

St. Herbert's RC Primary School

Spring Term

20th January 2023



Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you have all had a lovely Christmas season, and we wish to pass on our gratitude for the gifts and lovely comments we received. It is always lovely to hear positive messages.

Strike Action

As you will be aware from the national news, teachers have balloted in favour of strike action. The days affected would be the 1st Feb, 28th Feb, 15th and 16th March. At this time, we are unaware of numbers of teachers taking part in this action; also the other two teaching unions are looking at re-balloting their members too. We will update you in due course as soon as we have any news.

We will aim to try to reduce disruption as much as possible, however I am sure you will appreciate the difficulties that schools are facing in the current climate, and this action is not about pay, but about the government providing enough funding into schools to support pay awards, maintenance and provide an adequate school budget, which has been underfunded for many years.

Thank you for supporting us in this matter.

PFA -Break the Rules Day

The children had a great day, and we raised a phenomenal £653 which went towards Christmas presents/activities etc. Thank you to all involved in organising such a lovely day.

Watch out for further events in the near future!

Parking

Thank you for your ongoing support in parking either in the Parish Centre or in the Cemetery; this is vital to avoid further action by the council. The councillors have asked me to send you a letter on their behalf explaining the potential outcomes if this remains a problem for residents and the wider school community (please see attached).

Complaints

Our relationships as a school community are vital to the success of the pupils' education, and as the restrictions have lifted and we have opened the school to more events, we have been able to get to know families again.

We try our best to communicate well with our families, and we receive many messages of thanks and support. Please could I ask that if you do have any concerns, that you speak with the appropriate member of school staff as soon as possible, and not use social media to air issues/grievances. Many issues that arise are resolved with a quick conversation; our complaints policy is on the website, if you are not sure how to approach a concern. <http://www.stherberts.education/policies>

Family Mass

Just a quick reminder about our Hope in the Future Family Mass on Sunday (22nd January). This will be held at St Herbert's Church at 11:00am, and it would be lovely to see you there.

Have a lovely weekend,

Kind Regards

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