A Small School on a Big Adventure

Newsletter

Monday 11th September 2023

Upcoming events this week:

- Clubs start this week
- Swimming lessons for Year 5 begin - Wednesday
- Young Oaks Outdoor Learning Day – onsite - Thursday

INFORMATION: Uniform

We are continuing to see children wearing incorrect uniform, including on PE days.
Starting this week, staff may send a **uniform note** home if your child is not in the right uniform.
We will support any parent financially to purchase uniform items. Please do come and speak to a member of staff confidentially if you need some help, or drop us an email.

NEWS: Kent Test

A huge well done to the children in Year 6 who sat the Kent Test last Thursday. They approached the test with such maturity. This was particularly hard as it was so hot! No matter the outcome, you can be sure you all gave your very best!

NEWS: Welcome

We would like to welcome some new families to our school! We hope you all settle in well.

INFORMATION: After-School Club additional option

From today, you can book ASC for a half an hour slot until **3.45pm for a cost of £2.**
This may be useful for parents who struggle to get here for the end of the day and might help ease congestion outside too.

INFORMATION: New Headteacher Award

From this week, in addition to our school value awards on a Friday, there will be a new award for children who always demonstrate our behaviour expectations of being 'Ready, Respectful and Safe.'

INFORMATION: Updated Policies

There are two policies which have been updated this term which we have shared with you today.
Our Behaviour Policy is updated from last year but is mostly the same. Changes are highlighted. Please do have a read, in particular pages 7-9 which are Brook specific. If you have any comments, please send an email.

Our Relationships and Sex Education Policy has also been updated. Again, no changes. Please let us know if you have any comments to make on this policy.

Both polices are due to be ratified by Governors on 28th September.

UPDATE: P.E. Days

Apologies to Young Oaks parents…Young Oaks will have PE on Mondays **AND** Fridays this term.

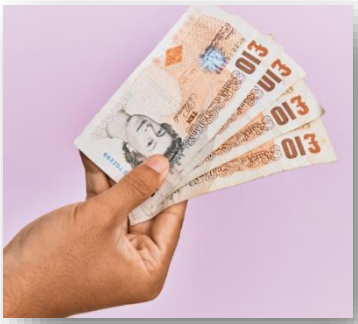
INFORMATION: Fundraising!

We hope to ruin some events this year to raise fund for our school. We would like to raise money to get new playground markings.

Last year, our 'Friends of Brook School' (FOBS – our PTFA) was relaunched but many parents and carers are understandably very busy with work and other commitments. Staff support where they can.

This year, we would like to aim for a fundraiser each term. Instead of trying to gather a PTFA together, we would like to ask for a working party to help plan and run and each event. The team of people can be different for each event meaning no-one has to sign up to sit on the PTFA long term!

If you are interested in supporting one of the events, or have any ideas, please let us know.



We hope to run the following events:

Term 1: Movie night
Term 2: Christmas Fair
Term 3: Movie night
Term 4: Easter Disco
Term 5: The School Walk
Term 6: Summer Fair

Of course, if there are parents or carers who would like to re-establish a PTFA, please do let me know, but this could be a more workable option. Without help, it is likely some of these events will not take place.

NEWS: Election Day!

On Friday, classes and staff will be voting for School Council Representatives for each class. The whole school will also vote for our new School Captain.

Children who wish to be a candidate for a School Council Representative must prepare a short speech to share with their class. For the Year 6 children who wish to be the School Captain, they must prepare a short speech to share with the school on Friday in assembly. Voting will take place after this and the results will be announced by the end of the day or by Monday.

REMINDER: Volunteers

Thank you to those of you who have come forward to volunteer! We would love to have some parent volunteers to support us with some things in school. We are planning to go off-site for Forest School and also book more school trips this year and it would be great to have some extra support for these trips. We would also appreciate anyone who is willing to come in regularly to read with children. If you are happy to help in either of these things, please let us know!

REMINDER: Open Events for Prospective parents and carers (September 2024 start)

We are pleased to share our three open events for prospective parents and carers for Reception Class next year. It would be most appreciated if you can share these dates and information with friends and family too! If you have a child due to start school next September and would like to attend, please email or call the office to book a space.

Thursday 12th October, 1.30pm
Tuesday 7th November, 1.30pm
Tuesday 7th November, 5.00pm

REMINDER: Social Media consent

We are aiming to increase our use of social media. Please ensure you have given consent for your child's picture to be used on our sites. This can be done via Arbor. More importantly, please ensure you have denied consent if this applies to you. Thank you.

