

Dear Parents and Carers,

STRIKE DAY There is another strike day on **Tuesday 28th February**.

**The information that I have for you currently is that it will be *the same situation as last time.*
Y1 will be in school.**

The teachers have a Training Day on Monday 27th so if there is any change to this situation then I will let you know.

Therefore most of the children will return on **Wednesday 1st March**.

On this day it is celebrating **World Book Day**. ***There is no requirement to 'dress up' but the children can wear their own clothes and bring in their favourite book.***

We will have lots of book related activities that day. ***This is also the day of the party and disco after school until 4.30pm.***

I will send a text message on Monday 27th February to see whether your child is staying until 4.30pm. Please respond to the text message so that we know that your child is able to stay.

PARKING Please can you ensure that you park safely for our children and if children have to cross the road that they do so safely under your supervision. Also if you bring a dog to school it should not be near the entrance or exit as this can frighten children if they are not used to animals. Many thanks for your support.

DODGEBALL. Some of Y3 attended a Dodgeball competition with Mrs Walker and Mrs Reyes on Tuesday. They had a good time and enjoyed being at Saint Anthony's. Well done to all of the children that represented our school.

CHRIS LUBBE. Y5 and Y6 will listen to Chris speak today at Saint Peter's Catholic He was one of Nelson Mandela's bodyguards and the children will be inspired!

PARENTS/CARERS EVENING. Many thanks for your attendance on Wednesday – it was very busy! Anyone who was unable to make it then the teachers will contact you after the holidays.

ATTENDANCE for the year for the school is 91.1%. This is significantly below the national and expected standards.

Attendance has improved this half term after all the illness of the Christmas half term but we still have a long way to go. Please support the school and your child by ensuring good attendance.

We will be following up next term with the children that have fallen in to persistent absence which is **below 90%**.

ATTENDANCE THIS HALF TERM.

Nursery	90.9%
Reception	88%
Y1	93.7%
Y2	93.4%
Y3	90.3%
Y4	94.3% WELL DONE!
Y5	93.7%
Y6	93.8%

With prayers for a lovely half term and if there are any updates during the holidays then I will let you know,

**Sarah Yates
Headteacher**