

Ladybridge Weekly News

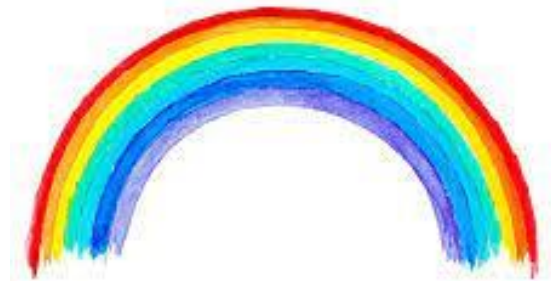
13th February 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you so much year 1 for a fantastic assembly, it was lovely to see how much the children love using the library and their PE demonstration was amazing! This week it is the turn of year 5, I'm very excited to hear all about their lessons. Parents/Carers of children in year 5 please join us for the class assembly on Tuesday morning (14th February) at the beginning of the school day. The children are really excited to share their work with you, you do not need tickets for this, just come through the main entrance once the second bell has been rung.

One of our lovely parents is able to take donations of good quality warm clothing or blankets for families affected by the earthquake that has hit Turkey and Syria. If you are able to donate please bring items in this week, the items will be collected on Friday 17th February.

We are celebrating our diversity on Friday 17th February by holding a Rainbow day. Children will be learning about different families, our diverse culture and all about themselves. Children can come to school wearing bright colours. There will be a sporting event in the afternoon where children will join together in their houses and take part in sports that will help to bring us all together.



Breakfast club drop off - Parents who use the carpark for breakfast club please note that the gates open at 7.45 automatically, there is no one in the office at that time so pressing the buzzer will not work. If you are earlier than 7.45 do not block the gates, please be patient; you need to wait in the local streets or the carpark for Adswood Park until the gates open. You must not block the gates or the road as this is exceptionally dangerous and unnecessary, the safety of the children must come first. Please be respectful of all of our school community.



SCHOOL AUTHOR VISIT

BOOK
SIGNING

MEET THE
AUTHOR

CLASS
WORKSHEETS



"Shared with my class & they absolutely loved it. Beautifully written & the illustrations are engaging. Such an important story and a key PSHE resource"
KS1 PSHE Teacher

It is world book day on Thursday 2nd March and all of our children will get to meet a real-life author, Matt Flukes. He is going to read his book to the children and if you have ordered one of his books he will sign it for your child. Children can come to school wearing pajamas or lounge wear and bring their favourite book to school with them to share with their friends.

We break up for half term on Friday 17th February, in the first week back we have an INSET day on Monday 27th, the children return to school on Tuesday 28th, this is the next proposed date for industrial action by members of the NEU teaching union. The following letter will be emailed to all parents today.

Industrial Action by Members of NEU

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following my correspondence in January I am now in a position to give you more information about the proposed arrangements in school for **Tuesday 28th February**.

Please be mindful that arrangements could change at the very last moment as colleagues do have the right to change their plans or wait until the day of action, before deciding whether to take action or not.

I can confirm that a considerable amount of time has been taken to ascertain whether it is safe to open school; a full plan and risk assessment has been co-produced by myself and the school's Chair of the Governing Board.

We have worked together to consider the impact that the action will have on the health and safety of our pupils, staff and visitors and whether the school can run a full or amended curriculum. I am

sure you will appreciate that a key issue is centred around having enough staff available for the school to remain open.

It is also important to consider the impact of other school decisions on our remaining staff who may have to consider childcare arrangements for themselves. In short, the decision to make any form of closure; part or full, is a difficult and complex one and staff absence on the day of action should not be interpreted as members of staff taking strike action.

After considering the staffing options and the health and safety implications we have decided that school will be:

Open to all pupils in EYFS, Mrs Goodwin's class; Year 1, Miss Woodworth's class; Year 2, Miss Nugent's class; Resource, Mrs Parker's class; Year 4 Miss Brownrigg's class and Year 6 Mrs Davies' class

Open to pupils who are in receipt of Free School meal funding, vulnerable children and children who are looked after by the Local Authority in Year 3 Mrs Burke's class and Year 5 Mr Fenwick's class. Please note that where classes are not fully in school the curriculum will be amended – this is so that pupils who are not in school will not be disadvantaged by missing important lessons planned by qualified teachers.

