



Newsletter

Monday 3rd July 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

You may have noticed a visitor from Kent on Monday last week. Mr O'Keefe came in to complete a safeguarding audit. As part of his visit, he spoke with children and staff, observed around school and met with me to discuss policies and practice. It was like another Ofsted! There are naturally things we can do to improve even further but I am pleased to report, he found all was well and safeguarding is robust.

With best wishes,

Ellen Ranson-McCabe

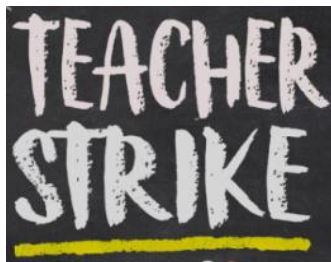


WELCOME!

I am pleased to welcome Mrs Jones to our school this week. Mrs Jones is our new teacher for Saplings and although she has been in and out for a few weeks, today is her first official day! Mrs Jones will spend the next few weeks getting to know all the children and staff.

INFORMATION: Room swaps

We have given much thought to the classroom spaces in school and we will be swapping our library with Saplings class in September. (The library is on the move again!). This will mean the new Saplings class will be in the same building as Little Acorns which will support transition and the team work between these two classes. Moving the library will provide Young Oaks with some additional spaces to flow in to when needed. Transition has already started using the new classroom space.



IMPORTANT REMINDER: STRIKE

School is closed to Mighty Oaks and Young Oaks on Wednesday this week. If you work in the NHS, Education or the emergency services, please let us know ASAP if you require a place so we can plan staffing.

School remains open for Saplings and Little Acorns.

Strike action is out of our control and we are not able to cover classes. Therefore, we can only allow a very small number of pupils to attend. We are sorry we cannot do more to help.

THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to **Cheryl Wilkins and Yasmin** for a wonderful Tuck Shop on Friday, all to raise funds for the school! Everything looked so delicious!

Another huge thank you to **Craig Tuck** for our surprise and generous free ice creams on Friday! YUM!

Finally, grateful thanks to **Jamie Freeman** for your generous gift of our new footballs and equipment! So kind of you.



NEWS: Sports Day

We hope you enjoyed Sports Day last week! The children all had great fun and we were so proud of them for their team spirit, enthusiasm and the care they showed to each other. **Congratulations to the Grasshoppers for being the winning team overall!**

The Senior Leadership Team (SLT: Mr Stanley, Miss Lawson and I) are starting to plan things for next year and think about 'what went well' and 'even better if...'



We would be grateful for your feedback on Sports Day so we can make it even better next year. We have set up a quick google form so please follow the link to give your feedback: <https://forms.gle/rv91P1S6SDyHtPHz8>

IMFORMATION: Open Evening and End of Term Reports

We would like to invite you to our end of term open evening on **Wednesday 15th July from 3.15 – 5.00pm**

This is a more informal chance to talk with the class teacher and look at your child's work.

Our End of term reports will be issued in the previous week. These will be similar in format to those we have sent out in Term 2 and 4, although will also have some next steps identified. You will be able to raise any queries with the teacher at the open evening.



This event is also a good opportunity to say hello to your child's new teacher if they have a change in September so feel free to wander around other classrooms.

You will be able to take some of your child's work and books home with you so bring along a bag!



REMINDER: Mighty Oaks BBQ and Camp

On Friday, Year 6 will be camping on the school field! Year 5 have been invited to join Year 6 for an evening of games, camp fire and a BBQ. We hope this will be the first of further field camps at Brook! Please remember to send back your forms so we can go shopping!

REMINDER: Forest Adventures – Saplings

Saplings have their forest day on Wednesday this week.



REMINDER: Coffee Morning

Friday 14th July at 9am. Please do come along!



REMINDER: Bike-a-bility

Year 6 are taking part in Bike-a-bility on Friday. This is a great day equipping children with vital bike skills to keep them safe when out and about.



REMINDER:: Class Assembly – Young Oaks

Young Oaks will host assembly to share some of their learning. Parents and carers are invited to attend at **9am on Thursday 6th July – THIS WEEK!**



INFORMATION: Transition

This week's transition is 9.30 – 3.00 in new classes on Thursday.

REMINDER: Term 5 Winners!

House Points: Dragonflies (Blue) can wear non-uniform to school on Friday 7th July (THIS WEEK) if they wish.



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 6		
3 rd – 7 th July	SEN/D Provision Review Meetings	Invitation only
Wed 5 th July	STRIKE – School closed to MO and YO	YO and MO closure
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	Coffee Morning for parents and carers	9.00am
Fri 14 th July	Mighty Oaks Show	5.30pm
Fri 14 th July	End of Year Reports	
Tues 18 th July	Music Concert	3.30pm
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	
Fri 21 st July	Sweet Stall after school	3:15pm