



TEAM BARTONS

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It has felt like a long week and winter has certainly made its mark this week,

The very cold and frosty conditions

together with the awful traffic chaos caused by flooding hasn't made it fun for any of us trying to drive anywhere.

Hopefully next week will be calmer and things can get back to a more normal situation.

You will, of course, be aware, from the media, of the results of the recent NEU teaching union vote on teachers striking. Whilst we are looking at a plan to identify what the impact might be, we are not in a position to be able to tell parents what will happen on the 1st February or subsequent strike days yet. I appreciate that is a concern but I will let you know as soon as I can give you more information.

Attendance

As explained to parents/carers before Christmas, we have now adopted the Felpham and Bognor Schools Locality Attendance Protocol in line with all of the other schools across Bognor. This information can be found on the school website and is in line with our own Attendance Policy. We have also appointed a new Attendance Officer who will monitor weekly attendance for all children. Attendance, currently, for many children, is too low and whilst we acknowledge **genuine** illness and appointments, parents/carers must communicate with us daily to ensure that we have the full details of the reason they are absent. Thank you to those parents who always call in every day. Holidays in term time will not be authorised and will be subject to a Fixed Penalty Notice. An absence form is available from the school office. Regular days off school equates to valuable learning lost and hampers children's progress. The taught National Curriculum is content heavy and so some aspects won't be repeated. Thank you.

Useful Diary Dates

24th January: Young Voices Choir to O2

25th January: Year 6 Parent Meeting re: KS2 SATs @ 3.30pm

7th February: Safer Internet Day

10th February: Target Sheets home & Valentine Disco

13th February: HALF TERM (13th - 17th)

20th February: INSET DAY - School closed to pupils

21st February: Back to school

27th - February - 3rd March: Book Week.

Book Week Theme: Magical Creatures.

(2nd March) World Book Day. Details to follow from class teachers on hat/mask making for a special cat walk show.

28th February & 1st March: Parents Consultation Evening

17th March: Creative Arts day & Red Nose day (£1)

20th - 24th March: Year 6 Residential to PGL

31st March: Last day of term

Lunch Time and Hot School Meals

Thank you for your co-operation with the switch to Chartwell's hot school meals new ordering service using ParentPay. Huge thanks must go to Debbie Camp in the school office who has worked really hard to guide and help parents understand the new process. Also, well done to Michelle and Julia who have adjusted service in the hall to make lunch times run smoothly.

Please can parents ensure that you choose the right meal selection and tell your child what they are having for lunch

to avoid confusion in the lunch hall. We have had a few situations where children have disagreed with the chosen meal because they didn't know what they were having. That would make things easier for the lunch staff. Thank you.

Also, please make a note of the deadline dates set for ordering hot meals in advance. Ms Camp emailed these out recently to all parents.

Have a good weekend! Best wishes Kate Powell