2023-2024 Calendar

Every effort will be made to keep these dates in place but please be aware, changes may occur.
Some events are 'to be confirmed' as they are dependent on support/staffing, or dates have not yet been set.
Updates/changes are highlighted.

TERM 1 – 2023/24			
Week	**Day/Date**	**Event**	**Further information**
1	Fri 1st Sept	Staff Development Day 1	
	Mon 4th Sept	**Term 1 begins**	
	4th – 6th Sept	New Little Acorns Home Visits	
	Thurs 7th Sept	New Little Acorns begin	9.30-2.30 on day 1
	Thurs 7th Sept	Kent Test	Some Year 6's only
2		All clubs start this week	
	Wed 13th Sept	Swimming lessons start (5 sessions/5 weeks)	Year 5, PM
	Thurs 14th Sept	Outdoor learning – Young Oaks	On-site
3	Wed 20th Sept	Outdoor learning – Saplings	On-site
	Fri 22nd Sept	Forest School– Mighty Oaks	Off-site
4	Thurs 28th Sept	NHS Flu Immunisations	
	Fri 29th Sept	Forest School– Young Oaks	Off-site
	Fri 29th Sept	Outdoor learning – Mighty Oaks	On-site
	Fri 29th Sept	Coffee Morning	9.00am, All welcome (library)
5	Mon 2nd Oct	Black History Month begins	

	Thurs 5th Oct	Mighty Oaks Class Assembly	9.00am, All welcome (hall)
	Fri 6th Oct	Forest School – Little Acorns	On-site, AM only
	Fri 6th Oct	TBC - FUNDRAISER! Movie Night	3.15 – 5.30pm
6	Tues 10th Oct	Individual School Photos	
	Wed 11th Oct	Forest School – Saplings	Off-site
	Thurs 12th Oct	New Intake Open Afternoon 1	1.30pm, prospective parents -YR '24
	Fri 13th Oct	SEN/D Provision Review Meetings	By Invitation
7	Tues 17th Oct	Parents' Evening Meetings	3.30-6.30, all classes
	Wed 18th Oct	Parents' Evening Meetings	3.30 – 4.30 MO, YO, Saplings
	Thurs 19th Oct	Parents' Evening Meetings	3.30 – 4.30 MO, YO, Saplings
	Wed 18th Oct	Outdoor learning – Little Acorns	On-site, PM only
	Fri 20th Oct	Harvest Festival – St. Mary's Church	9.30am, all welcome
	Fri 20th Oct	**End of Term 1**	

TERM 2 – 2023/24			
Week	**Day/Date**	**Event**	**Further information**
1	Mon 30th Oct	Staff Development Day 2	
	Tues 31st Oct	**Term 2 begins**	
	Wed 1st Nov	Swimming lessons start (5 sessions/5 weeks)	Pupils TBC
2		Clubs start this week	
	Tues 7th Nov	New Intake Open Afternoon 2	1.30pm, prospective parents - YR '24
	Tues 7th Nov	New Intake Open Evening	5.00pm, prospective parents – YR '24
	Wed 8th Nov	Outdoor learning – Young Oaks	On-site
	Fri 10th Nov	Forest School– Mighty Oaks	Off-site
	Fri 24th Nov	TBC - Mrs. Britton's Music Concert	After school, All welcome, (hall)
3	Mon 13th Nov	TBC - Remembrance Assembly	9.00am, All welcome (hall)
	Mon 13th – 17th	Anti-Bullying Week	
	Wed 15th Nov	Outdoor learning – Saplings	On-site
	Fri 17th Nov	Children in Need	
4	Thurs 23rd Nov	Young Oaks Class Assembly	9.00am, All welcome (hall)
	Fri 24th Nov	Forest School– Young Oaks	Off-site
	Fri 24th Nov	Coffee Morning	9.00am, All welcome (library)
5	Wed 29th Nov	Forest School – Saplings	Off-site
	Fri 1st Dec	Outdoor learning – Mighty Oaks	On-site
6	Mon 4th Dec	Carols by Candlelight -Ashford International	Choir – Trust Event
	Wed 6th Dec	Christmas Dinner Day	
	Wed 6th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day	
	Fri 8th Dec	Forest School – Little Acorns	On-site, AM only
	Fri 8th Dec	TBC - FUNDRAISER! Christmas Fair	After-school
7	Mon 11th Dec	Whole school Nativity 1 -	2.00pm, Parents/Carers of LA & Sap
	Tues 12th Dec	Whole school Nativity 2	2.00pm, Parents/Carers of YO only
	Wed 13th Dec	Whole school Nativity 3	2.00pm, Parents/Carers of MO only
	Thurs 14th Dec	TBC - Singing in the village	After-school
	Fri 15th Dec	Christmas Service - St. Mary's Church	9.30am, All welcome

