

20th January 2023

Dear Parents

A Star is Born! - I had the pleasure, along with Ms Phillips and Lindsey of auditioning just over 100 acts this week. Unfortunately, Mrs Baptiste has been off unwell since Tuesday so only got to see the Year 4 children audition. She is very upset to have missed the others as they are one of her favourite things to do!

All the children were so brave to get up and perform in front of their year group. I certainly wouldn't perform on stage which is why I look after the technical side of things!

We had a difficult job deciding who to put through but now have 27 acts on Thursday 2nd February and 34 on Friday 3rd February! Hopefully everyone will have a good time performing and watching. The children were told the results today and will have letters with more details.

St Anne's Catholic High School for Girls - We would like to extend our "Congratulations" to St Anne's High School on retaining their outstanding grade in their recent Ofsted inspection.

Choir at O2 - Our choir will be joining 1000's of other children singing at the O2 this evening. I'm sure it will be an evening to remember. Thank you to Ms Phillips for organising this wonderful experience and also the other staff who have accompanied them.

Industrial action - You may be aware from media coverage that NEU have declared strike action, the first day of action is due to take place on 1st February. The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over teacher's pay. We are considering several options for how to cope with any disruption and will be communicating in more detail with you about these plans as soon as we have finalised them. We recommend that you start to make alternative childcare arrangements for this date. We are sorry about the potential disruption to you and to your child's education. We understand that this situation may be frustrating and ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect. We will inform you of the final arrangements as soon as possible. This will be communicated to you directly.

Diary Dates

Thursday 26th Jan 7.30pm – Internet safety online workshop for St Monica's parents. The link to join the meeting has been sent. In light of the current media coverage of influencer Andrew Tate, I would encourage you all to join if you can.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

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