

# Newsletter

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week is the last week of Term 3! Friday is the last day of term and we return to school on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February for Term 4.

Attendance continues to rise and this is leading to better progress and continuation of learning across the school. Punctuality is still a concern. Ashford traffic is terrible at the moment and I know some of you have nightmare journeys, but please aim to leave a little earlier to be in on time. If you are late, you must sign the late book.

With best wishes,  
Ellen Ranson-McCabe

## **NEWS: Attendance Update (Good =96%+)**

	Year to Date	Term to date	Weekly
<b>Whole School</b>	<b>94.1%</b> ↑	<b>95.6%</b> ↑	<b>95.9%</b> ↑
Little Acorns	91.5%	97.8% ★	92.8%
Saplings	94.1%	95.3%	94.2%
Young Oaks	95.5% ★	95.7%	98.0% ★
Mighty Oaks	93.1%	95.2%	96.5%

## **NEWS: New member of staff**



I am pleased to share that we have a new member of staff joining our team. His name is Freddie and he is a trained and qualified therapy dog. Freddie will be coming to school once a week for now and will gradually get used to his new workplace. Freddie is already working in a very large secondary school, so he is used to a busy school environment. There is lots of information and research around the positive impact pets can have and Freddie has a proven track record in his current school.

I am aware that not all children like dogs and that there are safety considerations around Freddie being in school. Therefore, I would like you to know the following:

- 1) Freddie holds a UK Kennel Club 'Good Citizen' Silver award.
- 2) I have a full risk assessment in place
- 3) Freddie will not be off lead at any time while in school
- 4) Freddie will not be allowed to approach any child (or adult) without consent
- 5) Freddie will reside in my office when he is not working with children
- 6) No child will be left alone with Freddie



Please let me know if you think your child would benefit from time with Freddie. Please also let me know if your child has any fears of dogs or an allergy as I will ensure Freddie doesn't cause any unnecessary anxiety or illness.

A few Freddie facts:

- Full Name: Frederick Francis Ranson-McCabe Fluffy
- 3.5 years old, DOB 14<sup>th</sup> Aug 2019
- English Cocker Spaniel
- Brown colour with a white bib
- Freddie is named after Freddie Mercury and Frank Turner
- He came to the Ranson-McCabe household as a puppy to help my own children settle in to their new home and provide pastoral care
- Freddie loves swimming, tennis balls and being chased.



**NEWS: Safer Internet Day and House Captains**

# Safer Internet Day 2023

On Tuesday we have a range of activities planned to help us learn as much as we can about staying safe online. We cover many aspects of this within both our computing curriculum as well as our PSHE curriculum but Tuesday gives us the opportunity to spend more time on this important learning. Children will have the opportunity to learn within their own class as well as within their House Teams for a mixed-age afternoon of activities. The House Captains will be planning and leading the activities!

**Keeping children safe online has become one of the most important aspects of keeping children safe from harm. This site has lots of very useful information to support parents and carers in keeping your child safe: <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>**

**REMINDER: Parents' Evening**

These take place this week. Please remember to book an appointment so Teachers can share important information on your child's learning.



**INFORMATION: Clubs**

This week is the last week for this term's clubs. In the first week of Term 4, we will issue information about new clubs on offer and you will be able to sign up.

**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 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Safer Internet Day	
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Parents' Evening – Year 1-6	2.30-4.30pm
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Parents' Evening – Year R-6	3.20-6.00pm

Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	End of Term 3	
TERM 4		
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Term 4 begins	
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Forest School Day – Mighty Oaks	
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	World Book Day – <b>new date will be confirmed</b>	
<b>Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	<b>Teacher Strike</b>	
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Forest School Day – Young Oaks	
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Forest School Day – Saplings <b>new date will be confirmed</b>	
<b>Wed 15<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Teacher Strike</b>	
<b>Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Teacher Strike</b>	
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Forest School Day – Little Acorns	
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Easter Service at Church	9.30am. All welcome
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> March	End of Spring Term Reports	
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> March	End of Term 4	
TERM 5		
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Term 5 begins	
Over the term	Year 2 SATs	
<b>Tues 25<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Godinton House Trip – storytelling project</b>	<b>Mighty Oaks</b>
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Forest School Day – Young Oaks	
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> May	May Day Bank Holiday	
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Forest School Day – Saplings	
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> May	BANK HOLIDAY	
<b>Wed 10<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Godinton House Trip – storytelling project</b>	<b>Little Acorns</b>
9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs	
<b>Tues 16<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Godinton House Trip – storytelling project</b>	<b>Young Oaks</b>
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Forest School Day – Little Acorns	
<b>Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	<b>Godinton House Trip – storytelling project</b>	<b>Saplings</b>
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Forest School Day – Mighty Oaks	
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> May	End of Term 5	
TERM 6		
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Term 6 begins	
12 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Phonics Screen	
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> June	School Walk	
12 <sup>th</sup> -23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Year 4 Multiplication Screen	
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Forest School Day – Mighty Oaks	
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Forest School Day – Young Oaks	
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day	Morning
3 <sup>rd</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup> July	SEN/D Provision Review Meetings	Invitation only
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Forest School Day – Saplings	
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Forest School Day – Little Acorns	
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Mighty Oaks Show	1.30pm
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Mighty Oaks Show	5.30pm
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Year Reports	
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Parents’ Open Afternoon/Evening – all classes	3.15-5.00pm
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers’ Service	2.00pm
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> July	End of Term 6 and the Academic Year	