



Newsletter

Monday 12th December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the final week of term! School finishes on Friday at the usual time and we return on **Tuesday 3rd January**.

Please read important messages and information below regarding this week.

Merry Christmas to you all!

With best wishes,
Ellen Ranson-McCabe

IMPORATANT: Nativity

We have had to make the very difficult decision to postpone our Nativity this week. The decision has not been taken lightly and we are very sad about it but has been taken with safety in mind.

The road down to the village hall is unsafe for walking on due to the ice (which is predicted to be a hazard tomorrow as well as today). It is also a risk to walk next to an icy road where vehicles could slide or slip in to pedestrians.

In addition to this, there are also the following reasons for postponing:

1. With the freezing, icy conditions on Friday and the snow today, we have been unable to rehearse as a school for our nativity.
2. We have around 50% of pupils in school today and many were absent last week with illness. This makes covering roles very difficult.
3. Many of you have had issues with costumes due to the postal strike.

Therefore, Tuesday and Wednesday will be ***normal days in school with normal pickups*** from school.

Despite it being a Christmas Nativity, the children and staff would still like to share the performance with you in the New Year. I am sure that many of you would still like to see it too. Once we have organised dates for the new year, we will share these with you.

Reminder: FOBS Christmas Raffle and End of Term Event

On Friday (last day of term), there will be a small fundraiser after school. There will be hot chocolate, cakes and treats on sale as well as a chance to see Santa! The raffle will also be drawn at 4pm. Visits to Santa will be £1.



Raffle tickets are on sale! £1 for a ticket, paid via 'school money' or pop in to the school office to purchase. Once you pay for a ticket (or multiple tickets!), your name will be written on tickets in school ready for the draw.



Christmas Service at St. Mary's Church, Brook

On Friday, weather dependent, we will have a short service in the Church at 9.30am. You are welcome to attend.

End of Term Reports

These will be issued on the last day of term. They are a brief overview of your child's progress and attainment and not intended to be a full report. It is our intention to ensure you receive feedback on your child every term, either through a parents' evening or a report. Parents' Evening will take place again at the end of Term 3. If your child is absent on Friday, the report will be held in school until January.

Reminder: The Onset of Winter

As winter approaches it is important to review our procedures in the event of severe weather problems or other emergencies when it might not be possible to open the school. Before deciding not to open the school the following considerations are made:-

- Are access roads safe?
- Are there on site hazards?
- Will there be enough staff to supervise?
- Can a reasonable temperature be maintained?
- Are the toilet facilities and water operational?



If there are serious weather problems – floods, storms or snow, then [Heart FM, Radio Kent and KMFM](#) will broadcast advance warnings or you can check using this link: <http://www.kentclosures.co.uk/>. You can also register for alerts from this link.

Email messages will always be used to keep you informed if the school is to open late or in the event that it becomes necessary to close early. Such arrangements will be confirmed and regularly updated on the banner on the school website. Up-to-date county wide information is available at www.kent.gov.uk/winter. The School will only be closed as a last resort .

Just a reminder to make sure children wear suitable warm clothing – gloves, hats, scarves, wellies etc. or even a change of clothing

Diary Dates for the Year ahead – Updates/changes are highlighted.

Every effort will be made to keep these dates in place but please be aware they could change in unforeseen circumstances.

TERM 2		
Tues 13 th Dec	Brook Christmas Nativity/Show – all classes	2.00pm – Village Hall
Wed 14 th Dec	Brook Christmas Nativity/Show – all classes	4.00pm – Village Hall
Fri 16 th Dec	Christmas Service at Church	9.30am. All welcome
Fri 16 th Dec	End of Autumn Term Reports	
Fri 16 th Dec	FOBS Christmas Event with Father Christmas	3.15pm – 4.15pm
Fri 16 th Dec	End of Term 2	
TERM 3		
Tues 3 rd Jan	Term 3 begins	
Wed 11 th Jan	Forest School Day – Mighty Oaks	
Wed 18 th Jan	Forest School Day – Young Oaks	
Wed 25 th Jan	Forest School Day – Saplings	
Wed 1 st Feb	Forest School Day – Little Acorns	
30 th Jan – 2 nd Feb	Book Fair	
30 th Jan – 2 nd Feb	SEN/D Provision Review Meetings	Invitation only
Tues 7 th Feb	Safer Internet Day	
Tues 7 th Feb	Parents’ Evening – Year 1-6	2.30-4.30pm
Wed 8 th Feb	Parents’ Evening – Year R-6	3.20-6.00pm
Fri 10 th Feb	End of Term 3	
TERM 4		
Mon 20 th Feb	Term 4 begins	
Wed 1 st March	Forest School Day – Mighty Oaks	
Thurs 2 nd March	World Book Day	
Wed 8 th March	Forest School Day – Young Oaks	
Wed 15 th March	Forest School Day – Saplings	
Wed 22 nd March	Forest School Day – Little Acorns	
Fri 31 st March	Easter Service at Church	9.30am. All welcome
Fri 31 st March	End of Spring Term Reports	
Fri 31 st March	End of Term 4	
TERM 5		
Mon 17 th April	Term 5 begins	
Over the term	Year 2 SATs	
Wed 26 th April	Forest School Day – Young Oaks	
Mon 1 st May	May Day Bank Holiday	

Wed 3 rd May	Forest School Day – Saplings	
Mon 8 th May	BANK HOLIDAY	
9 th – 12 th May	Year 6 SATs	
Wed 17 th May	Forest School Day – Little Acorns	
Wed 24 th May	Forest School Day – Mighty Oaks	
Fri 26 th May	End of Term 5	
TERM 6		
Mon 12 th June	Term 6 begins	
12 th -16 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screen	
Fri 16 th June	School Walk	
12 th -23 rd June	Year 4 Multiplication Screen	
Wed 21 st June	Forest School Day – Mighty Oaks	
Wed 28 th June	Forest School Day – Young Oaks	
Fri 30 th June	Sports Day	Morning
3 rd – 7 th July	SEN/D Provision Review Meetings	Invitation only
Wed 5 th July	Forest School Day – Saplings	
Wed 12 th July	Forest School Day – Little Acorns	
Thurs 13 th July	Mighty Oaks Show	1.30pm
Fri 14 th July	Mighty Oaks Show	5.30pm
Fri 14 th July	End of Year Reports	
Wed 19 th July	Parents’ Open Afternoon/Evening – all classes	3.15-5.00pm
Thurs 20 th July	Year 6 Leavers’ Service	2.00pm
Fri 21 st July	End of Term 6 and the Academic Year	