

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 01 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 date. We're considering several options, including closing the school.

We recommend that you start to make alternative childcare arrangements for these dates should it be needed.

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.



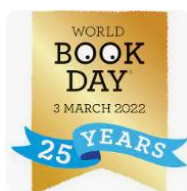
Congratulations to some of our Yr6 boys who represented the school in a brand new football kit at the Kings Lynn Town 6 – aside tournament just before half term. In our league we won two games and lost two games which I think is a great start for a team who have not played competitive football together before.



Energy drinks have now grown to be a multibillion-dollar global industry and thanks to Youtube the 'Prime' drink has become a cult amongst younger children.

Prime Hydration contains coconut water, B vitamins and sweeteners, plus branched-chain amino acids (look it up). Another version of the drink called Prime Energy also contains 200mg caffeine: more than twice as much as a can of Red Bull. The effects of the marketing of these drinks can be seen in how our children behave towards them and unfortunately this has now caused difficulties in school between children.

We do not allow any shop bought drink to be drunk in the classrooms and certainly no energy drinks. We are now stating that even empty bottles of Prime filled with squash are no longer allowed.



At Fairstead we are celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday 2nd March 2023**. Every year on World Book Day we love the opportunity to share our favourite books with the children and for children to share with one another too! We don't want this celebration of reading to be a financial burden on families so children are welcome to come into school in warm pyjamas and a favourite book from home or school that they can share with their friends in their class. Jumpers, fleeces and jackets are encouraged for playtimes and we request that children wear their school shoes as usual.