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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

School closed next Wednesday due to industrial action

I know that you will be aware from recent news coverage, and from my letter this week, that a group of trade unions representing public sector workers are planning to take strike action next Wednesday. This is part of a national dispute with the government over plans to change pension arrangements. **Having now considered the likely numbers of staff who will be absent from work next Wednesday, and the impact this will have on the safe running of the school, I have decided that it will be necessary to close the school for all children next Wednesday.**

I realise that this is likely to cause considerable disruption for a number of our families, and I am sorry for this but you will appreciate that this decision has to be made on health and safety grounds. Of course if there is any change in the situation next week I will let you know.

We are planning to hold our **Christmas Bazaar** next Friday, after school. This will be a little different from previous years of course, as we will now be in our (smaller) upstairs hall! More details next week – but please do send us your donations for the raffle, and any offers for help setting up on Friday afternoon will be gratefully received!

Children in key stage 2 enjoyed a visit from the author Sue Purkiss today, and had the chance to ask lots of questions about the writing process as well as listening to some extracts from her published writing. They'll be doing some follow up work in their homework – and I know that some of our children have already been busy looking on-line (and maybe in the library) for more of her work to read at home!

Headington Partnership news will be printed next week – but this weekend you may be interested in the **BBC Planet Dinosaur family learning sessions** at the University Natural History Museum, in town this Saturday and Sunday 10 am – 4 pm. Children will have the chance to work in a team to build a dinosaur, as well as joining in with other exciting dinosaur activities!

Best wishes
From Mr Lewin and everyone at Wood Farm School



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