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'Educating For Life In All Its Fullness'

20th January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

This afternoon in Celebration Assembly, we said a well done to the following children for making the extra effort to impress during the week.

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| <u>Class 1</u> <u>Excellent Early Learners</u> |
| Harry N Ben L |
| <u>Class 2</u> |
| Wonderful Work: Kitty A Brilliant Behaviour: Ida C |
| <u>Class 3</u> |
| Wonderful Work: Bella s Brilliant Behaviour: Joseph A |
| <u>Class 4</u> |
| Wonderful Work: Ethan B Brilliant Behaviour: Fionn D |

This week you will have heard in the news about industrial action by members of the National Education Union (NEU). It is a shame for everyone that union members felt strongly enough about the current funding situation in schools and the lack of support for schools from the Government, that it has arrived at this point.

Teaching unions are not just protesting about the levels of teacher pay, but that schools are not being funded for pay increases. This means that any pay rise for staff has to come from existing school budgets. Added to the ever-increasing costs of fuel and general teaching resources this could potentially put the school and many others in a financially unsustainable position.

The dates planned for NEU industrial action are Wednesday 1st February, Tuesday 28th February, Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March. At present, I am unable to let you know how this will affect our school. Head teachers and Governing Bodies are expected to take all reasonable steps to keep schools open for as many pupils as possible.

We will assess the likely impact of the strike in order to maintain appropriate staffing levels in school and will keep families informed as the picture becomes clearer.



Class 3 English National Opera 'Finish This...' Project

Last term Class 3 worked with Mrs Jarvis on a musical composition project called 'Finish this...' Each class involved in the project composed a piece of music, recorded the composition and then sent it to the ENO. The best of the compositions had animations added and have been added to the ENO website. Class 3 were lucky enough to be chosen and a link to their composition is below for you to watch.
Well done Class 3.

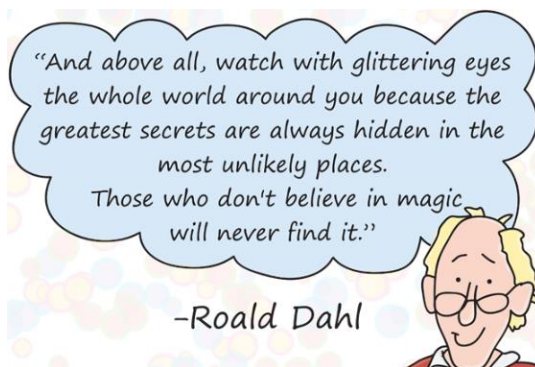
[Class 3 Animation – Sunshine Mountain](#)



'Wellbeing Statement of the Month'

January 2023

This month our quote encourages us to look again at the world about us and see the amazing things we are often too busy to see.



Music In Worship Feels Good (Upbeat Song) – Rend Collective

This week's song is called "Feels Good" by Rend Collective. 'Feels Good' is simply a wonderful song that does in fact make us feel good. However, there is a deeper meaning to this song – the message is that despite our differences, we are all human beings and when we come together, we can overcome the forces that sometimes try to divide us.

One of the lines is 'It feels good when we belong' – it is important to remind ourselves that we do belong together, whether that is to our families or to our school family. We are all different and when we pull together, we can reach for the stars! Some of the lyrics say;

“When we see our differences as a work of art, The world is brighter.”

There are many differences between us all from our appearance, our characteristics, our strengths and weaknesses, including our learning differences but if we all work together and use our strengths, who knows what we could achieve!

YouTube link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LjxVHzARMmE>

Events and Dates for the Term

| Date | Event |
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| Thursday 2 nd February | PTA Bun Sale – Class 4 |
| 3 rd to 10 th February | Book Fair |
| Tuesday 7 th February | Safer Internet Day |
| Wednesday 8 th February | Class 4 Young Voices Concert |
| Thursday 9 th March | PTA Bun Sale – Class 3 |
| Friday 10 th February | School closes for half term |
| Monday 20 th February | School opens after the half term break |
| Tuesday 28 th February | Basket Ball Competition at Boston Spa |
| Thursday 2 nd March | World Book Day |
| Friday 24 th March | D:Side PSHE Day |
| Friday 31 st March | School closes today for Easter |

Have a good weekend.

Mr A. Ratcliffe

