

# Weekly Parent Newsletter

## **Today's Prayer**

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Today's Prayer | The Church of England

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**Dear Parents and Carers** 

I'm pleased to report that we continue to work in close partnership with Abbeygate and West Suffolk College on a range of issues working closely to support educational excellence in Bury St Edmunds.

It was in this spirit of partnership working that a lucky group of our students attended a local history event organised by Abbeygate Sixth Form College.



Thank you to Abbeygate for organising this. It was great to see our Year 7s in the Moyses Hall Museum learning about local social history. We are also delighted to be working with local primary schools as part of this project.

#### **Farewell**



Today we have said a very fond farewell to Mrs Fouracre Smith, subject leader of Music. Staff and students were treated to a performance by current school band The 07's and previous student band Outbound, from Abbeygate Sixth Form College. Good luck to Mrs Fouracre Smith in her new career adventure.



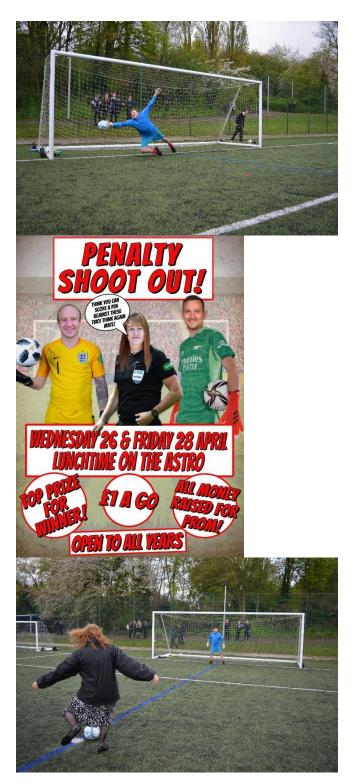
# **Industrial action on Tuesday 2 May**

Due to large numbers of teachers taking part in industrial action, the school will only be open to Years 11 and 10 on Tuesday 2 May. Please note that we have a local agreement in place with Unions to limit educational damage to Year 11s and ensure that their lessons can still go ahead.

For more details please note the letter: <u>Parent-letter-re-NEU-strike-27-April-2-May-23.pdf</u> (<u>king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk</u>)

# **Penalty Shoot Out**

The Year 11 Penalty Shootout fundraiser was a huge success this week. Money raised went towards decorations for the Prom.



#### Shakespeare in Love

On Wednesday 26 April we took eighteen Year 10 and 11 students to see Shakespeare in Love, at Bury Theatre Royal. It was performed wonderfully by local theatre company BSE Operatic and Dramatic Society.

All our students were fantastically behaved and thoroughly enjoyed the humour of Lee Hall's adaptation of the film. Many spotted references to a variety of Shakespeare's famous plays and were thrilled to be able to recognise and quote the Romeo & Juliet sections of the performance.



### **Snapchat**



We have recently had a number of concerns raised in school with regards to Snapchat, in particular students accepting friend request from strangers and their safety being at risk as a result.

Snapchat is age rated 13+, although Common Sense Media rates it OK for 16+ due to the exposure to age in-appropriate content and marketing ploys such as quizzes that collect your child's data.

We thought it would be helpful to share some step by step guidance to improve your child's security and we would encourage you to have an open conversation round online safety and accepting requests from unknown parties. Please click on the link below for the guidance.

Snapchat Parental Controls | Internet Matters - Is Snapchat Safe?

#### Medication

Further to last week's article in the Parent Newsletter, regarding medication, this is restricted to **one tablet only** of paracetamol /Ibuprofen/hayfever medication and / or specified Asthma medication. No other medication is permitted to be carried by students unless this has been discussed with the Medical Office. Please contact the Medical Office for more information, if needed:

CJB@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk

#### **Local SEND Resources**

The Offshoot Foundation filmmaking groups for SEND Young Persons and Young Carers are held during term-time at the Stowmarket Community Centre:

Monday 5:30-7:30pm (SEND)

Wednesday 5:30-7:30pm (Young Carers). Come along if you like filming, editing, acting, or just want to try something different. £6 per session - First session free!

Contact theoffshootfoundation@gmail.com to





# **SEND Advice drop in**

Date: Tuesday 16th May 2023

Venue: Bridge Community Church, 68 Queens Rd, Bury St.

Edmunds IP33 3EW Time: 10.30am-12:30pm

A chance for families of children and young people with SEND to get advice from a range of services all in one place. Find out more about what our services have to offer and how they can help you.



www.suffolk.gov.uk/familyhubs

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Everyone at King Edward VI wishes you a fantastic bank holiday weekend.

Deri O'Regan

Dates for your Diary  Term Dates for 2023-2024 and additional information can be found on the calendar page of the website	
2 May	NEU Industrial Action – only year 10 and 11 in school. Years 7-9 to receive lessons on Teams.
3-5 May	Year 11 GCSE Art Exam
Mon 15 May	Full GCSE Exams start
Tues 13 – Fri 16 Jun 23	Year 9 & 10 Paris Trip

Thought for the Week

'Whatever you are, be a good one.'
Abraham Lincoln

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