



Newsletter

Tuesday 9th May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you enjoyed the second bank holiday weekend. We are already half way through Term 5 now and this week our Year 6 children complete their SATs assessments. We wish the children good luck and ask for them to just to do their best as their best is good enough!

With best wishes,

Ellen Ranson-McCabe

IMPORTANT: Parking

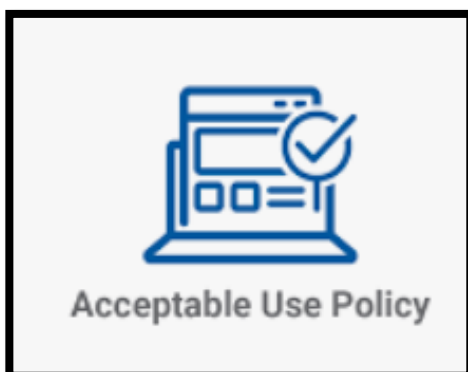
We are aware that the end of the day is tricky time for parking.

We would like to share that although the end of the day is 3.15, the gate remains open until 3.25, providing a ten-minute window for collection. This may help with parking as those who are early, leave and free up space. Please ensure your child is **collected by 3.25** though.



A possible solution to the parking is a 'walking bus.' A parent has suggested this and has been something Brook has had in place in the past. The idea is that an adult would collect a group of children at the end of the day and walk them down the road to where parents have parked. If this is something that would be useful for you, please email the office to let us know. If there are a number of you who would use this system, we will look at arranging this daily.

Please can we also take this opportunity to politely request for engines to be turned off while you wait in your car for 3.15. Many thanks.



Acceptable Use Policy

IMPORTANT: Acceptable Use Policy (AUP)

We have a policy called 'Acceptable Use Policy.' This policy is aimed at all members of the school – staff, pupils and parents and sets out acceptable use of the internet and technology. Staff and children have read and completed some work on the policy and I would now like to share it with you. Please take the time to read policy as it will provide you with an overview of what we expect from staff, pupils and parents when using the internet.

On page 11 there is a form for completing by parents. For ease, an AUP consent has been set up on Arbor. Please log in and confirm you have read the AUP. Many thanks.

NEWS: The King's Coronation

Our Coronation celebrations went very well on Friday. The children enjoyed games in their house teams and a whole school picnic. We ended our day with our coronation songs. The weather even stayed dry!



REMINDER: Godinton House – Storytelling trip

All classes are visiting the house for an English workshop this term. This week it's Little Acorns turn!

If you haven't given permission on Arbor, please do.

Young Oaks are visiting on Tuesday 16th May and Saplings on 23rd May.

NEWS: Specialist Teacher Coffee Morning for parents and carers

Our first coffee morning went well! We hope to organise more of these in the near future. Amy Honey, our guest speaker, shared some links with us which may be useful to some of you:

Educational Psychologist Parent Consultation Line:

<https://www.kelsi.org.uk/special-education-needs/educational-psychology/educational-psychology-services/core-preventative-services> (scroll down the page a little)

STLS website training videos:

https://www.ashfordinclusion.org/files/ugd/201519_c6b6457d924f48078bfd4bfe12360ff2.pdf (scroll to the end of the document)

Stella Parkinson - Sensory Processing Difficulties information video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5AOLDWvn38c>



REMINDER: Saplings Class Assembly

Parents and carers of children in Saplings are invited to attend Saplings sharing assembly on **Thursday 18th May** at 9.00am in the hall. This is the second class to hold an assembly this year! Young Oaks will host in Term 6.

REMINDER: Class Dojo and Class Emails

Just a reminder to sign up to Class Dojo so you can see photos, news and reminders from class teachers. We are hoping to use this more and more as we get into the habit of taking pictures! Please remember we are **not** using the messaging service on Dojo. Instead, we have class email addresses to use:

littleacorns@brook-ashford.kent.sch.uk

saplings@brook-ashford.kent.sch.uk

youngoaks@brook-ashford.kent.sch.uk

mightyoaks@brook-ashford.kent.sch.uk



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 5		
Over the term	Year 2 SATs	
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 – Saplings	
Wed 17 th May	Horticultural Project at Godinton House – session 3/6	AM trip. Pupils attending have been invited.
Thurs 18 th May	Class Sharing Assembly – Saplings	9.00am – Parents of Saplings welcome to attend
Tues 23 rd May	Godinton House Trip – storytelling project	Saplings
Wed 24 th May	Horticultural Project at Godinton House – session 4/6	AM trip. Pupils attending have been invited.
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 – Little Acorns	
Wed 21 st June	Horticultural Project at Godinton House – session 5/6	AM trip. Pupils attending have been invited.
Wed 28 th June	Forest School Day – Mighty 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 5 th July	Horticultural Project at Godinton House – session 6/6	AM trip. Pupils attending have been invited.
Thurs 6 th July	Class Sharing Assembly – Young Oaks	9.00am – Parents of Young Oaks welcome to attend
Fri 7 th July	Year 6 Camp night and Mighty Oaks BBQ	Evening
Wed 12 th July	Forest School Day – Young Oaks	
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	