



# Head's Lines

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Issue: 18

### Dates for your diary:

- 2.2.23 Film club
- 3.02.22 NSPCC Number day
- 7.2.23 – Year 1 to visit Flamingo Land
- 7.02.23 - Year 4 Roman experience for children and parents 2pm
- 12.2.23 – Valentine's disco

### SMART WATCHES

Please can I ask children not to wear smart watches in school. We are finding that children are becoming increasingly distracted by them, reading messages whilst in lessons so please can they be kept at home. A simple analogue watch to tell the time, is perfectly acceptable just not the smart watches with multiple features.

### CAREERS' WEEK – 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> June 2023

In the summer term, we will be launching our first careers' week. We will be inviting many passionate people to come into school to talk about their jobs and careers to inspire our youngsters. We would like all types of roles to be shared, if you have any family members who would like to speak to our children please let us know. This will be a wonderful week!

### Attendance

Following on from my email about the importance of attendance, going forward we will publish the weekly class attendance figures. We don't want poorly children in school, but are always keen to encourage excellent attendance from our pupils. (Data is from last week)

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| Reception | 91%  |
| Year 1    | 100% |
| Year 2    | 97%  |
| Year 3    | 87%  |
| Year 4    | 94%  |
| Year 5    | 97%  |
| Year 6    | 95%  |

### STRIKE ACTION

The following classes are affected by strike action on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February – Year 3, 4 and 5 and the Haven. The rest of the classes will operate as normal.

There will be no boosters, breakfast club, tutoring or clubs that night due to staffing levels.

I thank you for supporting us as teachers strike to better improve education for all of our pupils.

### ATTENDANCE LETTERS SENT HOME

I know many of you have received an attendance letter last week informing you that your child's attendance has fallen below 90%. The government ask me to track any pupils who fall below 95% but I have taken the view that due to school having so many illness before Christmas that I would lower the percentage to 90%.

I don't want poorly children in school so I am not asking you to bring them to school when they are. I just have a duty of care to remind you when your child's attendance is falling below the expected standard.

As time goes on, their percentage will rise as they don't have time off unless they are unwell.

Children need to be in school to learn and gaps in their education allows them to begin to fall behind. We will always monitor your child's attendance and will let you know when this is falling below the 90% but this will have to rise to 95% as we move through the year.

I thank you for your support. If you would like to discuss this further please come and see me.

### Roman day – museums in the classroom

Year 4 are delighted to be able to showcase their learning on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February.

Year 4 parents are welcome to join us from 2pm.