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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have seen the communications sent home this week regarding the NEU teacher strike action taking place across England on Wednesday and Friday next week. We are closing provision in 4 classes on each day as follows:

| Wednesday 5th July - classes closed | Friday 7th July - classes closed |
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| Year 2 Owls | Year 2 Penguins |
| Year 3 Geckos | Year 3 Chameleons |
| Year 4 Lions | Year 4 Tigers |
| Year 5 Dolphins | Year 5 Orcas |

If your child is in one of these classes and is entitled to a Free School Meal then you should have also received a letter from school explaining how you can access a meal on that day. Reminder - slips need to be returned to school by MONDAY 3rd July so that food can be ordered - thanks.

Annual Pupils School Reports

Today your child will bring home their final school report of the year. Inside the report pack you will also find a letter explaining some of the staffing arrangements for next year and a smaller slip which indicates which class and teacher your child has been allocated for September 2023 (except Year 6!).

In some year groups, we have taken the decision to mix the classes which is something that we do from time to time. There is an opportunity to come to discuss the content of the report with your child's teacher after school on Thursday next week (6th July). If this is something that you would like then we are asking that you make appointments with the class teacher directly - a letter about this will be coming out on Monday.

Transition time with new teachers

Now that your child knows which class they will be in for September, we will be arranging some time for them to be in their new classrooms and meet their new teaching team. These transition sessions will take place in school on w/c 10th July (the week after next).

Upcoming Curriculum Events



Sports Days (next week)

The time is approaching for our much anticipated Sports Days. It is one of our most loved events and allows us to celebrate with each other as a school. Weather permitting, the times are as follows:

- EYFS on **Monday 3rd** (the exact times and arrangements will be made by the EYFS team and sent directly to parents/carers))
- Y4,5,6 on **Tuesday 4th**
- Y1,2,3 on **Thursday 6th**

Gates (to the field entrance on Oxford Street) will open at 1:15 pm on Tuesday and Thursday. Please arrive promptly as **we plan to start at 1:30 pm** and aim to finish at 3.00 pm. Please wear your running shoes as we will finish the afternoon with Parents/Carers races and Toddler races! Let's hope for some sunny weather returning....

CURRICULUM NEWS - WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO?

Cosy Cottage

In Cosy Cottage, the children have been learning about volcanoes. They also linked their understanding of a volcanic eruption to their own feelings and emotions. They discussed how our emotions sometimes bubble up inside and eventually explode like that of a volcano. We then learnt different ways how we can prevent this from happening.



Year 2

This week the Year 2 children have been learning about measures in maths. We have been looking at measuring mass, capacity and temperature. We really enjoyed our practical sessions using balance scales to measure the mass of our everyday classroom equipment.



Year 3



This week the children in Year 3 made a visit to Drakes Circus to undertake activities all linked to stories and books. They visited a variety of shops including Fat Face, The Entertainer and Lush. They investigated the goods sold in each of these shops and were given the opportunity to play with some toys and to create their own bath bombs.



Year 3 also visited Waterstones book shop, where they listened to some fantastic stories. They were then given a free book, of their own choosing, to take home with them. What a fantastic shopping experience they had!

Year 5

The children in Year 5 have been learning about natural disasters, as part of their theme Powerful Planet. This week they have been investigating what people do to protect themselves from the impact of earthquakes. They enjoyed designing and building structures that could withstand earthquakes and then testing them to see if their designs were successful. They built different designs using spaghetti and marshmallows and then tested them on very wobbly jelly!



LOOKING AHEAD....DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



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| <p>w/c 03.07.23</p>  | <p><u>Sports Days</u> EYFS - Monday 3rd July - pm Year 4,5,6 - Tuesday 4th July - pm Year 1,2,3 - Thurs 6th July – pm Parents and carers welcome</p> <p>Class Photo - YEAR 6 only Tuesday 4th July</p> <p>NEU teacher strike action days: Wed 7th & Fri 7th July (see main body of the Newsletter for details)</p> |
| <p>w/c 10.07.23</p>  | <p>Friday 14th July - Summer Fair on the Field</p> <p>Gates open at 2.15pm. Come to collect your children in the normal way and make your way onto the field for lots of Summer fun!</p> |
| <p>w/c 17.07.23</p> | <p>18th July – Rocksteady Performance KS1 2pm – KS2 2.30pm 20th July – Year 6 Production for parent/carers 4pm to 5pm 21st July – Year 6 Production for parent/carers 4pm to 5pm</p> <p>Friday 21st July (am) Annual Governors Awards Ceremony - this is by invitation only and TOP Secret!</p> |
| <p>w/c 24.07.23</p>  | <p>Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9.30am to 10.30am</p> |
| <p>LAST DAY OF TERM - Tuesday 25th July</p> | |


Pupils to Celebrate!

Well done to these children who have gained recognition from the adults and the children in school in the last fortnight. Great stuff!

| | PAT ON THE BACK | STAR LEARNER |
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| | From 19/06/2023 until 30/06/2023 | |
| Yr 1 | Miray C / Oscar S / Samuel G / Jaxon E | Sonia R / Oshee S / Ollie M / Thea R |
| Yr 2 | Darcie B / Katie P / Jaden M / Casey B-F | Rosie B / Travis F / Alex S / Lana K |
| Yr 3 | Helen L / Zack A / Samuel EM / Chioma L | Louise B / Whole Class / Mae L / Celina L |
| Yr 4 | Jet F-K / Aaron K / Joseph B / Kokob M | Lilyana W / Katelyn H / Roshan L / Jai-Reece J |
| Yr 5 | Yobile A / Dylan W / Whole Class / Elijah S | Louis J / Alison O / Amid AR / Laila-Mae H |
| Yr 6 | Bobby N / Melissa J / Caiden C / Maisie M-W / Olesya M | Tiise O / Neil B / Abraheem L / Olivia G |

Best Attending Classes

Which classes are attending well? **Dolphins in Year 5** continue to be the best attending class of the year so far BUT our **Year 3 Chameleons are recognised here for the first time - having the best attendance by far over the last 2 weeks. Super stuff, Chameleons!**

| Pilgrim Primary Attendance (397 pupils) | Attendance School (target 95%+) | Attendance National (Primary schools) | Lateness (pupils arriving after 9.00 am) |
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| Up to w/e 30.06.23 | 92.4% | 93.7% | 1.3% |
| Best class (year to date) Y5 Dolphins 95.3% | Best class (last 2 weeks) Y3 Chameleons 96.3% | | |
| Classes with 95%+ attendance this year: Year 6 Falcons Year 5 Dolphins | | 23 pupils have 100% attendance this year  | |

I hope that you have enjoyed this Newsletter - getting to see what brilliant learning and experiences have been taking place in school over the last fortnight. Your children have been super learners! I hope to see many of you at sports days next week. Enjoy the weekend!



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Headteacher