



Thursday 9th February, 2023

Dear parents/ guardians,

The school has closed for children for the half-term, but I am contacting you to make you aware of a number of developments that will impact upon the school in the first week of the new half-term.

The teachers' strike, planned for Tuesday 21st February, will mean the school is closed from 9am-12pm, but will open for all children at 12pm, and children should enter using the usual entrance points. School on the day will end for pupils at the usual times (2pm for P1/P2, 2.30pm for P3 and 3pm for P4-P7.)

Please read the notice below carefully with regard to lunch arrangements for the school during the first week of the half-term, including the day of the teachers' strike.

Dinner arrangements for week beginning Monday 20th February

The SJB dinner hall was closed today (Thursday 9th February) due to renovations that have started and are scheduled to take at least ten days.

As a result of this, and the impending industrial action scheduled for Tuesday 21st February, the dinner arrangements for the first week the children return to school (ie week beginning Monday 20th February) have had to be changed, and I am sending this through to parents at this point to give notice.

- All children **entitled to free school meals** will receive a packed lunch on Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st February. This will consist of a selection of sandwiches, yoghurt, full dessert, milk/or juice. Of course, they can bring in their own lunch on these days instead.
- **Children not entitled to free school meals will not be able to purchase a meal/ packed lunch** on those two days and must come to school with their own packed lunch.
- In a change to the dinner menu, Wednesday's dinner will be the roast breast of chicken dinner usually scheduled for Tuesdays of Week 3 on the dinner menu, and all children will be able to buy this dinner as usual.
- Dinners for Thursday and Friday will be as outlined on the dinner menu (Week 3)- i.e. salmon fishcakes on Thursday and burger and chips on Friday.

Parents wishing to pay for dinners for their children should still do so on the Monday, specifying the days (i.e Wednesday, Thursday & Friday) as per usual. Total cost for the three days is £7.80.

Yours sincerely,

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