Newsletter

Monday 20th March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of our focus on online safety, this week I have shared a parent information guide on ***Minecraft.*** *If your child plays this game, please do have a read.*

Have a lovely week.

With best wishes,
Ellen Ranson-McCabe

NEWS: Attendance Update (Good =96%+)

	Year to Date	Term 4 to date	Weekly
Whole School	**93.7%**	**93.3%**	**92.4%**
Little Acorns	92.5%	96.8%	100%
Saplings	94.3%	94.6%	94.4%
Young Oaks	94.9%	92.5%	95.3%
Mighty Oaks	92.7%	91.8%	84.2%

NEWS: Staffing update

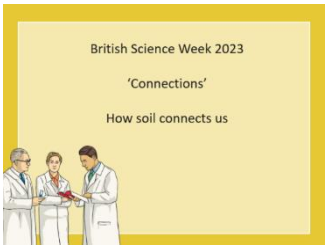
It is with sadness but very well-wishes, that I would like share our lovely office administrator, Mrs Tracey Fearon, will be retiring at the end of this term. Her last day will be Wednesday 29th March where she will finish at her usual time of 1pm. Mr Hill will be working full time in the office from Term 5.

Mrs Fearon has worked at Brook for around 10 years and has been an asset to the school and valued member of staff. Personally, she has been a great source of support for me as a new Headteacher at Brook this year.

Thank you Mrs Fearon for all you have done for the pupils, staff and families at Brook and we wish you a very happy and well-deserved retirement!

THANK YOU: Science Week – 'Connections'

A big thank you to Miss Callan and the team at Brook Museum for a fantastic day on Friday!



REMINDER: Forest Adventures

On Wednesday, **Young Oaks** have their forest adventure day. Please ensure children have the right clothing and footwear and a packed lunch.

Please keep an eye on the diary below for any changes in dates. Changes are always highlighted.

REMINDER: Movie Night!

This **Friday, 24th March**.

Don't forget to book your place! Bookings will close on Wednesday so we have numbers in advance.

REMINDER: Mighty Oaks Class Assembly

Parents and carers of Mighty Oaks are invited to attend this assembly on Thursday at 9.00 in the hall.

Each week, I will some of our feedback in relation to the recent parent/carer questionnaire. This week I would like to share our feedback to questions 11, 12, 13. I hope this is useful.

*11. **If your child has special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND):** My child has SEND, and the school gives them the support they need to succeed.*	This year we introduced regular provision review meetings for parents of children with SEND which enables staff and parents to ensure the provision in place is right for the child. Our SENCo has been supporting teachers with ensuring every child has their needs met within the class environment. We observe in classes regularly and ensure we identify where we can improve provision.
*12. **If your child has been bullied:** My child has been bullied and the school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively.*	We ensure we follow up any concerns parents or children have and follow our policy swiftly. We also look beyond any incident to consider changes we can make to prevent bullying or discrimination. We are working hard on diversity and equality.
13. I would recommend this school to another parent.	Recommendations are very powerful so please do spread the word! Our small school struggles with pupil numbers due to our location so word of mouth can be our most important tool in advertising. Social media is also very powerful and negative comments about the school on social media can have a detrimental effect on our small school. We urge you to talk to us rather than make public comments.

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		
Wed 22nd March	Forest School Day – Young Oaks	
Thurs 23rd March	Class Sharing Assembly – Mighty Oaks	9.00am – Parents of Mighty Oaks welcome to attend
Fri 24th March	Movie Night!	3.15 – 5.30pm
Wed 29th March	Forest School Day – Saplings	
Wed 29th March	Horticultural Project at Godinton House – session 1/6	AM trip. Pupils attending have been invited.
Thurs 30th March	Music Concert	3.15 -4.15pm Young Oaks, Choir and children who have music lessons plus parents of these children
Fri 31st March	Easter Service at Church	9.30am. All welcome
Fri 31st March	End of Spring Term Reports to parents	
Fri 31st March	End of Term 4	
TERM 5		
Mon 17th April	Term 5 begins	
Wed 19th April	Forest School Day – Mighty Oaks	
Over the term	Year 2 SATs	
Tues 25th April	Godinton House Trip – storytelling project	Mighty Oaks
Wed 26th April	Forest School Day – Little Acorns	
Wed 26th April	Horticultural Project at Godinton House – session 2/6	AM trip. Pupils attending have been invited.
Mon 1st May	May Day Bank Holiday	
Wed 3rd May	Forest School Day – Young Oaks	
Mon 8th May	BANK HOLIDAY	
Wed 10th May	Godinton House Trip – storytelling project	Little Acorns
9th – 12th May	Year 6 SATs	
Tues 16th May	Godinton House Trip – storytelling project	Young Oaks
Wed 17th May	Forest School Day – Saplings	
Wed 17th May	Horticultural Project at Godinton House – session 3/6	AM trip. Pupils attending have been invited.
Thurs 18th May	Class Sharing Assembly – Saplings	9.00am – Parents of Saplings welcome to attend
Tues 23rd May	Godinton House Trip – storytelling project	Saplings
Wed 24th May	Horticultural Project at Godinton House – session 4/6	AM trip. Pupils attending have been invited.
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 – Little Acorns	
Wed 21st June	Horticultural Project at Godinton House – session 5/6	AM trip. Pupils attending have been invited.

Wed 28th June	Forest School Day – Mighty 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 5th July	Horticultural Project at Godinton House – session 6/6	AM trip. Pupils attending have been invited.
Thurs 6th July	Class Sharing Assembly – Young Oaks	9.00am – Parents of Young Oaks welcome to attend
Fri 7th July	Year 6 Camp night and Mighty Oaks BBQ	Evening
Wed 12th July	Forest School Day – Young Oaks	
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	