



# Newsletter

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,  
Welcome back to Term 4! I hope you all enjoyed a great half-term break.

Thank you to those of you who completed a parent questionnaire last term. Your feedback is valuable and much appreciated.



As part of our continuous journey of improvement, every term we aim to introduce something new to improve pupils' personal development or activities to involve parents or the community further. In Term 2, our re-established FOBs held two events. In Term 3, we introduced extra-curricular clubs. Now we are in Term 4, we are introducing class assemblies! In addition to these events, we also have been working hard to strengthen links to our community, such as the projects we are holding with Brook Museum, Godington House and our links with the Church and Rev. Linda.

Next on the list is a termly 'Brilliant Brook' day where children will have a day each term devoted to activities related to our values: Care, Creativity and Courage. This day could include learning new skills or taking part in a new activity. I will keep you posted when I have more details.

With best wishes,  
Ellen Ranson-McCabe

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

Young Oaks were the winners for Term 3 – third win in a row! Well done Young Oaks! The class can wear their own clothes to school on **Friday this week** as a reward.

	Year to Date	Term 3	Weekly
<b>Whole School</b>	<b>94.1%</b> ↑	<b>95.9%</b> ↑	<b>97.2%</b> ↑
Little Acorns	91.8%	93.8%	96.7%
Saplings	94.2%	95.8%	97.4%
Young Oaks	95.7% ★	96.4% ★	99.6% ★
Mighty Oaks	92.9%	94.9%	94.5%



**NEWS: House Team Winners**

The winning House for Term 3 were the Dragonflies!  
Well done! Dragonflies will have an own clothes day as a reward on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March**.

### **NEWS: Our new school Choir**

Mrs Britton and I are setting up a new school choir. The choir will meet weekly on a Friday afternoon at 2.30 and will be open to children in Year 4, 5 and 6 initially. Any child in these year groups can join and we will ask children to sign up to join this week.



### **INFORMATION: Class Sharing Assemblies**



I am pleased to share that this term we will start to invite parents/carers to watch a class assembly. This term, Mighty Oaks will be sharing their learning. In Term 5 and 6, we will hold assemblies for Young Oaks and Saplings. The dates are below. We will do our best to record the assemblies and share these via class dojo for those of you who are unable to attend.

### **REMINDER: Strike Action**

This term sees three strike days where school is closed to the majority of pupils:

- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March (Little Acorns can attend as normal)
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March

### **INFORMATION: Forest School changes**

Mrs Rickards, our Forest Leader, has visited our off-site provision to risk assess and we are pleased to share we can resume our adventures off site this term. Dates for forest days have changed this term due to the strikes. Please check below the date for each class.



### **INFORMATION: Clubs for Term 4**

Our new clubs were well received last term! Our club letter will be sent out soon. (Please note, you must sign up each term for clubs, including football).

Last term we ran the clubs for free. *This term there is a small charge for clubs of £1 per session.* This is a very low amount for an hour of childcare. The money will be used to support our budget in staffing costs and resources for the clubs. (Any additional funds will be added to the PTFA pot).



### **HELP PLEASE: Donations wanted!**

- **Wellies** – all sizes! We would love to have a stash of wellies available in school for all children to use so the field can be utilised across the school year.
- **Pallets** – we have discovered old pallets make great welly racks...
- **Pre-loved school uniform** – we would like to create a free shop for pre-loved uniform so any clean, outgrown uniform would be well received please!

**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 4		
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Term 4 begins	
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Young Oaks own clothes day	
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Year 3 Swimming (swapped for strike day)	
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Forest School Day – Mighty Oaks	
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Teacher Strike	
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Dragonflies own clothes day	
13 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup>	SCIENCE WEEK	
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 swimming (swapped for strike day)	
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Forest School Day – Little Acorns	
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Teacher Strike	
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Teacher Strike	
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day	
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Trip to Brook Museum (Science Week)	
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Forest School Day – Young Oaks	
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Class Sharing Assembly – Mighty Oaks	9.00am – Parents of Mighty Oaks welcome to attend
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Forest School Day – Saplings	
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 to parents	
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	
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Godinton House Trip – storytelling project	Mighty Oaks
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	
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Godinton House Trip – storytelling project	Little Acorns
9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs	
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Godinton House Trip – storytelling project	Young Oaks
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Forest School Day – Little Acorns	
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Class Sharing Assembly – Saplings	9.00am – Parents of Saplings welcome to attend
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Godinton House Trip – storytelling project	Saplings
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	
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Class Sharing Assembly – Young Oaks	9.00am – Parents of Young Oaks welcome to attend
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	