

# The Edith Borthwick School

## Weekly Update

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023

### Head's Update

Happy Friday everyone!

This week we have been celebrating the Chinese New Year – the year of the rabbit. Classes have been learning about it and doing craft activities. Work experience has been running for some of our older learners. We have pupils going to the farm and supporting with our animal care area. Gary, our Careers Lead, is always looking for new opportunities for learners, **so if anyone knows of a business who would consider supporting our learners to have work experience opportunities, please let us know.**

Next week there will be a national teacher strike on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023. A number of classes around the school are having to close on this day, but we will make sure that work is sent to the classes in advance. **The classes affected will have already received a Parentmail.** In school, we may not be following our usual curriculum as we anticipate some staff absence due to the closure of other local schools.

I would like to try and make sure that learners do not miss too much school, but until Wednesday, we will not be able to fully predict what that will look like. More teachers are striking than were initially anticipated. After Wednesday, we will be able to make plans for the further three strikes on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March, and Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2023, we will be holding our Termly Learning Conferences. This is where you can book in with your class teacher for 10 minutes to discuss progress. The session will be running from 3.15pm – 6.00pm.

Have a lovely weekend.

Maggie

### Class of the Week – U1

**Class Teachers Tracy and Claire say...**

U1 have really enjoyed being able to get out and about this term, during our weekly day out at Rainbow Rural. Whilst at Rainbow Rural we have been cutting up vegetables and fruit to feed the animals and preparing toast and butter for the birds.

Everyone has been involved in feeding the sheep and chickens and filling the bird feeders. Last week some of the class took turns to push the wheelbarrow around the farm and yesterday a few children had the opportunity to brush the horse.

The cold and wet weather has given us the opportunity to have lots of fun exploring the mud, puddles and ice and it will be great to see how our days at the farm evolve as we move from winter to spring.



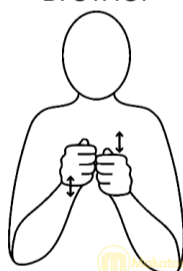
### Word of the week



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### Sign of the week

Brother



### Other notices

**We are currently advertising for cleaners.** If anyone is interested in a permanent or relief position, please contact Claire Baker our HR manager on: [claireb@edithborthwick.essex.sch.uk](mailto:claireb@edithborthwick.essex.sch.uk)

**Volunteers wanted!** We are looking for parents, carers or family members who would like to help support us during off site activities such as swimming, horse-riding, forest school, Danbury and Harlow outdoors. We will provide you with a DBS check. If you are interested, please email: [admin@edithborthwick.essex.sch.uk](mailto:admin@edithborthwick.essex.sch.uk)

### Upcoming dates

08/02/2023 Termly learning conferences

13/02/2023 – 17/02/2023 February half term

### FOEBS

We have plans for spending some funds raised last year, arranging more events and developing projects. We would love more folks to get involved; learners, family members, staff and the local community are all welcome. You don't have to attend our Team Meetings or commit lots of time:

[chair.foebs@edithborthwick.essex.sch.uk](mailto:chair.foebs@edithborthwick.essex.sch.uk)

**Our next event will be the Valentines Double Disco on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

If you would like to get in touch contact or follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOEBS> or email: [victoriaf@edithborthwick.essex.sch.uk](mailto:victoriaf@edithborthwick.essex.sch.uk).

### Governors

#### Spotlight on: Ruth Sturdy

I am an experienced school leader who has also worked for the Local Authority as the lead for SEND school effectiveness. I have a life-long interest in the education of young people with special educational needs and believe that every child and young person should have the best education to help them live the best adult lives they can.

I currently lead a group of special schools and am very proud to be able to be part of the governing body of a great school like The Edith Borthwick School.

