



Dear Parents/Carers,

## This week in school

Some Year 3/4 pupils took part in a gymnastics festival at Wyvern St Ed's today. They thoroughly enjoyed themselves; two of our pupils were awarded certificates for showing the School Games values determination and passion.

## Strike Action

As I'm sure you'll be aware, the National Education Union is planning to take industrial action on 1st February, 2nd March and 15th/16th March 2023 over pay, conditions and funding. We know that class / school closures inconvenience parents and carers and so we will keep you fully informed of any disruption.

As things stand at the moment, **it is our intention to remain open**. We believe we will have enough staff members in school to keep **all classes open**. However, provision in class may look slightly different to a usual day depending on how many teachers we have striking. We will do all we can to keep you fully informed over the coming weeks.

## Seesaw Questionnaire

We really value parent feedback. We are currently reviewing our usage of Seesaw and how we can develop the journal further to support you and your child at home. Please fill in the questionnaire on the link below (it can also be found on your child's Seesaw page). It'll take no more than 5 minutes; thank you in advance for your support.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/B3BCNNF>

## Parents' Evening

The letter about our Spring Parents' Evening will come home next week. To protect teacher wellbeing and workload, we politely request that **reply slips are returned by the deadline** in order for teachers to allocate slots. During our autumn meetings, several were not returned on time and meetings were then spread across several evenings.

## Glass Water Bottles

Glass water bottles are not permitted in school, we have had two smashed this term!

## Cost of Living

Following on from last week's attachment, please see a similar document (attached) for support within Salisbury area.

## Children's Mental Health Week

We are having a 'Dress to Express' non uniform day on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February. Children are encouraged to wear bright colours, fancy dress, crazy hairstyles or anything else that expresses themselves or their interests.

## INSET Day

Reminder, Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February is an INSET day. Pupils are not expected in school on this day.

## Forest School Sessions: Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February – Year R

On these days, children come to school in non-uniform, this should be suitable for the weather (including the rain!).

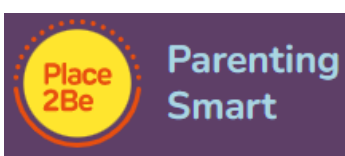
## Short Breaks Scheme (SEND)

The Short Breaks Scheme provides activities and leisure opportunities for children and young people aged 6-18 years who have special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND). Applications for a break between 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 and 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 must be received by Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2023. Applications can be made at

[http://wiltshireparentcarecouncil.co.uk/en/short\\_breaks](http://wiltshireparentcarecouncil.co.uk/en/short_breaks)

## Safeguarding

Each week we share useful safeguarding information for parents / carers. The purpose is to empower you, raise awareness to protective measures you could adopt and provide up-to-date information on trends in order to safeguard your child.



## Parent Smart – Place2Be Website

Please follow this link to the Parent Smart webpage with a range of parenting advice from child mental health experts. It includes lots of practical tips to support children's wellbeing and behaviour.

<https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/>

## FOSSP – Friends of Sarum St Paul's

**Fairy Cake Friday** has returned! Spring dates: 3<sup>rd</sup> February – Year 5    10<sup>th</sup> February – Year 4  
24<sup>th</sup> February – Year 3    3<sup>rd</sup> March – Year 2    10<sup>th</sup> March – Year 1    17<sup>th</sup> March – Year R