We will contact all families in Year 3 and Year 5 to confirm school attendance, this is so that you are absolutely clear about whether your child is in school or not.

Breakfast and after school club will run as usual for those children in school.

If our plans change and we have to close more of the school we will let you know as soon as we can, but this may be the morning of Tuesday 28th February, so please check your emails, class dojo and the school website.

I know that this arrangement will prove to be disruptive to many of our families and any day lost in school is one that has impact for our children. A national strike within the teaching community is unusual and taking such action is never an easy decision to make. Please remember that this response from colleagues is a reaction to the national issues around teacher pay and conditions and the shortfall in essential funding for all of our children. We are grateful that teachers have let us know their intentions in advance, as they are not required to do so until the day itself. This enabled us to plan and inform you accordingly.

I will write to you again with regard to arrangements on each of the strike days that have been identified for our region. The next dates scheduled are March 15th and 16th. I will be assessing the impact of staff decisions on each of these dates separately.

Thank you for your patience and understanding in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Hill Headteacher and Professor Nick Silikas Chair of Governors

Diary Dates

- Tuesday 14th February – 9.05 Year 5 Class assembly
- Friday 17th February – Rainbow Day, children can wear bright colours
- Monday 27th February – INSET day
- Tuesday 28th February – children return to school
- **Tuesday 28th February - Proposed NEU Industrial action**
- Thursday 2nd March – World Book day. Children can come to school wearing pajamas or lounge wear and bring their favourite book to school with them to share with their friends.
- Tuesday 7th March – 9.05 Year 2 assembly
- Tuesday 7th March - Year 4 and Year 5 trip to Liverpool
- Wednesday 8th March - Year 3 and Year 6 trip to Liverpool
- Tuesday 14th March – 9.05 Year 4 Class assembly
- Tuesday 14th March – Parents evening 3.30 – 6.00
- Wednesday/Thursday 15th and 16th March - Proposed NEU Industrial action
- Friday 17th March – Red Nose day
- Thursday 23rd March - Parents evening 3.30 – 6.00
- Tuesday 21st March – Years 1 to 6 Chester Zoo trip
- Tuesday 28th March – 9.05 EYFS Class assembly
- Thursday 30th March – All Hallows Easter service
- Friday 31st March – Easter Bonnet parade

This Week our Class Captains are:

Mrs Woodworth – Mozar, for having a confident voice.

Miss Nugent – Olivia for using great vocabulary in English.

Mrs Burke – George, for some great answers in maths

Miss Brownrigg – Skho for aiming high in Orchestra every week.

Mr Fenwick – Wing Yi, for showing great resilience in her writing and reading and making good progress.

Mrs Davies – Robyn, for working hard to improve her Maths this half term.

Mrs Parker – Innaya, for trying her best to use a louder voice during circle time.

This week's Headteacher's were given to Jumana for aiming high in all subjects and Aca for his amazing gymnastic skills.

The class with the best attendance last week was Miss Nugent's class with 98%.

Children will be given a prize for being on-time for school every day and for 97% - 100% attendance each week. Please ensure that children arrive at school before the bell goes at 8.55 each day.

Good attendance is vitally important for all children in order for them to make good progress. Please ensure that your child is in school on time every day.

PE Kits

PE kits are provided by school for all children from year 1 to 6, parents only need to provide pumps or trainers. PE kits will be washed regularly (as needed) by school in non-biological liquid. If you do not wish to use a school PE kit please let your class teacher know and provide a PE kit for your child.

Year 5 will have swimming on Monday each week, all other classes from year 1 to 6 will have two lessons each week where PE kits are used.

The school website address is www.ladybridge.stockport.sch.uk

The school twitter address is @LadybridgePS

The school phone number is 0161 428 5445

School uniform can be ordered from www.tesco.com/ues