

Newsletter

19 January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you may be aware, following recent ballots by teacher unions, the National Education Union (NEU) intend to carry out industrial action over the national pay offer and their members plan to strike over a number of days in the coming months. I am unable to tell you much more about what this means for CPS at the moment, but wanted you to be aware of the following dates for industrial action:

Wednesday 1st February
Thursday 2nd March
Wednesday 15th March
Thursday 16th March

As teachers are under no obligation to let me know in advance whether they intend to strike, I do not know which classes must close or whether the school is able to stay open.

Therefore, the industrial action will mean that you should consider additional childcare arrangements on these dates, in case your child is in a class where a teacher is on strike.

Whilst as a school we regret any inconvenience this causes to our families, we must also respect that members of any professional association/union have the right to take this action following a legal ballot.

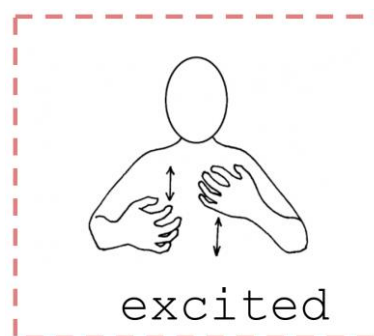
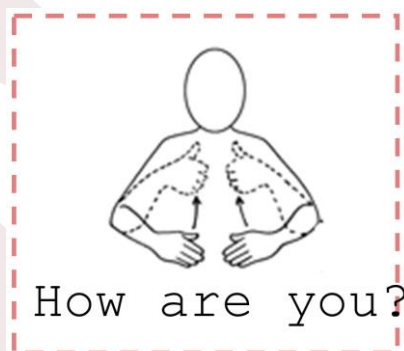
I acknowledge the frustrations of many teachers with workload and pay issues, something we have also seen documented by recent strike action in other professions. The commitment of our staff to your children remains as high as ever and any decisions that teaching staff make will not be taken lightly.

While trade unions have informed their members of their intention to strike, there is also the possibility that through ongoing negotiations, the strikes may not take place. I will keep you informed as the situation develops before the first day of strike action on 1st February.

Makaton Sign of the week

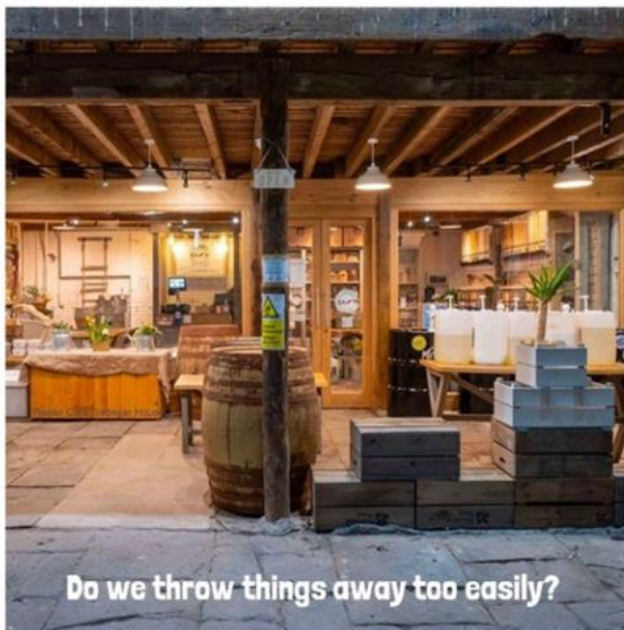
This half term our Makaton signs are linked to our emotions. Our Makaton sign this week is 'excited'.

The children will be able to respond to 'How are you?' with 'Happy, sad and excited'!



Theme this week

Our values theme this week focuses on 'reusing, recycling and up-cycling' in an increasing 'throw away' culture. This ties in beautifully with all our eco-warriors are doing and of course our new 'Book Swap Station'. Each week we seize the opportunity to look at where in the world the news story originates from. Don't forget we also have a 'clothing bank' for unwanted clothes and fabrics.



Do we throw things away too easily?

In the news this week

Many of us are increasingly reusing, repairing, and upcycling items, instead of throwing them away and replacing with new ones, according to experts. Upcycling shop, the Repair Café in Wales believes, that because of the cost of living crisis, people are making the most of what they already have. Throwaway culture has been the norm since the 1950s but now appears to be declining.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Do you think repair cafés are a good idea?
- > If there were a repair café near you, would you use it? What types of things might you take?
- > Do you have any repairing skills? Is it something you would like to learn?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments



British Values

Individual Liberty

It is important to remember all our actions have consequences. If we choose to repair items, we can save money, help the environment and learn new skills.

Protected Characteristics

Some people throw away more than others because of their beliefs. Our beliefs affect our life choices and the way we live our life.



UN Rights of a Child

When adults make decisions, such as what items we should learn to repair and when, they should think about how it will affect us. They should make sure we are safe and protected.



