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Dear Parents,

NUT Strike Action on TUESDAY

As emailed earlier this week, one of the teachers' trade unions, the NUT, has confirmed that its members will be taking strike action on Tuesday, 5th July 2016. This is part of its campaign to persuade the Secretary of State for Education to protect pay and working conditions in all state funded schools and to increase inadequate funding levels to improve and protect pay and working conditions. As a result our Reception and Year 3 classes will be closed that day. All other classes will be open as normal. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

End of Year Parent Survey

We are always keen to capture your views on our school, how you think we are doing and ideas for further improvement. Each year we send out a questionnaire to parents to help us not only with this snapshot, but also to monitor trends from year to year.

Once again we will be conducting our survey online using survey monkey. This is very easy to do and should save a great deal of time for everyone. Please click on this link or copy it into your browser to complete the questionnaire. Thank you.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CCEPS2016>

From your PTA

We are so looking forward to the Fete on Saturday. The weather's looking dry and the Mega-slide is going to beMEGA.

Kick-off is at 12pm but please be aware if you are entering the Bake Off your entries need to be brought to school either tomorrow at 3.10pm (we will be waiting to receive them) or before 11.30am on the Saturday (to the Bake Off café) as judging will take place at 11.30am. We are so looking forward to tasting your lovely cakes and cupcakes.

We still have a few places to fill on the rota, and a few slots where a parent is running a stall alone. Please do take five minutes to have a look at the rota and put your name down (or contact your class rep). Each slot is only 35 mins so you will have plenty of time to enjoy the fete!

You should all have received a book of raffle tickets in book bags. Please fill them in and return them with your £5, the prizes are great this year, well worth entering.

Please bring your miniature garden entries at pick up tomorrow or to the Fete on Saturday. Also any books you wish to donate to our 2nd hand book stall.

Don't forget our fabulous choir will be singing at 1.30, there will be a BBQ with veggie option running all afternoon. As always any help setting up (we will be there from 10am) and/or clearing away is extremely appreciated.

See you on Saturday, can't wait!

Message from Pre-School -

Mrs. Sims' is retiring at the end of this term and we would like to buy her a present as congratulations from all the staff, the committee, parents and friends of the pre-school.

If you would like to contribute some money towards it, please see Margo, Lizzie or Alison. This can be done *secretly* at preschool or whenever you see them in school, at TASC or on the school drive!

We will be presenting Joanna's gift/s at the Preschool Summer Party on Saturday 9th July at around 1.45pm at the nursery.

Hope to see you there! Thank you, from the staff and the committee.

What's my child been doing this week?

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| Reception | Continuing with our 'Click, Clack, Moo' story work and starting preparations for our class assembly. |
| Year 1 | Enjoying orienteering at Hill End, Building boats that float, and punctuating sentences. |
| Year 2 | Reading Jim and the Beanstalk and making our own giant as well as measuring our body parts in maths (like Jim did in the story!) |
| Year 3 | Making wild flower guides, money maths and tennis. |
| Year 4 | Building paper bridges, short division and learning about The Holy Spirit |
| Year 5 | Percentages in maths, painting ocean creatures and teaching dance to our Year 2 buddies. |
| Year 6 | The children enjoyed their partnership P.E morning at Matthew Arnold School and a fantastic sailing experience at Farmoor Reservoir. Thank you to the PTA. |

Next week:

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| Saturday 2 nd July | | PTA Summer Fete. |
| Tuesday 5 th July | All day | Year 6 visit to Highclere Castle. |
| Tuesday 5 th July | All day | NUT strike action. Year R and Year 3 closed. |
| Wednesday 6 th July | AM | Class swap morning – visiting classes for next year (Year 6 children transferring to Matthew Arnold out for the day, others in school). |
| Friday 8 th July | 9.00am | Reception class assembly, friends and family welcome. |

Have a lovely weekend, and I hope to see you at the fete tomorrow.

Yours sincerely,



Headteacher