



## Old Oak Primary School Update – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Dear families,

### **\* NATIONAL EDUCATION UNION - INDUSTRIAL ACTION ON THURSDAY 2nd MARCH\***

On Thursday next week the school **will be closed** due to industrial action by members of the NEU. The members are unhappy with the levels of funding being offered to schools and the impact this has on them personally and on the care and education of the children. The members have decided to strike to make their feelings clear to the government.

### **\*VISIT FROM ATHLETE VICTORIA OHURUOGU- MONDAY 27<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY\***

On Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February, we have top athlete Victoria Ohuruogu visiting the school. Victoria is an English track athlete who competes in the 400 metres. She won the silver medal in the event at the 2022 Commonwealth Games.

Victoria will be leading a sponsored fitness circuit with all pupils from reception class to year 6 and will follow-up with an inspirational assembly. Each child has received a sponsor form and any money raised will be used to improve the sports provision at school. Please collect as much sponsorship money as you can and return to school after the visit, from 27<sup>th</sup> February.

**Please can all children their PE kit on Monday please.**

### **\*MOTHER'S DAY LUNCH – WEDNESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> MARCH\***

Please put this date in the diary for the mother's day lunch. Mums are invited to come into school and eat with their children on this day. Look out for more information.

Nursery and reception classes will be in touch with families about their Mother's Day celebrations next week.

### **\*AFTER - SCHOOL CLUBS AFTER HALF TERM\***

There are still spaces on the Multisports, Street Dance and Drumming Clubs. These clubs are run by trained professionals in their field and there is a small charge for these clubs. All clubs will now be paid in advance each half term on our new School Money system.

### **\*ATTENDANCE\***

It is becoming clear that the low whole-school attendance percentage is due to a small number of children who have less than 90% and are classed as 'persistently absent'. They already have had 10 or more days off this year since September. This could mean that these children will have perhaps 20 days absent from school over the year—this is 4 whole weeks of school missed. This will seriously affect the child's education during the most critical time when they are young and learning very important skills.

Well done to **Peach** class with 100% attendance. That is fantastic. There were a few late children but they all came in all week.

### **\*PUNCTUALITY\***

Please make sure your child arrives at school by 8.55am. It is very distracting when children arrive when learning has begun.

## **Nursery Punctuality:**

Nursery staffing and ratios are planned carefully and when children first arrive, this time is important for settling and learning routines.

**The gate closes at 9.05am.**

It is very disruptive for the setting to lose a member of staff at this key time, if they have to go and collect latecomers. In the mornings adults and children will have to wait in the main reception until 9:20am

In the afternoon the gate will close at 12.20pm. Children must arrive before this time. After this time, adults and children will have to wait until it is safe for the adult to leave the nursery to open the gate.

## **\*DATES FOR THE DIARY\***

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February** – visit from athlete Victoria Ohuruogu

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** – school closed for the strike

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March** – Red Nose Day in school

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March** – Mother's Day lunch

Have a happy and peaceful half term and see you again on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February.

Mrs Beardsworth and Mr. Brown