Thursday 23rd February 2023

NEU Strike Action

Dear parents/carers,

Further to the previous day of strike action undertaken by the National Education Union (NEU), you may be aware from media coverage and previous letters from school that there are further dates planned for strike action:

- Thursday 2nd March 2023
- Wednesday 15th March 2023
- Thursday 16th March 2023

The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over school funding and teachers' pay.

As the next day of strike action is taking place on Thursday 2nd March, we are getting in touch to give you as much notice as possible that learning may be disrupted on this date. At the time of writing, information is not available to enable us to confirm if the school will remain open to all classes, partially open, or fully closed. We will, of course, let you know as soon as further information is available, but in the meantime we recommend that you start to make alternative childcare arrangements for these dates just in case.

We are sorry about the potential disruption to you and to your child's education. We understand that this situation may be frustrating, especially with the uncertainty up to the date itself, and ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect. Taking strike action is not something that any teacher would undertake lightly. Those on strike will have thought long and hard about their decision and will lose pay for the days that they are on strike.

We will inform you of the final arrangements as soon as we are able to.

If you have any questions, please contact either of us via the school office on office@brighstoneprimary.org.uk or 740285.

Kind regards,

Rebecca Lennon   Steve Fairclough
Headteacher   Chair of Governors