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Dear Parents /Carers

**School Meals**

Thank you to everyone who responded to the request for our Chinese New Year Meal which is being held on Thursday 2nd February. The deadline has now passed and the requests are being processed. If you usually pay for a school meal, the cost will be added to your parent pay account. Our children in EYFS are also celebrating this event by investigating other Chinese food choices and exploring customs and traditions. I hear they even have fortune cookies so I hope we have some positive predictions for the year ahead!

Chartwells have now planned their future events so look out for a World book day event in March, a celebration of the King’s Coronation in May and the sharing of American Independence Day in July. The children really do enjoy taking part in these events so we thank Chartwells for organising them for us.

**Esafety advice for families**

Once again, this week, Mrs Heightley has distributed online safety advice to parents through our Facebook Page. These posters are designed specifically for parents/carers and help families navigate their way through the huge amounts of games and social media platforms. If you ever have a safeguarding concern around your own child or other children in the community we always recommend that you contact First Contact on 03000 267979 who can give further advice. School staff can also give advice on helping you manage your child online if you have any concerns about what they may be accessing.

**Childhood illness**

We continue to have lots of childhood illness circulating around school. If your child has sickness or Diarrhoea, they must be absent from school for 48 hours from the last episode of illness. This is to help reduce the spread of the illness. If your child has a fever, they should also remain at home until the temperate subsides. Please help us reduce the spread of infection and keep our community safe.

**Strike Action**

You may be aware from media coverage the NEU (National Education Union) have declared strike action which will take place starting on Wednesday 1st February. The strike is as a result of a national dispute between the NEU and the Government. At present, final details of what disruption this may cause have not been confirmed. We do hope to open the school to as many children as possible and we should have further clarity on this early next week and will write to you as soon as possible. We will consider all options available to ensure that children’s education continues to be our number one priority.

**Mental Health Week**

It is national children’s mental health week 6th -10th February and the theme this year is ‘inside out’. This is designed to prompt discussions about getting what our feelings are on the inside to the outside. We are therefore asking children to ‘dress down’ on Friday 10th February and wear an item of their clothing inside out. Children will be taking part in activities across the week to promote good mental health.

Finally, just a reminder to families about children on the yard before and after school. Before school and at the end of the school day, children should be supervised by appropriate adults to ensure that they do not cause problems for other children and their families. We often see children running towards the road with no adult present or playing unsupervised on the equipment on the yard. Please ensure that children are supervised at all times to keep everyone safe.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to speak to staff or email the school office. Equally, if you would like to volunteer to work within our school team, please speak to the office for a volunteer application pack.

Yours Sincerely

Joanne Bromley

Head Teacher