



# CROMPTON PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Spring Term 1** Last day of half term Friday 10 February 2023

**Spring Term 2** Monday 20 February 2023 – Friday 31 March 2023

**Summer Term 1** Monday 17 April 2023 – Friday 26 May 2023

**Summer Term 2** Monday 5 June 2023 – Friday 21 July 2023

#### Bank Holiday

Monday 1 May 2023 – all schools **Polling Day Closure** Thursday 4 May 2023 **Coronation Bank Holiday** Monday 8 May 2023

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# A note from the Headteacher

As you will be aware from reports in the media, teachers belonging to the National Education Union have voted to participate in a strike over pay on Wednesday 1 February. It is my intention to reduce impact on our children and families and therefore I will take all reasonable steps to keep school open for all pupils. I am liaising with the local authority and undertaking a risk assessment to gauge our ability to open all year groups safely and I will share my findings with you, at the earliest possible opportunity next week. Because of the nature of strike action, I may need to communicate with you on the morning of Wednesday 1 February at the latest so please continue to check ParentMail regularly. Further strike action has been planned on the following dates Tuesday 28 February, Wednesday 15 March and Thursday 16 March and information regarding these dates will be sent out nearer the time. Lara Beaumont, Headteacher

# HOMEWORK SURVEY THANK YOU

Thank you to all the parents who completed our online homework survey. Interestingly, the majority of you found that we give pupils just enough homework at just the right level of challenge and indicated that some of the work set was enjoyable. However, this of course doesn't tell the whole story and we are reviewing our homework policy based on all of the parent responses and pupil and staff voice. We will share our updated policy with you in due course.

## **NEWS IN BRIEF**

- With adverse weather conditions upon us once again, it is important that children have the appropriate footwear if we are to allow them to safely play outside in the snow. Children can bring wellies daily or leave them at school so that they can use our outdoor areas at break times.
- Lateness has become an issue since we began opening our school doors for an earlier start. We are seeing a significant number of children arriving to school late each day. As a reminder, the school day starts at 8.45am, gates open at 8.35am and the doors open at 8.40am.
- There are a number of books missing from the cabinet in the reception area. If you have borrowed any books from the cabinet and have finished using them please could you return them as soon as possible.
- Our children enjoyed working with poet Andy Tooze today. Each child was involved in a poetry session with their class before we shared some of our efforts in an assembly.
- Absences MUST be reported to the office by 9.30am.