April: Freddy Fit in school working with all classes

Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May school closed due to industrial action

Monday May 1st: Bank Holiday

Friday May 5th King's Coronation celebrated in school Red, white and Blue non uniform day

May 8th: Bank Holiday for King's coronation

May 9th-12th Year 6 SATS

Holidays in Term Time

Parents have no entitlement to take their child out of school for a holiday in termtime. This can lead to Penalty Notices. Multiple Holidays taken in Term Time could result in Prosecution. Thank you for your continued help and support.

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