

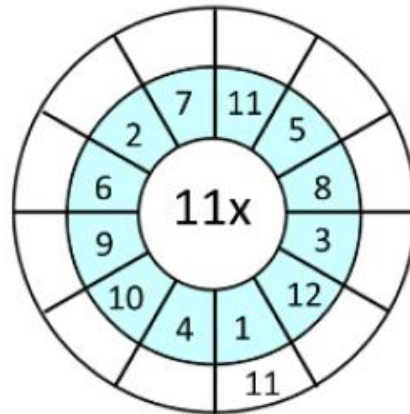


Old Oak Primary School Update – Friday 20th January 2023

Dear families,

MATHS WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS

Please look out for the maths workshop **next Tuesday 24th at 9.00am and Friday 27th January at 3.30pm**. These workshops will help you to understand how we teach number and mathematics. The attendance was very good at the early reading workshops last term so we expect a good turn out next week.



Parent and carers Maths Information meeting

Tuesday 24th January 9am and Friday 27th January 3:30pm

Find out more about how we teach Maths at Old Oak and how you can support your child at home.

Mrs Joshua will be talking about Maths Mastery, our maths curriculum and our calculation policy. If you have questions about Maths or would just like to find out a bit more please join us.

TEACHERS – INDUSTRIAL ACTION

Wednesday, February 1st is the date given for a strike by members of the National Education Union. We have attached a flyer from them explaining the reason for the strike. Please notice it is not only to do with pay, but with school funding and keeping teachers and school leaders in the profession.

As school leaders our main focus has to be the safety and well-being of pupils in school when staff are not there. We are completing a risk assessment today which we will share with the governing board and a decision will be made early next week.

At this stage, the school is likely to be closed though we will strive to open for vulnerable children. Please look out for confirmation of the decision on Monday next week.

HOLLAND PARK OPERA VISIT THE SCHOOL

On Tuesday this week, Holland Park Opera were in school to work with the children in Years 4 and 5. The children worked with singers and musicians on the comic opera H.M.S. Pinafore, sang songs and composed their own song which they sang and recorded.



FREE SCHOOL MEALS - REMINDER

We sent a form for Free School Meals last week. Could you please complete and return if you have not done so. We can give you another copy if you need this. These forms could mean that the

school receives additional funding which is so important at the moment.

PAYMENTS TO SCHOOL- SCHOOL MONEY

We hope everyone has now activated their SchoolMoney account and are able to use this for payments to school.

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

In key stage 1 Olive class had 92% attendance and only 2 lates. But the best attendance was in Chestnut class with 98% attendance which is fantastic. This means only one child in Chestnut class has been off for only one day this week.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 23rd January –Chelsea Football Club Healthy Schools Programme begin weekly sessions with Year 3

Wednesday 25th January – Perter Haylock, Director for Education in Hammersmith and Fulham visiting the school

Have a happy and peaceful weekend.

Mrs Beardsworth and Mr. Brown

A message to parents and carers

Why are teachers going on strike?

TEACHERS WHO ARE members of the National Education Union (NEU) will be taking national strike action on Wednesday 1st February.

We do not want to strike, but the government have given us no choice. We are striking for education and we hope you will support us, despite the inconvenience it will cause.

We are taking strike action because we are concerned that cuts to teachers' pay, and lack of funding for schools, are causing a crisis in education.

- *The value of teachers and support staff pay has fallen by 20% since 2010.*
- *This has caused a crisis in recruitment and retention.*
- *More teachers, and school leaders, than ever are leaving their jobs and*

the government cannot recruit enough teachers to replace them.

- *Funding for schools has not kept in line with rising costs.*
- *This means that:*
 - *many schools face difficulties finding the teachers they need;*
 - *SEND children are not getting the support they need;*
 - *Schools are spending less on important equipment and resources;*
 - *schools are cutting back on extra-curricular clubs and classes.*

This cannot go on, for the sake of education the government must change its policy on pay and funding.

We have tried talking to the government - we have provided evidence about this crisis to them year after year, but they have ignored our warnings.

That is why we have reluctantly made the decision to take strike action.

We are calling on the government to increase pay for teachers and support staff, but they must also increase funding for schools.

We are asking parents and carers to:

- **support** our strike action and our campaign to boost funding for education.
- **talk** to teachers at your child's school to find out more about our campaign and how you can support us.
- **contact** your MP and local councillors and tell them that you support NEU members taking strike action.



Campaigning for children and education

For more information visit www.neu.org.uk