Newsletter

Tuesday 3rd January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope you all enjoyed a lovely festive break.

Welcome back to school and the start of Term 3. We kick this term off with our postponed Nativity – an odd way to start the year but worth it we hope! Remember our school day starts at 8.45am with registers being taken at this time. Gates will close at 8.45 so please ensure you are off site by this time.

With best wishes,
Ellen Ranson-McCabe

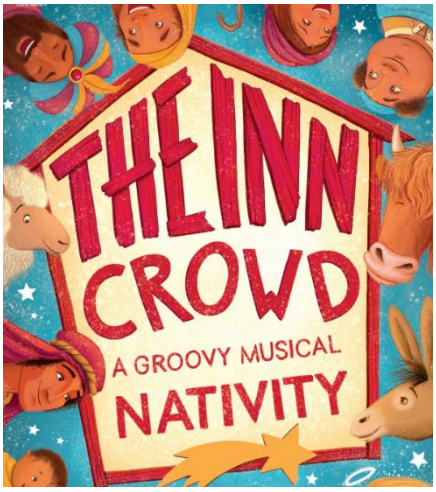
Staffing update

A warm welcome to our new TA: Mrs Kate Sexton, who will be supporting in Saplings class.

And, in case you missed this last term, Mr Stanley is now our new Assistant Headteacher!

Nativity: The Inn Crowd!

Our whole school Nativity will be taking place at the village hall in Brook this week on Thursday at 2pm and Friday at 2pm. We will not have a ticketing system. Please feel free to come and watch either performance. Doors will open 5 mins before the start times. The school will be walking to the village hall for both performances.



IMPORTANT: School pick-ups this week

On ***Wednesday, Thursday and Friday*** this week, please pick up from the village hall, not school, at the usual time.

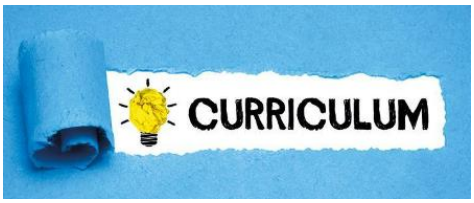
(We will walk back to school with children who are booked in to after-school club).

Extra-Curricular Clubs

This term we are pleased to offer some after-school clubs. Please see the attached letter for further information. Club places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Term 3 Learning

Information about learning for Term 3 is attached for each class. For further information, our full curriculum is on our website.



Brook Museum

The museum is holding a special event on Sunday at the Church. They have asked us to share this information with you:

People are more than welcome to attend whichever part of the Plough Sunday celebration which they like - whether the whole thing, or just the live music and refreshments after the service. We'll be using this event as an opportunity to promote our Heritage Fund project and let people know about the other activities we have planned for 2023.

We'll also be inviting children in the area to join us at the museum ***from 9.30am on 8 January*** *to decorate the plough with ribbons and flowers before the service, which might be of interest to pupils at your school. All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.*

Instagram

We are now on Instagram! Please do follow us if you use this social media site. Information posted on Instagram will be the same as the posts on Twitter and Facebook so take your pick and follow us on the account of your choice.

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House Team Winners

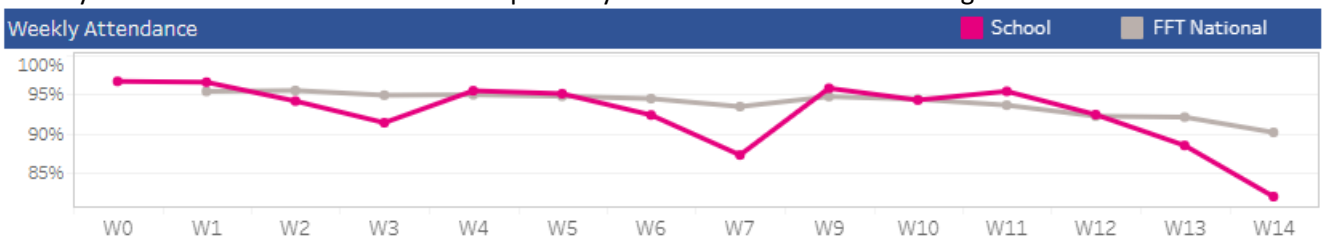
… were the team with the most house points in Term 2 and are therefore our Term 2 winners! As a reward, children in this house team may wear their own clothes to school on **Friday 13th January**, if they wish. Congratulations!