	Fri 15th Dec	End of Term reports issued	
	Fri 15th Dec	**End of Term 2**	

TERM 3 – 2023/24			
Week	**Day/Date**	**Event**	**Further information**
1	**Tues 2nd Jan**	**Term 3 begins**	
2		Clubs start this week	
3	Thurs 18th Jan	Saplings Class Assembly	9.00am, All welcome (hall)
	Fri 19th Jan	TBC – FUNDRAISER! Movie Night	
4	Fri 26th Jan	Coffee Morning	9.00am, All welcome (library)
5	29th Jan - 2nd Feb	Book Fair	
	TBC	SEN/D Provision Review Meetings	By Invitation
6	Tues 6th Feb	Safer Internet Day	
	TBC	Parents' Evening Meetings	
	Fri 9th Feb	**End of Term 3**	
Forest School and Outdoor Learning days will take place as usual this term. Dates TBC nearer the time.			

TERM 4 – 2023/24			
Week	**Day/Date**	**Event**	**Further information**
1	**Mon 19th Feb**	**Term 4 begins**	
	21st – 23rd Feb	Mighty Oaks Residential	3-day residential trip
2		Clubs start this week	
	TBC	TBC - Mrs. Britton's Music Concert	After school, All welcome, (hall)
3	Thurs 7th March	Little Acorns Class Assembly	9.00am, All welcome (hall)
	Thurs 7th March	World Book Day	
4	11th – 15th March	Science Week	
	Fri 15th March	Coffee Morning	9.00am, All welcome (library)
5	Thurs 21st March	Mighty Oaks Class Assembly	9.00am, All welcome (hall)
6	Thurs 28th March	Easter Service – St. Mary's Church	9.30am, All welcome
	Thurs 28th March	TBC – FUNDRAISER! Easter Disco	
	Thurs 28th March	End of Term reports issued	
	Thurs 28th March	**End of Term 4**	
Forest School and Outdoor Learning days will take place as usual this term. Dates TBC nearer the time.			

TERM 5 – 2023/24			
Week	**Day/Date**	**Event**	**Further information**
1	**Mon 15th April**	**Term 5 begins**	
2		Clubs start this week	
3	Thurs 2nd May	Young Oaks Class Assembly	
4	Mon 6th May	Bank Holiday	
5	13th – 16th May	Year 6 SATs	
6	TBC	SEN/D Provision Review Meetings	By Invitation
	Thurs 23rd May	FUNDRAISER! Whole School Walk	
	Thurs 23rd May	**End of Term 5**	
	Fri 24th May	Staff Development Day 3	
Forest School and Outdoor Learning days will take place as usual this term. Dates TBC nearer the time.			

TERM 6 – 2023/24			
Week	**Day/Date**	**Event**	**Further information**
1	**Mon 3rd June**	**Term 6 begins**	
	3rd – 14th June	Year 4 Multiplication Check	

2	w/c 10th June	Year 1 Phonics Screen	
	TBC	Transition begins	
3	Thurs 20th June	Saplings Class Assembly	
	Fri 21st June	World Music Day – Music Concert	
4	Fri 28th June	Sports Day and family picnic	
	Fri 28th June	TBC – FUNDRAISER! Summer Fair	
5	*Fri 5th July*	*Back up Sports day (weather!)*	
6	Fri 12th July	End of Term reports issued	
	TBC	Mighty Oaks Camp Out	
7	Tues 16th July	Mighty Oaks' Show	1.30, school hall
	Wed 17th July	Mighty Oaks' Show	5.00, school hall
	Tues 16th July	Parents' Open Afternoon/Evening	
	Thurs 18th July	Year 6 Leavers' Service - St Mary's Church	2.00pm, Year 6 families welcome
	Fri 19th July	**End of Term 6**	
	Mon 22nd July	Staff Development Day 4	
	Tues 23rd July	Staff Development Day 5	
Forest School and Outdoor Learning days will take place as usual this term. Dates TBC nearer the time.			