

Ladybridge Weekly News

13th March 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

I have some very exciting news, the Governing Body have appointed a new Co-Headteacher to share my role from September. He is called Mr Tom Bolan-Ashworth, he's been into school to meet everyone and will fit into Ladybridge really well. Tom will be working Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday morning and I will be working Wednesday afternoon, Thursday, Friday, from September.

On Tuesday 21st March we need all children from year 1 to 6 to be at school for 8.15, we will be leaving on the coaches for Chester zoo at 8.30 promptly, we will not be able to wait for children who are late as we have workshops at the zoo and the timings are really tight, we are also very excited and want to get the very best from the day. Please make sure that you have filled in the letter and if you want school to provide a lunch that you have made a sandwich choice.



The next class assembly will be year 2 and will take place tomorrow, Tuesday 14th March. Year 2 parents and carers ; please join us at the beginning of the school day. The children are really excited to share their work with you, you do not need tickets for this, just come through the main entrance once the second bell has been rung.



Friday 17th March is Red nose day for Comic Relief. Children can wear something red to school and there will be an option to donate to Comic Relief on Parent Pay.

Parents evening slots are available to book on School spider. You can choose from tomorrow (Tuesday 14th March) or next Thursday (23rd March). Football club will run as usual this week.



We are running our "Eggciting Eggs" competition for children in KS2, (Mrs Burke's class, Miss Brownrigg's class, Mr Fenwick's class and Mrs Davies' class). Last year the competition entries were great fun, there was no limit to the children's imagination. I am so eggcited to see what they come up with this year. Children can make models, collages, decorate eggs, etc. prizes will be given for the most eggmaginative and

eggcellent entry in each year group.

For our younger children in KS1 and EYFS, (Mrs Goodwin's class, Miss Woodworth's class and Miss Nugent's class); there will be an Easter Bonnet Parade. Weather permitting this will take place at 2.15 on Friday 31st March. There will be prizes for the most imaginative and beautifully decorated bonnets. Please send entries in on the morning of Friday 31st March.



Best wishes

Mrs Hill

Below is the letter that has been emailed to all families about the proposed industrial action on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March.

Industrial Action by Members of NEU

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following my correspondence in February I am now in a position to give you more information about the proposed arrangements in school for **Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March.**

Please be mindful that arrangements could change at the very last moment as colleagues do have the right to change their plans or wait until the day of action, before deciding whether to take action or not.

I can confirm that a considerable amount of time has been taken to ascertain whether it is safe to open school; a full plan and risk assessment has been co-produced by myself and the school's Chair



of the Governing Board.

We have worked together to consider the impact that the action will have on the health and safety of our pupils, staff and visitors and whether the school can run a full or amended curriculum. I am sure you will appreciate that a key issue is centred around having enough staff available for the school to remain open.

It is also important to consider the impact of other school decisions on our remaining staff who may have to consider childcare arrangements for themselves. In short, the decision to make any form of closure; part or full, is a difficult and complex one and staff absence on the day of action should not be interpreted as members of staff taking strike action.

After considering the staffing options and the health and safety implications we have decided that school will be:

Open to all pupils on Wednesday 15th March and Thursday 16th March in EYFS, Mrs Goodwin's class; Year 1, Miss Woodworth's class; Year 2, Miss Nugent's class; Resource, Mrs Parker's class, Year 4 Miss Brownrigg's class and Year 6 Mrs Davies' class.

Open to pupils who are in receipt of Free School meal funding, vulnerable children and children who are looked after by the Local Authority in Year 3 Mrs Burke's class and Year 5 Mr Fenwick's class. Please note that where classes are not fully in school the curriculum will be amended – this is so that pupils who are not in school will not be disadvantaged by missing important lessons planned by qualified teachers.

We will contact all families in Year 3 and Year 5 to confirm school attendance for both days, this is so that you are absolutely clear about whether your child is in school or not.