Best Attending Class

Young Oaks were the best attending class in Term 2 for the second term running. Well done! As a reward, Young Oaks may wear their own clothes to school on **Friday 20th January.**

IMPORTANT: Attendance

Weekly attendance across Term 1 and 2 repeatedly fell below the national average:



It is vital that children are present at school, on time, unless they are too unwell to attend. Absences for other reasons may be unauthorised and 10 unauthorised absences (5 days) will lead to penalty notices. I must follow policy and government regulations with regard to attendance. If you feel you would like support in this area, please contact me. Lateness also contributes to attendance so if you require support here, please also make contact.

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		
Tues 3rd Jan	Term 3 begins	
Wed 4th Jan	Nativity dress rehearsal	Pick up from Village Hall
Thurs 5th Jan	Nativity Performance 1	2pm Pick up from Village Hall
Fri 6th Jan	Nativity Performance 2	2pm Pick up from Village Hall
Wed 11th Jan	Forest School Day – Mighty Oaks	
Wed 18th Jan	Forest School Day – Young Oaks	
Wed 25th Jan	Forest School Day – Saplings	
Wed 1st Feb	Forest School Day – Little Acorns	

30th Jan – 2nd Feb	Book Fair	
30th Jan – 2nd Feb	SEN/D Provision Review Meetings	Invitation only
Tues 7th Feb	Safer Internet Day	
Tues 7th Feb	Parents' Evening – Year 1-6	2.30-4.30pm
Wed 8th Feb	Parents' Evening – Year R-6	3.20-6.00pm
Fri 10th Feb	End of Term 3	
TERM 4		
Mon 20th Feb	Term 4 begins	
Wed 1st March	Forest School Day – Mighty Oaks	
Thurs 2nd March	World Book Day	
Wed 8th March	Forest School Day – Young Oaks	
Wed 15th March	Forest School Day – Saplings	
Wed 22nd March	Forest School Day – Little Acorns	
Fri 31st March	Easter Service at Church	9.30am. All welcome
Fri 31st March	End of Spring Term Reports	
Fri 31st March	End of Term 4	
TERM 5		
Mon 17th April	Term 5 begins	
Over the term	Year 2 SATs	
Wed 26th April	Forest School Day – Young Oaks	
Mon 1st May	May Day Bank Holiday	
Wed 3rd May	Forest School Day – Saplings	
Mon 8th May	BANK HOLIDAY	
9th – 12th May	Year 6 SATs	
Wed 17th May	Forest School Day – Little Acorns	
Wed 24th May	Forest School Day – Mighty Oaks	
Fri 26th May	End of Term 5	
TERM 6		
Mon 12th June	Term 6 begins	
12th-16th June	Year 1 Phonics Screen	
Fri 16th June	School Walk	
12th-23rd June	Year 4 Multiplication Screen	
Wed 21st June	Forest School Day – Mighty Oaks	
Wed 28th June	Forest School Day – Young Oaks	
Fri 30th June	Sports Day	Morning
3rd – 7th July	SEN/D Provision Review Meetings	Invitation only
Wed 5th July	Forest School Day – Saplings	
Wed 12th July	Forest School Day – Little Acorns	
Thurs 13th July	Mighty Oaks Show	1.30pm
Fri 14th July	Mighty Oaks Show	5.30pm
Fri 14th July	End of Year Reports	
Wed 19th July	Parents' Open Afternoon/Evening – all classes	3.15-5.00pm
Thurs 20th July	Year 6 Leavers' Service	2.00pm
Fri 21st July	End of Term 6 and the Academic Year	