



Loving Learning Every Day

"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." (John 10:10)

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STRIKE ACTION next Wednesday and Thursday 15th & 16th March

Dear parents and carers,

The NEU has now directly advised its members not to inform head-teachers of their intention to strike. It will therefore be impossible for the school to know which teachers will arrive for work on either Wednesday or Thursday next week, and consequently we will not know whether there is adequate provision, and we simply cannot take a decision at 9am on both of those mornings to turn children away if necessary.

As such, and in order to allow parents to plan accordingly, all classes will be closed and families will have to make alternative arrangements for their children on both those days. Children should not come into school next Wednesday or Thursday 15th & 16th March.

If your child is in receipt of free school meals, and you would like to order a packed lunch for your child for Wednesday &/or Thursday 15th & 16th March, please complete the form overleaf and return to the school office by this Friday morning (10th) or contact the office directly. You may collect the packed lunches each day between 11 and 12 o'clock.

If you are not in receipt of free school meals and would like to pay for a packed lunch, please also complete the slip below and return to the office by Friday.

It is important to note that this action is not due to any unrest within the school and all staff are fully supportive of one another. The strike action is related to wider issues within the education system around funding from central government. Just one example: the government requires any pay rises to come out of the existing school budgets, which are decreasing in real terms; this will inevitably lead to redundancies within the school and this is not something that any of us want to see happening. We do understand the inconvenience this action may cause and I can assure you that no one has taken this action lightly.

Should there be any further strike action, we will inform you as soon as we are able to.

Hazel Leslie
Head teacher
St Catherine's Primary School
Park Road



Excellence in teacher education
working in partnership to promote

Head Teacher: Mrs Hazel Leslie, Deputy Head: Mrs Rebecca Fitts
St Catherine's is a voluntary controlled Church of England School affiliated to St Mary's Church, Ware

Child's name _____

Class _____

My child is in receipt of benefit related free school meals and requires a packed lunch ☐

My child is in Reception/Year 1/Year2 and is entitled to Universal free school meals ☐

My child would like a school packed lunch and have paid £2.40 (Nursery) / £2.80 (Years 3- 6) via the schoolgateway ☐

My child would like the packed lunch on Wednesday ☐ and/or Thursday ☐

Choice of sandwich (please tick preference):

Ham ☐ Tuna ☐ Cheese ☐

Signature of Parent/Carer _____

Date _____