Breakfast and after school club will run as usual for those children in school.

If our plans change and we have to close more of the school we will let you know as soon as we can, but this may be the morning of **Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March**, so please check your emails, class dojo and the school website.

I know that this arrangement will prove to be disruptive to many of our families and any day lost in school is one that has impact for our children. A national strike within the teaching community is unusual and taking such action is never an easy decision to make. Please remember that this response from colleagues is a reaction to the national issues around teacher pay and conditions and the shortfall in essential funding for all of our children. We are grateful that teachers have let us know their intentions in advance, as they are not required to do so until the day itself. This enabled us to plan and inform you accordingly.

Thank you for your patience and understanding in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Hill – Headteacher and Professor Nick Silikas - Chair of Governors

Diary Dates

- Tuesday 14th March – Parents evening 3.30 – 6.00
- **Wednesday/Thursday 15th and 16th March - Proposed NEU Industrial action**
- Friday 17th March – Red Nose day, wear something red
- Monday 20th March – Chester zoo staff visit to school to work with the children in their classes
- Tuesday 21st March – Years 1 to 6 trip to Chester Zoo **Children to be at School for 8.15am**
- Thursday 23rd March - Parents evening 3.30 – 6.00
- Monday 27th March – Science week
- Tuesday 28th March – 9.05 EYFS Class assembly
- Thursday 30th March – 9.05 All Hallows Easter service
- Friday 31st March – Easter Bonnet parade
- Friday 31st March – Break up for Easter holidays
- Friday 28th April – Celebrating Eid day
- Monday 1st May – Bank holiday
- Friday 5th May – Coronation party, wear red white and blue to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III
- Monday 8th May – Bank holiday
- Week beginning Monday 8th May - Year 6 SATs exams
- Friday 26th May – Break up for the Whit holiday
- Monday 12th June – Return to school
- Tuesday 13th June – class photographs
- Tuesday 27th June – Year 5 visit to the Mosque
- Monday 3rd July – Year 5 and 6 residential
- Friday 7th July – Year 5 trip to Lyme Park
- Monday 10th July – Children in Key stage 2 playing in the orchestra at the Town Hall Stockport at 7.00 p.m.
- Tuesday 18th July – KS2 Dress rehearsal
- Wednesday 19th July KS2 performance
- Wednesday 26th July – Year 6 leavers party
- Thursday 27th July – Break up for summer.

This Week our Class Captains are:

Mrs Woodworth – Aca, for always being helpful and kind to his friends.

Miss Nugent – Alfie for his consistent good behaviour

Mrs Burke – Layla, for being a kind and helpful friend to everybody.

Miss Brownrigg – Adrita, for always doing the right thing

Mr Fenwick – Yasmin, for setting a great example to the class with her careful and neat presentation.

Mrs Davies – Nieve, for always being willing to help others.

Mrs Parker – Zayyan, for trying his best with his writing.

This week's Headteacher's were given to Ellis for beautiful sitting in assembly and Mousa for always being sensible and polite.

The class with the best attendance last week was Miss Brownrigg's class with

Children will be given a prize for being on-time for school every day and for 97% - 100% attendance each week. Please ensure that children arrive at school before the bell goes at 8.55 each day.

Good attendance is vitally important for all children in order for them to make good progress.

Please ensure that your child is in school on time every day.

PE Kits

PE kits are provided by school for all children from year 1 to 6, parents only need to provide pumps or trainers. PE kits will be washed regularly (as needed) by school in non-biological liquid. If you do not wish to use a school PE kit please let your class teacher know and provide a PE kit for your child.

Year 5 will have swimming on Monday each week, all other classes from year 1 to 6 will have two lessons each week where PE kits are used.

The school website address is www.ladybridge.stockport.sch.uk

The school twitter address is @LadybridgePS

The school phone number is 0161 428 5445

School uniform can be ordered from www.tesco.com/ues