Newsletter

Monday 18th September 2023

Upcoming events this week:

- Saplings Outdoor Learning Day – onsite – Wednesday
- Mighty Oaks Forest School – offsite - Friday

IMPORTANT: Parking and safety

End of the day – Please do not park on the front drive of the school at collection time, unless you are accessing the disabled space. This is vital to keep our children safe.

Start of the day – Please utilise the stop and drop facility, unless you are walking in with your child, or arriving early to park safely. Please do not park in front of the field gates.

NEWS: Welcome

Some more new families join us this week! Welcome to Brook and we hope you all settle in well.

HELP! Advertising

We have some leaflets with dates for open events in school. If you can help distribute these within the Ashford community, please come and grab some from the office. Nurseries, pre-schools and community areas would be ideal if you visit any of these places over the course of a week. Many thanks.

INFORMATION: Movie Night Fundraiser!

We would like to hold a Movie Night on Friday 6th October after school. In order to hold this event, we need some help from parents and carers! If you can help with one of the following tasks, please send an email to the office:

- Popcorn
- Drinks
- Supervision at the event

NEWS: Our new School Captain!

On Friday, classes and staff voted for our new School Captain, following hearing the candidates prepared speeches in Assembly. Thank you and well done to all who ran for this role. We are pleased to announce our School Captain is… Zoe!

The role will include attending Senior Leadership Team meetings as an active and strategic team member, leading the school council, supporting at open events and assisting with assemblies.

NEWS: Our School Council Representatives

On Friday each class, along with staff, voted for representatives to sit on the School Council.

We are pleased to share the representatives are:

Saplings: Bibi and Beau
Young Oaks: Isha and Marton
Mighty Oaks: Maya and Immy
Little Acorns: A rep will join the council in January

The first meeting will take place this week, with fortnightly meetings scheduled. The School Council will discuss ideas and make changes at school. The representatives will represent the voice of the classes and children will be encouraged to speak to their representative if they have something they think should be discussed at the meetings.

INFORMATION: Coffee Morning – Masking

Our next coffee morning will take place on Friday 29th September at 9.00 in the library. The focus will be on masking, which is defined as *'to hide or disguise parts of oneself in order to better fit in with those around you.'* It will also be a chance to just have a chat! All parents and carers are welcome to attend.

INFORMATION: Class Assembly

Mighty Oaks will be leading an assembly on Thursday 5th October at 9.00 in the hall. Parents and carers are welcome to attend.

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**
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	
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