

Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to let you know that the school will be closed to all year groups on **Wednesday 1st February 2023** due to strike action being taken by the NEU.

The following educational arrangements apply:

- Oak academy can be used for each year group (Online – particularly Y3 to Y6)
 - www.classroom.thenational.academy
- All children can read their reading books and other books from home
- Practise times tables on Sumdog (Year group applicable)
- Practise writing short stories adding detail
- Lessons that were provided during Covid that are on the Byron Wood YouTube account can still be used as your child/ren will now be in another year group (particularly for early years Y1 and Y2)
- Nursery – The Runaway Train story – YouTube – Make/draw a mode of transport.
Numberblocks video – meet the number 3
- Reception – Practise writing numbers 0-5, Practise writing names, Counting objects to 10.
Share story in book bag. Topmarks website – early years' games

As a school we will be able to provide a packed lunch for children who are eligible for FSM. This is not for children in EYFS, Y1 or Y2 who currently receive Universal Free School Meals. The packed lunch will be available to be collected by families between **9am and 11am on Wednesday 1st February 2023** from the outer door to the school kitchen. If you are unsure if your child receives FSM please contact the school office before the strike day.

I am sorry for the disruption and concern that this decision will cause. Please be assured that we have considered every alternative to closure and have tried to maximise the number of students we can safely accommodate in the school. We do, however, need to maintain staffing levels that enable effective supervision and education of students. Unfortunately, we were unable to maintain these at a high enough level for all students.

The NEU have proposed further strike days and we will assess the staffing levels and let you know as soon as we can for each strike day but this will be within a couple of days of the intended strike days.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school office.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Wood
Principal