Online Safety

KS2 children had online safety workshops delivered by The Breck Foundation. Parents and Carers had the opportunity of hearing Breck's story on Tuesday evening; unfortunately less than 20 of you were able to join us but those who did were incredibly moved by the presentation. If you were unable to attend, please follow this link to view the recording, which will only be live for **7 days**. Some leaflets containing useful information are attached to this newsletter.

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Football

Well done to the Year 2 football team who played in their first tournament at Weston Green School on Tuesday 17th.

The team played 6 very exciting matches, scored several goals and secured a fantastic 3rd place overall.

Well done to them all



Parking

Please can we remind all parents not to park on the yellow lines or Zig Zag lines outside school at morning drop-off or at afternoon pick-up. Not only is it dangerous for the parents and children but it also causes congestion with other traffic. Thank you for your cooperation.

Doodle

Top Doodlers this week:

Top English Doodler

and

Top Maths KS2
Beatrice (Rowan)



Top EYFS
George (Holly)

Top Maths Doodler
Chloe (Sycamore)



Congratulations to all of you!

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Netball

The netball league got off to a great start this week with the A team beating Hinchley Wood 16-1.

Great play by all, well done.



Spring Term Nearly New Uniform Sales

Don't panic if your children have grown! The next sale will be tomorrow, **20th January** at 3pm.

Please put any donations in the red bin. We are collecting winter coats, good quality school uniform & PE kit. All items from £1!

If you can't make the sale don't worry we are open again on **Friday 3rd March** at 3pm.

To help us all to Reduce Reuse & Recycle ♻️ the school have a fabric & clothing charity bin at the top of the drive feel free to donate non school uniform here. It's a great initiative for non school uniform & materials.

Thank you. The Second hand team

Improving physical activity opportunities at the Specsavers Surrey Youth Games

Complete Active Surrey's survey on physical activity for a chance to win a £50 Amazon voucher.

Active Surrey would like to hear from parents and children about how they can improve physical activity opportunities and the Specsavers Surrey Youth Games.

Here is the survey link: [Pollfish-Active Surrey-survey link](#)

Active Surrey have asked [Magenta Research](#) to run this survey on their behalf to; explore families preferences for taking part in physical activity; how parents/children find out about activities in their area; and how Active Surrey could provide improved ways for children to be more physically active.

They really want to hear your views if you haven't heard of the Specsavers Surrey Youth Games, which offers children the chance to try sports and activities they haven't done before, **for FREE!**

Green House Day

The winners of the raffle were Rose (Willow) & Tess (Cedar). They win a £10 Amazon voucher each.

Holly (Pine class) won the sweets in the jar. There were 293 sweets and Holly's guess of 300 was the closest.

Congratulations girls.



Dates for your Diary

SPRING TERM 2023	
20.1.2023	Chinese New Year Mix Up Day & Lunch
20.1.2023	Pine Class Assembly (9.10am)
23.1.2023	Handwriting Day / Choir at Young Voices
23.1.2023 – 27.1.2023	Year 6 – Bikeability Week
26.1.2023	Parents Forum – Writing – Online (9.30am)
27.1.2023	Chestnut Class Assembly (9.10am)
30.1.2023 – 3.2.2023	Year 6 – Bikeability Week
1.2.2023	Year 5 – Hampton Court
3.2.2023	Sycamore Class Assembly (9.10am)
3.2.2023	Year 1 – Drop in and Read Session (2.40pm-3pm)
7.2.2023	Safer Internet Day
7.2.2023	Enrichment Assembly – Alder Class (2.50pm)
8.2.2023	Enrichment Assembly – Aspen Class (2.50pm)
8.2.2023	Parent Pop-Ins (3.30pm-4pm)
10.2.2023	Hazel Class Assembly (9.10am)
HALF TERM	
20.2.2023	INSET Day – School Closed to Children
21.2.2023	Children return to school
22.2.2023	Year 5 Launch Car Challenge
27.2.2023	Years 5 & 6 – ‘Who Cares’ Performance
27.2.2023	Childnet Online Safety Workshop for Parents (7pm-8pm)
1.3.2023	Year 5 Launch Car Challenge
1.3.2023	Parents Forum – Communication – Online (9.30am)
3.3.2023	Elm Class Assembly (9.10am)
10.3.2023	Oak Class Assembly (9.10am)
17.3.2023	Alder Class Assembly (9.10am)
24.3.2023	Reception Assembly (9.10am)
28.3.2023	Enrichment Assembly – Oak Class (2.50pm)
29.03.2023	Enrichment Assembly – Pine Class (2.50pm)
EASTER HOLIDAYS	
SUMMER TERM 2023	
17.4.2023	INSET Day – School Closed to Children
18.4.2023	Children return to school

Please do keep an eye on the [calendar on the school website](#) as dates are added regularly and occasionally dates may change.