



Newsletter

Monday 30th January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I cannot believe we are nearly in February already! It's been a busy few weeks and set to be just as busy for the next two weeks of term.

Our focus for this term has been maths and I have very much enjoyed seeing children's learning in this area over the last few weeks. As teachers, we have been engaging in research and really considering how we teach maths so that children enjoy and feel successful (as well as learn!)

I am pleased to share that our attendance figure is on the rise!

*Remember, school is **closed on Wednesday** this week for the majority of pupils.*

*With best wishes,
Ellen Ranson-McCabe*

NEWS: Attendance Update (Good =96%+)

	Year to Date	Weekly
Whole School	93.8% ↑	95.4%
Little Acorns	91.4%	98.3% ★
Saplings	94.1%	95.2%
Young Oaks	94.9% ★	95.7%
Mighty Oaks	92.9%	94.5%

IMPORTANT: Teacher Industrial Strike Action

A reminder that school is closed to most pupils on Wednesday this week as well as the dates below:

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



IMPORTANT: Late procedures

Start of the day:

School starts at 8.45am. We are seeing an increasing number of children arriving after this time. Late marks can lead to unauthorised attendance marks.

If you bring your child late, you **must bring your child in to the office area and sign the late book**, giving a reason. Please do not leave your child until this book has been signed as we must have a record of children arriving after the register has been taken.

End of the day:

School finishes at 3.15. The gates close at 3.25pm. If your child is not collected by 3.25, the only option is After-School Club. We are unable to look after children after this time. If you are going to be late, please book your child in with Elite.

REMINDER: Elite after-school club

For those of you who use Elite, please make sure your child is booked on in advance when possible and that they are booked on for the correct time slot. Elite do not allow children to attend unless they are not booked on and this can cause upset and confusion for children.



NEWS: Brook Rural Museum

We have been working closely with the museum on aspects of our learning. This week Mighty Oaks visited the museum as part of their history learning. They are planning a special presentation at the museum and will be inviting parents! Miss Callan (our science leader) has been busy planning an exciting science week with the museum. This will take place in March.

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 1 st Feb	Forest School Day – Little Acorns New date: Thursday 2nd Feb (PM)	
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 – new date will be confirmed	
Thurs 2nd March	Teacher Strike	
Wed 8 th March	Forest School Day – Young Oaks	
Wed 15 th March	Forest School Day – Saplings new date will be confirmed	
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 25 th April	Godinton House Trip – storytelling project	Mighty Oaks
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	
Wed 10 th May	Godinton House Trip – storytelling project	Little Acorns
9 th – 12 th May	Year 6 SATs	
Tues 16 th May	Godinton House Trip – storytelling project	Young Oaks
Wed 17 th May	Forest School Day – Little Acorns	
Tues 23 rd May	Godinton House Trip – storytelling project	Saplings
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	