



Newsletter

Monday 23rd January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,



Don't forget to sign up to Class Dojo! Follow this link or copy in to your browser to do so:

<https://www.classdojo.com/ul/p/addKid?target=school&schoolID=56effe023ddfd2b965d64409>

Remember to let us know if you **do not wish** for your child's photo to be used on any of the posts.

With best wishes,
Ellen Ranson-McCabe

Attendance Update (Good =96%+)

	Year to Date	Weekly
Whole School	93.2%	96%
Little Acorns	90.5%	100% ★
Saplings	93.8%	96.1%
Young Oaks	94.3% ★	93.0%
Mighty Oaks	92.3%	95.8%

IMPORTANT: Teacher Industrial Strike Action

As you may have heard in the media, the NEU teaching union have called a strike following a ballot. There are four days of action, with the first next Wednesday:

- Wednesday 1 February 2023
- Thursday 02 March 2023
- Wednesday 15 March 2023
- Thursday 16 March 2023



At present, I am unable to confirm if school will remain open on these days. However, **it is likely that school will be partially closed to some or all classes.** In the likely event of being significantly understaffed, we will determine the number of children we can safely have on site, with priority given to children who meet the following criteria:

1. Children in care
2. Children in receipt of Free School Meals (not infant universal free school meals)
3. Children with an EHCP
4. Children who have a parent who is a critical worker (Education, NHS, Emergency Services, for example).

I appreciate that the uncertainties at this point are frustrating, but I will keep you updated as soon as I am in a position to do so. I am following all government and local authority guidance and will continue to do so when making decisions.

REMINDER: PE Kit Uniform

Some children are coming to school in non-PE uniform. As a general rule, **PE kit uniform is Navy**. There is further information on the website and in recent newsletters. If you need help purchasing any school uniform, including PE kit, please make contact as we may be able to help.

Appointments during the school day

There has been an increasing number of pupils being collected early or coming in late due to appointments. Please try your best to make such appointments outside of the school day as even just 15mins can make a difference to your child's learning. Where this is not possible, please email the school office **in advance** and provide evidence of the appointment for our records. Many thanks for your understanding.

Collection from Clubs

If you are collecting your child from a club, please wait by the side gate (on the right as you face the building) and the club leader will bring children to you at the end of the club. Please do not enter through the office. Unfortunately, due to safeguarding reasons, we cannot allow spectators at clubs on school site.

REMINDER: Forest Adventures

This week **Saplings are attending on Wednesday**. Please ensure your child is appropriately dressed and prepared. Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond our control, we cannot currently use our off-site provision. Therefore, forest adventures will take place on site until further notice.



BOOK FAIR!

Come and join us at our Book Fair. Starting in Friday 27 January 2023. Available from Friday 27 January through to Thursday 2 February (inclusive) after school in the Hall. On any of these days, you can come to the hall to buy books in person. You can pay by cash, or we take card payments with a phone.



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 3		
Wed 25 th Jan	Forest School Day – Saplings	
Wed 1 st Feb	Forest School Day – Little Acorns	
Wed 1 st Feb	Teacher Strike	
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	
Thurs 2nd March	Teacher Strike	
Wed 8 th March	Forest School Day – Young Oaks	
Wed 15 th March	Forest School Day – Saplings	
Wed 15th March	Teacher Strike	
Thurs 16th March	Teacher Strike	
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	
Tues 25th April	Godinton House Trip – storytelling project	Little Acorns and Saplings
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	
Tues 16th May	Godinton House Trip – storytelling project	Mighty Oaks
Wed 17 th May	Forest School Day – Little Acorns	
Tues 23rd May	Godinton House Trip – storytelling project	Young Oaks
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	