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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back. Hope (some of you) are recovered after yesterday's result!

### **NEU Industrial Action**

It appears that the industrial action by members of the NEU will still take place tomorrow. As a result, we have to ask the following year groups to **stay at home** as we have insufficient staffing levels due to the strike action:

#### **Nursery, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6**

This is not a decision we take lightly but the safety of our pupils is paramount.

I understand that this situation may be frustrating and apologise for any potential disruption caused. Thank you for your support and understanding.

School will be open as normal on Wednesday 1st March following the strike action.

Parents who have already requested a packed lunch will be able to collect it from the office from 11am. If you no longer require the packed lunch, please inform the office, as there were lunches that were not collected and wasted last time.

### **Parents' Evening Organisation**

You will have booked an appointment for your meeting/s with your child's class teacher. Each meeting will take place in your child's classroom, and will last for ten minutes. Reception meetings will take place in the school library (which is next to the school hall).

Before or after the meeting, you will have the opportunity to view your child's school books. These will be placed on a table in the school hall. All tables will be clearly labelled with each year group. You can leave the books to be collected later, or, if you have looked at the books before meeting the class teacher, these books can be given back to the teacher during your meeting.

There will be a survey about RE to complete if you are willing to do so.

Please enter and exit school via the main office door. Refreshments will be available. Unfortunately, there are no childcare facilities available.

### **World Book Day**

We are holding our World Book Day celebrations this Thursday, 2nd March. Information regarding the day was sent before half term, and is available [here](#)

## **Kindness Matters**

Today is the last day of our 30-day Kindness Matters Challenge. Can your child bring in their completed Kindness Matters Journal on Wednesday and give it to their class teacher? Our Kindness Matters week begins on Monday 13th March with a special Kindness Matters liturgy, led by our Y6 pupils. This begins at 9.10am and all members of our community are welcome.

We are also creating a special Kindness video, with members of our community and beyond, explaining what Kindness means to them. If you would like your child or any other member of your family, including pets (!), included, please send a video (no longer than 5 seconds) or a photo to [enquiries@stjosephsjarrow.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@stjosephsjarrow.co.uk).

On Tuesday, 14th March, we welcome Rock Kidz into school. They will be working with all pupils during the day, with the focus on being kind to yourself. The day will finish with Rock Kidz performing a concert for the pupils. We invite the pupils to come into school dressed as a 'Rock God or Goddess' for the day! To support the costs of Rock Kidz coming into school, we ask for a donation of £2 per child. This can be paid through ParentPay, or your child can bring £2 in on the day or during the week.

We finish the week with John Magee, the Kindness Coach, leading the school in a 'Super Learning Day', where John will work with each class on what we have done so far, and how we will be moving forward with Kindness Matters.

Yours sincerely



Mr P Craig  
Headteacher

