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Dear parents and carers,

Over the past weeks, there have been two days where, the school has been partially closed due to industrial action as members of the largest teaching union went on strike. There are also further strike days planned for Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023. The unions are calling for above-inflation increases and want schools to get extra money to ensure pay rises don't come from existing budgets. I do hope that there is some resolution to the discussion soon between the government and unions and the profession becomes more attractive for future generations. I also want to thank parents who support the principles and policies of CNS, as this helps create a positive and enjoyable environment for all, and our staff appreciate the positive relationships with our students and parents. It is this environment that no doubt helps the school when recruiting teachers for your children, considering the current climate in education.

I also attach to this bulletin a summary of the points awarded through ClassCharts since January. What the data shows us is that positive behaviour continues to get rewarded in terms of, work, effort and behaviour; and the continued decrease in the need for awarding behaviour points. This has resulted in a decrease in the number of children receiving detentions and also the decrease in the number of children receiving more than I detention. Students are moderating their own behaviour and there is far less disruption to learning throughout the day. Please do continue to support you son/daughter by monitoring their progress and engagement through the ClassCharts platform online or through the application on your phones.

Please also find attached the latest edition of our Online Safety Newsletter.

Andrew Bull Headteacher

### Culture Day – 21<sup>st</sup> March 2023

As mentioned in previous bulletins we are having a day of celebrating our cultural diversity on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March (which is the United Nations - International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination). On this day there will be assemblies for each year group. We really want this day to be a celebration and in order to make it such we would encourage all students to wear their national dress (where possible). If your son or daughter do not have a national dress that reflects their cultural heritage, then they can wear a red t-shirt or jumper over their uniform for the day as a statement against racism or they can wear a national sporting top over their uniform for the day. Throughout the week there will be other activities and the food in the dining hall will also reflect our cultural diversity. All year groups will be using their, up-coming, PSHE lesson to prepare for this day and there is a brief introduction assembly that has been put together by a group of Year 11 students.

On the day we will be collecting money for CAFOD who support lots of partners around the globe. For those that are able to contribute, a parent mail link will be sent for donations.

# Attendance

Miss Daly will send out a ParentMail explaining that as a school we are moving towards using ClassCharts to send out automatic letters relating to attendance. If you have not yet logged on to this platform, you should have received another link directly from ClassCharts with the code that you require to create an account. Please check your junk mail folder before contacting the school if you think you have not yet received it.

#### **Prayers**

Once again here is the <u>link</u> for those of you that wish to journey, in prayer, alongside the school during the coming week.

## **Curriculum Plans**

If you would like to know what your child is studying at any point during the year in their different subjects follow the links to our website where we have <u>Learning Journeys</u> and the <u>Curriculum overviews</u>, there are then further links to each subject area.

On behalf of all the staff, have a blessed and restful weekend.

### The Week Ahead...

#### Week beginning 13th March

		This is Week I on the timetable
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Science Week	
	Year 13 Assessments	
	YII MFL Mock Oral Exams	
	YII BTEC Food LI & L2 Final Exam	
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Science Week	
	Year 13 Assessments	
	Year 11 MFL Mock Oral Exams	
	Pi day – competition/activities	
	Year 12 law trip to Greystone Solicitors	
	Girls Year 7 & Year 8 Football	
	Boys Year 8 Football	
	Year 7 & 8 boys / Year 9 & 10 Girls County Handball	
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Science Week	
	Year 13 Assessments	
	Performance Skills re-sit (Year 11) exam	
	Boys UI6 Football	
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Science Week	
	Year 13 Assessments	
	Year 7 & 8 Trampolining	
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Science Week	
	St Patrick's Day	
	Year 13 Assessments	
	Applied Business re-sit (Year 11) exam	
	Friday Forum	
	Friday Night Detention	