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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Last week I mentioned that we were interviewing this week and said that I would inform you of the result of these interviews once recruitment was finished.

I am pleased to tell you that we have appointed Miss Wellings as a Teaching Assistant to support children in Reception and Nursery.

We have also appointed Miss Norton, who is a qualified teacher, to do two roles in school across the full week. She will teach our Yr3 class on Mondays and Tuesdays to cover Miss Duncan's maternity leave; she will then support children across the juniors during the rest of the week.

Both Miss Wellings and Miss Norton will start with us straight after Easter.

We are still looking to appoint two mid-day assistants and also a cleaner. If you are interested, or know anyone who would be, then please ask them to contact the school office for more details.

Strikes

When I last wrote to you, I mentioned that the NEU strikes had been paused to allow the government and the unions to meet to discuss a new pay offer. That offer has been made and is now being voted on by unions. The result of these votes will be announced during the Easter holiday. Obviously, I don't know what the results will be but the NEU are advising their members to decline the offer. There are two main concerns: firstly that the pay rise is lower than colleagues in Wales and Scotland received; secondly that most of the increase would have to come from pre-existing budgets which would seriously impact an already stretched financial situation for schools.

The NEU have said that if their members vote to decline the offer then they intend to strike on the following two days:

- Thursday 27th April
- Tuesday 2nd May

I will of course let parents know as soon as I know if these strikes are going ahead and which classes would be affected in school.



I hope everyone has a nice Easter holiday and just remind you that we return at our normal time on Monday 17th April.

Kind regards,

K Manning

Mr. Kevin Manning

Headteacher

