



Executive Headteacher: Mrs J Fraser

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Date: 27th January 2023

Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Teacher Strikes

As you will be aware there has much in the media around Teacher strikes.

One of the teaching unions, the NEU, has voted for a series of strikes on 1st Feb, 2nd March, 15th & 16th March.

The strike action is directed at the Government and at successive underfunded pay awards which now lag significantly behind the rate of inflation and in no way reflects upon the commitment of our Teachers to the education of your children.

Although many Teachers agree with the reasons behind the strikes, within our school, Teachers are in 3 different unions and currently only Teachers in the NEU union can strike.

- The NEU has posted a document for parents, carers and grandparents that explains their reasons for taking strike action. It can be found at <https://neu.org.uk/media/24511/view>

How will strike action affect William Morris?

When a strike takes place, those taking strike action stop work and withdraw their labour. This means that those teachers involved in the action will not teach their class or undertake any other duties on a strike day.

We therefore have to consider the impact the industrial action will have on the operation of the school. One of the key issues is to assess whether there are sufficient staff available for the school to remain open, or partially open, during a strike.

Part of this will be a risk assessment to consider the impact that the action will have on the health and safety of pupils and staff, and whether the school can run a full or amended curriculum, to determine whether it is possible to operate the school safely during the strike.

Clearly this is a difficult situation, which will cause some disruption. I would ask you, however, to be understanding. A national strike by teachers is *very* unusual. Taking strike action is not something that any teacher would undertake lightly. Those on strike will have thought long and hard about their decision and will also lose pay for the days that they are on strike.

Classes closed on Wed 1st Feb:

Y3 Honeysuckle

Y2 Willow

Y2 Clover

YR Bellflower

Currently all other classes will be open.

Pupil Premium Children—Packed lunches will be made and given to children who receive pupil premium funding whose classes are close. These will be distributed the day before the strike.

School lunches, After School Club and Breakfast Club booking will automatically be cancelled and money credited to your Parentpay account for those children whose class is not open on Wednesday.



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Wellbeing Survey Results

As part of our Safeguarding Audit, we survey the children's feeling about school.

We have looked at the results and shared them with staff and Governors.

Some of the highlights were:

- Every child who responded said they had a trusted adult to talk to at school
- 96% of children said they feel safe in school
- 98% of children said they were taught about looking after their physical health
- 96% of children said they were taught about looking after their mental health

After further discussion on times of the day and areas of the school, our actions are to improved our cloakrooms and the playground.

Toilets—We have decided to change toilet use to separate girls and boys in Reception, Year 1, Year 2 & Year 3. The children have attended an assembly this week about this information. If groups of children go to the toilet, they will be accompanied by an adult.

Playground—We have currently shut the tunnel area and children will only be allowed to play football with adult supervision. We have new playground activities led by an adult eg balance bikes, netball, football, jenga & quiet area.

We hope these will aid children's wellbeing at school.

NSPCC

NSPCC Listen Up Speak Up campaign.

The NSPCC believe that abuse and neglect are preventable and that everyone can play their part in keeping children safe – and they have therefore launched a campaign called 'Listen Up, Speak Up' which gives adults practical advice on what to do if they're concerned about a child. For more information, please use the links below:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/about-us/news-opinion/2023/listen-up-speak-up-campaign-provides-training-to-spot-and-report-abuse/?>

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/support-us/listen-up-speak-up/?utm_source=Adestra&utm_medium=email&utm_content=Listen%20up%2C%20Speak%20up&utm_campaign=20230116_KIS_CASPAR_January16



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Extra Newsletter

Class Reps Meeting—Tues 7th Feb 2pm

I look forward to meeting with Class Reps at our next meeting. Please contact your Class Reps if you have any general comments or suggestions for us to discuss.



Upcoming Works on William Morris Way

Swindon Borough Council are in the process of introducing a School Safe Environment Zone (SSEZ) for William Morris Primary School. The SSEZ is the Council's approach to delivering road safety and congestion improvements for schools across Swindon to encourage behavioural change and improve safety.

Work will be carried out on William Morris Way, close to the school entrance. Please see the summary of details about the work in the table below. This will be effective from the first day back after February half term (20/02/2023). Elements of this program could be affected and delayed by adverse weather conditions.

As part of this initiative, a funded scooter pod will be ready to use from Tuesday 31st January at the front of the bike shelter on the Churchward side. The pod will have holes for scooters to be secured with locks. We hope your children can make use of this or seek alternative modes of transport to school including parking away from the school and walking the remaining distance.

School/ Location	Lining	Signs	Banners	Additional work
William Morris Primary School – William Morris Way	Refresh existing School Keep Clears and install 30 mph roundels & Slow road markings 06/02/2023	Install School Warning signs and School Keep Clear signage 13/02/2023	Anti-idling, School Keep Clear & We Walk to School 1/02/2023 & 3/02/2023	Installing 30mph speed limit TRO No Stopping on entrance markings TRO both effective from (20/02/2023)

As a school we recommend that families walk, cycle or scoot to school. For those who have no other option but to drive, please be mindful of the disruption this may cause and leave extra travel time.

Have a lovely weekend.
Mrs Fraser
Headteacher



FRIDAY 10TH FEBRUARY

**VALENTINE'S
OWN
CLOTHES
DAY!**

£1 PER CHILD
(VOLUNTARY
DONATION)



No cash payments, please pay via
this QR code or payment link sent
via WhatsApp. Thank you.

Wear some own clothes that you
♥love♥ to school!





Parents and Friends of William Morris Newsletter

January 2023



December donations!

During December the PTA organised several events including the Christmas market, Christmas disco and Santa's grotto. All together we raised over £600!

We donated
£25 to the
Poppy Appeal
on behalf of
William Morris
Primary
School
donations



We also raised £31
from cakes sales
from the delicious
Glamorose cake
van... We look
forward to
welcoming them
back next month!



Upcoming PTA Events

February 24th - Glamorose Cake van
March 5th - PTA stall at TGV in Bloom
community market
March TBC - Easter competition/Event
April TBC - Preloved uniform sale
May TBC - King's coronation event day
May TBC - Glamorose Cake van
May TBC - Carboot sale
June TBC - Summer Fayre and market

Please feel free to contact the
PTA via our email:
pta.at.williammorris@gmail.com
if you would like any preloved
uniform any time! Thanks

As always, thank you so much for your support. All proceeds from our events go straight back to the school to provide equipment and resources.



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School Diary

February

1st Teachers' strike (to be confirmed)

6th Safer Internet Week

6th Neil Griffiths author storytime assembly

6th Y3 dance workshop

7th YN farm visit @ school

10th Break up

10th 2pm Open House

10th 2pm Y1 Fab Finish in the hall

10th PTA Valentine's Own Clothes Day

20th Back to school—children in

22nd Y3 Explore Dome

24th Cake van after school

March

2nd Teachers' strike (to be confirmed)

2nd World Book Day—wear pjs, more info tbc

15th/ 16th Teachers' strike (to be confirmed)

16th 6pm Governors meeting

21st March Parents Evening—more info tbc

31st 2pm Open House

31st Fab Finish Y2 & Y3

31st Break up

[New dates in red]

TD INSET Days 2022-23

We have 6 school closure days for staff development each year.

- Thursday 1st September 2022
- Friday 2nd September 2022
- Wednesday 19th October 2022
- Tuesday 3rd January 2023
- Wed 4th January 2023
- **3rd July 2023**