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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing in the week leading up to our Coronation Bank Holiday weekend with a general update.

As you know we recently said goodbye to Ms Aylmer, who as well as being an Assistant Headteacher with responsibility for Teaching and Learning across the secondary school was also our Head of English. I am pleased to tell you that Mrs Thorpe is our new Assistant Headteacher with responsibility for leading Teaching and learning. She will remain Head of Science as well. I am sure that you will join me in wishing her luck in her new role. We have also managed to fill the post of Head of English. Ms Wawer-La Verde joins us in September and comes from an SEN school where she is currently Head of English. We look forward to welcoming her in due course.

I would like to say a big thank you to you all for your support during the latest round of teacher strikes. The pupils and students have managed very well with the change in timetable on these days. We are trying to keep KS4 students as unaffected as possible with regards to the curriculum they are following on strike days. All of our children have behaved impeccably, which has helped with the reduction in available staffing. We are all very proud of how they have been managing.

As you know we are approaching the Coronation weekend of King Charles III. As a school we will be running a full day of related activities on Friday 5th May 2023 to help our children learn a bit about the Commonwealth and the Monarchy and feel connected to the historical events that are taking place. On Friday pupils and students are encouraged to wear alternative appropriate items to school that are red, white and blue or a combination of these colours. If you and your loved ones are participating in any street parties or events this weekend, we hope that you have a memorable time.

Last Friday our children started to plan their Enterprise project for this year. You will remember the Enterprise Fair that we held last year to raise money for the school. This will again be held in June with all parents being invited for the afternoon. More information will be available in due course.

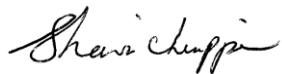
Our sports days are scheduled to take place in June, however, we have not had the best of weather during April and our field is not in a good state to mow and prepare for racing. The grounds maintenance company will do all that they can to prepare the grass and lay down the running track, but this might not be possible if we get any more wet and cold weather, in which case we will have to postpone sports days until July. Sadly this will mean that the YR 11's will be unable to take part as they will have left. Hopefully this will not be the case. I will keep you updated as we travel through the spring

As we near the start of GCSE's, I wanted to wish our YR 11's good luck in their exams, and know that you will join me in doing so. They are a credit to the school, and should be very proud of how far they have come since starting with us.

Finally, it is possible that there will be further teacher strikes moving forward. I would like to emphasise that I will do all that I can to keep the school as fully open as possible. I anticipate that there will be no disruption to our exams.

My staff and I would like to wish you all well. We look forward to seeing you at one of our various upcoming school events.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shan Chinnappa', written in a cursive style.

Mrs S Chinnappa
Headteacher
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