



St Kentigern's R.C Primary School

27.1.2023

Dear families of St. Kentigern's,

NEU Strike Action Notice

You may be aware from media coverage that the NEU (National Education Union) has declared strike action, which will take place on the following dates:

- Wednesday, 1 February
- Tuesday, 28 February
- Wednesday, 15 March
- Thursday, 16 March

The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over pay. We are in the process of assessing how the planned strike action may impact our staffing levels. Every effort will be made to ensure that St. Kentigern's remains open on the above dates; any changes will be clearly communicated in due course.

Maths

Reception were working hard in their maths lessons this week, thinking of different ways of making the number 7. They enjoyed exploring their maths learning through both the outdoor and indoor provision. Well done Reception!



Year 6 enjoyed solving problems using their knowledge on finding the area of triangles and parallelograms.

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Year 4 were also working hard in their maths lessons calculating equivalent fractions.



Acorns Closure

As you are aware, our school has the facility of an aged 2 Acorns provision. Changes in how families now manage their childcare, together with a range of other contributing factors, has meant that it has proven difficult to sustain this offer. The Governors and I have looked at all possible scenarios and unfortunately the decision has been made to close the Acorns. Therefore, we are giving notice that the Acorns will not reopen when school returns on the 27th February. Our Nursery provision will continue in the usual manner and will not be affected by the closure of the Acorns.

I understand that this decision is disappointing for the families who access the Acorns but this action has not been taken lightly. The provision will continue to run in the usual manner until we break for half term on Friday 17th February.

Citizens Advice coffee morning

Thank you to everyone who accessed the Citizens Advice coffee morning on the 20th January. It was lovely to see so many families and receive such positive feedback regarding the advice and support offered.

Right of the week

Article 11

Children have the right to be protected from kidnapping.

Message from Fr. Michael

Hello and I hope everyone is well and looking after each other. We are fast approaching the end of January, and at the start of February we celebrate the feast of "the presentation of Our Lord ". This is the 40th day since Christmas, this is a reminder of how we try in each day to live the Faith we hold dear, by letting the light of Christ shine in our world, because of all our good works. In school and at home we are blessed to be called "Children of God! " So we live by sharing kindness and peacefulness with one another, and then that becomes our gift for everyone. Let this be our prayer for our world too. "Peace be with you". Have a wonderful weekend. St Kentigern pray for us.

With continued best wishes,

Madeline Muldoon

Mrs Muldoon

Headteacher



Chester enjoyed celebrating Chinese New Year with KS1 pupils

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