

# FAIRSTEAD COMMUNITY PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

## News letter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

You may be aware from media coverage that the National Education Union (NEU) have declared strike action which will take place on the following dates:

- Wednesday 1 February 2023
- Wednesday 01 March 2023
- Wednesday 15 March 2023
- Thursday 16 March 2023

The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government because the Secretary of State for Education has

*'failed to give the undertaking sought by the NEU to make available additional and sufficient funds to allow employers to pay a fully funded increase in teacher's pay at a rate greater than inflation (as measured by September 2022 RPI)'.*

I'm getting in touch to give you as much notice as possible that learning may be disrupted on the above dates. We're considering several options, including closing the school.

**We recommend that you start to make alternative childcare arrangements for these dates.**

I'm sorry about the potential disruption to you and to your child's 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. Fairstead Community Primary and Nursery School remains committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our pupils and delivering high-quality teaching.

We are working closely with our staff union representatives to keep up to date with the situation, and I will inform you of the final arrangements as soon as possible.



Congratulations to our team of year 1 and 2 children who took part in a number of activities at Lynn Sports yesterday. On a very chilly morning they represented Fairstead extremely well and our 4 core values were clearly on display throughout. The parachute was their favourite activity!



There is a lot of excitement in school today as we have a new trophy to help promote responsibility and respect for our school environment. Each week Mr David Cross (not to be confused with Mr Darren Cross) will choose the 'Head Cleaners Award' for the year group who has managed to keep their cloakroom, classroom and toilet areas the tidiest and therefore safest areas during the week. The winner will receive an additional playtime to be used the following week though the trophy itself is prize enough!



Please put the following dates in your diary:

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February is Number Day** (we have changed the date for our calendar, other schools may do this on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February). We will ask children to come to school representing a number and donate £1 to the NSPCC.

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February is Greek Day for Year 4.** Children will be asked to come to school for a special day dressed for ancient Greece.

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March is World Book Day.** We will be asking children to come in to school in pyjamas to 'Curl up with a book'.

