



# Friday 10th March, 2023

## Diary Dates

**21/03/23 - Reception Production - 'We're Roaming Through the Forest' - 1.45pm - All Reception Parents Welcome**

**22/03/23 - Online Safety Workshop for Parents - 1.50pm - KS2 Hall (All Parents Welcome)**

**31/03/23 - School finishes at 2.00pm for Easter Holidays**

**17/04/23 - School Re-Opens at 8.40am**

## Snow Procedures

Thank you for your patience this morning with regards to our snow procedures. It is always a difficult and challenging morning when the weather changes and disrupts morning routines. On snow mornings,

senior leaders make decisions as quickly as they can to ensure that school can open safely. A risk assessment has to take place before any decisions can be made. Factors involved in that risk assessment include ensuring the safety of the site, whether clearing the site is manageable, whether staff can reach the site on time, along with many other decisions. We try, where possible, to remain open - even if this means a delayed start. However, as you can appreciate, no two snow days are the same!

## Strike Action

**As you are aware the National Education Union has balloted and reached the threshold to announce strikes. The next dates for the strikes are Wednesday 15th March and Thursday 16th March.**

**Following risk assessments and discussions with senior leaders, the school will be closed to all pupils apart from Year 6 and those children with an EHCP.**

**Children in Year Reception – Y5 can utilise the Oak Academy for online lessons for the two strike days. Follow this link to the Oak Academy website [www.thenational.academy](http://www.thenational.academy) if it is possible for your child to complete work. Once you have accessed the site click on 'Classroom' and then 'Find Lessons', choose Early Years Foundation Stage (Reception), Key Stage 1 (Years 1 or 2) or Key Stage 2 (Years 3 – 5). The children can then choose the subjects they would like to look at for the day. I would expect them to each complete at least 3 different lessons during the day.**

**I understand that the two strike days will be an inconvenience to many parents and I apologise for the frustrations. However, I can assure you that the teachers have not taken the decision to strike lightly.**

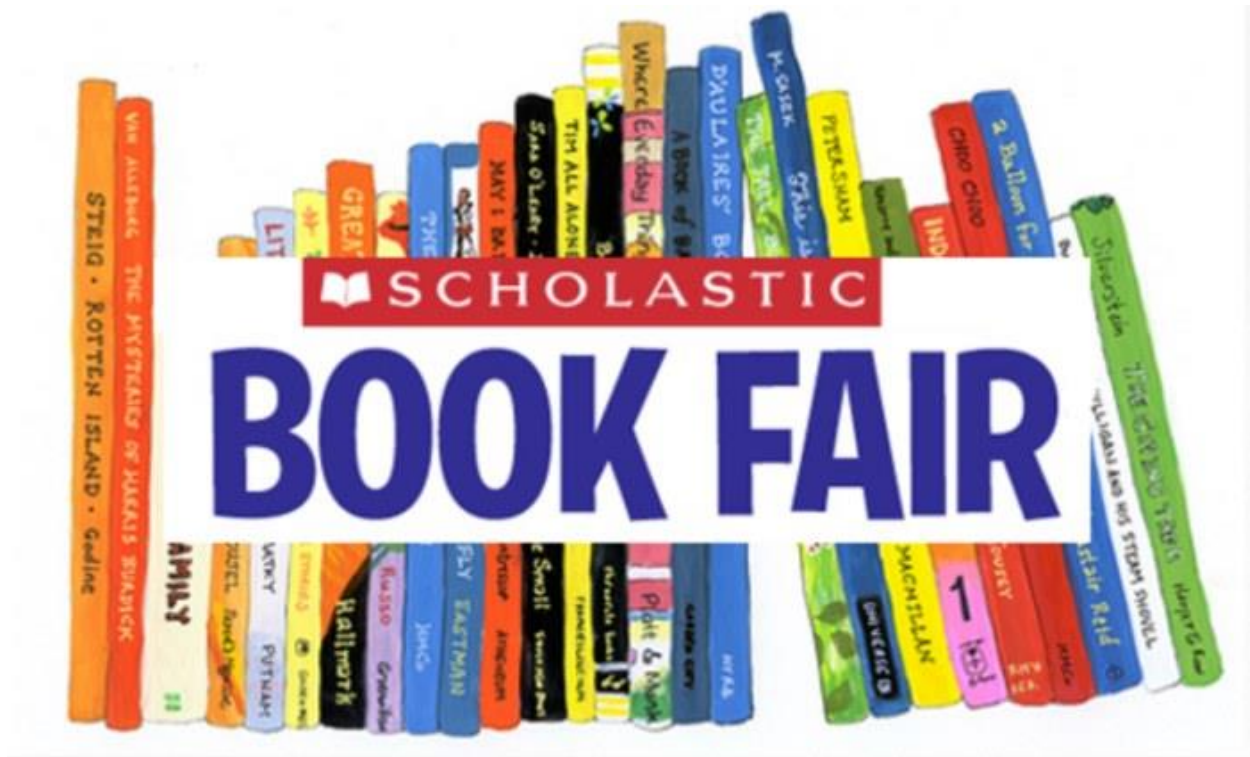
## Feedback from Parents' Evenings



A huge thank you to all the parents who attended the two Parents' Evenings this week. Feedback from parents and teachers has been very positive and it was so lovely to see happy parents leaving the face to face sessions. The children have all made excellent progress during the last two terms and I am confident they will continue to excel during the Summer term too. Our children are amazing and we are very proud of all of them!

Thank you for your continued support - working together, we achieve the best outcomes.

## Scholastic Book Fair



Thank you to all the children and parents who attended the Book Fair. It was fantastic to see so many children buying books and showing such excitement about reading. We will receive some commission from the Scholastic team and this will be used to purchase more books for the children to enjoy at school. I am sure our love of reading will continue to be promoted throughout the curriculum. Please support us by ensuring your children read every day.

## Mental Health





The Mental Health Team are continuing to provide support to parents. This month's parent support group will take place on the 29th March. This month's topic is low mood and will take place on Microsoft Teams. Please refer to the flyer below for more details:



The flyer is a purple rectangular graphic with white and yellow text. At the top left is a circular logo with the letters M, H, S, and T. At the top right is the NHS logo and the text 'East Lancashire Hospitals NHS Trust A University Teaching Trust'. In the center, the title 'PARENT/CARER SUPPORT GROUP' is written in large white capital letters. Below the title is an illustration of a family: a mother, a father, and three children. To the left of the illustration, the text 'Topic: Low mood' is written in yellow, slanted upwards. To the right, '29th March 6-7pm via MS Teams' is written in yellow, slanted downwards. At the bottom left is a small logo that says 'Safe Personal Effective'. The bottom center contains a paragraph of white text asking if a child has become sad or withdrawn, and providing contact information for Rebecca Pickles.

**PARENT/CARER  
SUPPORT GROUP**

**Topic: Low mood**

**29th March 6-7pm  
via MS Teams**

Has your child become sad or withdrawn? Do they cry but can't explain why? Have they stopped enjoying the things they used to? Do they lack the motivation to do things? Have they become moody and irritable? They may be struggling with low mood. Join us to get advice and support. Contact [rebecca.pickles2@elht.nhs.uk](mailto:rebecca.pickles2@elht.nhs.uk)

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