



IMPORTANT!

Over the last few years the governors and I have explored the pro and cons of joining an academy trust. We have invited local trust CEOs to our governing body meetings as well as researching some trusts further afield. As the political picture changes it is becoming more evident that the government would like all schools to be part of a trust by 2030.

Recently our chair of governors and I met with Sarah Skinner, the CEO from South Suffolk Learning Trust. This trust is steadily growing, enabling their schools to form partnerships and establish joint working relationships across Suffolk and Essex. We have been offered a 'try before you buy' option that means exactly that. We can unofficially partner up with the trust, test out their approaches and explore their ethos and values to see if they align with Dale Hall.

This arrangement will be until the end of the summer term allowing us time to get to know how things work and to see how Dale Hall might benefit from joining a trust. I will keep you informed about any joint work we undertake such as sporting events, teacher's working groups and school council events. We will be holding a parent's information evening in the summer term to explore all options moving forward.

Teachers who are members of the NEU met after school last night to discuss the next proposed strike.

A large number of our staff decided they will be taking industrial action on Wednesday 1st March. This means we will be restricting attendance as per the last strike day.

If your circumstances have changed and you either no longer require a place for your child in school or you now need a place for your child on that day then please contact the school office.

World book day is going to be amazing this year with a fantastic opportunity to take part in real life story telling.

The children can come dressed as their favourite book character as well as bringing in their favourite book.

WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**

Parent Consultation Evening

Just a reminder to book your parent's evening slot via the parent mail email.

During the week beginning Monday 13th of March the children will be taking part in STEM week combined with Red Nose day Heroes!

STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths - meaning a week filled with exploration and research. There will also be a making challenge for the children to complete at home which we will be sending home soon. We will finish the week celebrating Red Nose day and our STEM heroes.

