



Dear Parents/carers,

Another week has flown by and we are inching closer to being half way through this academic year already. It is good to see the frozen mornings lessen and some above zero temperatures for the week ahead.

### Old coins

Please can parents hunt through their cabinets and drawers for any old coins, in particular old foreign coinage no longer in circulation, and bring them into school. School will accept any current coinage from any foreign country where you know as a family you are very unlikely to visit again. We will then pass this to Nationwide Building Society in Hornchurch who have an ongoing appeal where they are collecting coins for First Steps Charity, for children who have ASD. They no longer receive council funding so rely solely on charity.

### Donation

Mr Loukes has been saving his pennies for some time now and has brought them into school to be donated to a charity. Bluey has spent his free time counting it all and has come to a grand total of £64 exactly. This money will be donated to Cancer Research UK to support those with melanoma, which is a type of skin cancer that can spread to other organs in the body.

Thank you to Mr Loukes and Bluey for your generosity and time.

### St Francis Hospice

St Francis Hospice were very grateful for the donation made and it will continue to support their work with children and young people.

### Class Assemblies

Parents are welcome to attend their child's class assemblies which will be held in the KS2 hall on Wednesdays - see dates below.

Entrance via the hub at 8.45am.

Upcoming class assemblies:

**Tuesday 07/02/23** 2AP

08/02/23 RBH

**Tuesday 28/02/23** 5BM

08/03/23 RMB

**Tuesday 14/03/23** 5GB

22/03/23 3AK

29/03/23 4KV

### Social Media and Group chats

Please be vigilant and discuss online safety with your child. Monitor the apps your child is using. Encourage them to discuss any behaviours, chats, images that are shared with them that they feel uncomfortable. There is some guidance about this on our website as well as some information about the metaverse.

### Diary Dates

14.03.2023 Yr. 2 World Book Day workshop

28.03.23 Yr. 6 trip to IWM Duxford

15.05.2023 Yr. R trip to Chalkwell beach

04.07.2023 Yr. 1 trip to Barleylands

## NHS England Child Flu Vaccination

Please see below for information from NHS England regarding child flu vaccination (non COVID related).

All primary school children (from Reception year up to Year 6) are eligible for a free flu nasal spray. The nasal spray is quick and painless, and most children will be able to get it at their school. If you have missed your child's school vaccination, it's not too late - you can still get a flu vaccine from your GP if your child has a long term health condition and is in the 'at risk' category or your local School Aged Immunisation Service as per the details below.

Borough	Provider	Phone number	Email address
Havering	Vaccination UK	0203 343 2400 option 4	<a href="mailto:appointments@v-uk.co.uk">appointments@v-uk.co.uk</a>

### NEU Strike Day - Clubs

There will be no after school clubs running on Wednesday 1st February 2023 due to the NEU strike action.

### Bikes and scooters

A gentle reminder to all children who ride their bike or scooter to school to make sure they slow down and dismount before entering through the school gates.

### NEU Strike Day - FSM

As per the letter that went out at the start of this week, the first NEU strike action is being held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023.

If your child is entitled to FSM (not Universal FSM) and not in school due to the strike action and you wish to collect a FSM packed lunch from school on that day please contact the school office by 1pm on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023.

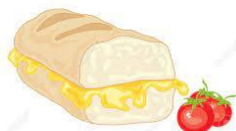
You will need to collect the lunch on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023 between 10:30am and 11:30am.

The options for the FSM lunch will be either a ham baguette, cheese baguette or tuna baguette and a piece of fruit.



### Pokémon

Please ensure that your child does not bring Pokémon cards into school as it causes unnecessary issues between children.



Mr M Taylor Deputy Head Teacher