A Small School on a Big Adventure

Newsletter

Monday 2nd October 2023

Upcoming events this week:

- Little Acorns Outdoor Learning – onsite – Friday
- Mighty Oaks Assembly – 9.00am Thursday
- Movie Night – Friday evening

UPDATE: Movie Night Fundraiser!

With some very helpful parents and carers offering support for this event, I am pleased to share this will be able to go ahead.

- Friday 6th Oct – This week
- Booking and payment is via Arbor - £3 a ticket
- No need to collect your child at the end of the day if they are booked.
- Please collect at **5.30pm** from the large double gate.
- Children will receive popcorn and a drink as part of the ticket price.
- Children are welcome to bring onesies, a teddy etc. if they would like to
- There will be two movies to choose from:
  - The Spy Next Door (PG rating)
  - Sing (U rating)

School staff will be in attendance with first aid qualifications and DBS checks. Thank you to those of you who have offered help for this!

INFORMATION: Young Minds- wear yellow day!

On Wednesday 11th October (next week) we invite all children and staff to wear yellow (or as close to as possible) to raise money for Young Minds charity. Please donate £1 via Arbor or in cash on the day. The official day for this is Tuesday 10th but this is school photo day!

INFORMATION: Individual School Photos

These are due to take place next Tuesday – 10th October.

REMINDER: Class Assembly

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

NEWS: Coffee Morning

This term our coffee morning welcomed Elouise from Early Help who met with parents and carers. The theme of masking was also discussed and cakes were shared! We hope you found this morning useful and we look forward to hosting the next.

NEWS: Green Gang

Green Gang have been hard at work. You may have noticed some new planters around school which Green Gang created. They have also been sweeping, cleaning and generally making school look lovely!

NEWS: Black History Month

October marks this month and in school we will be having a focus on this over the next few weeks. Although we are passionate about teaching, celebrating and promoting diversity, inclusion and equality in all that we do, all year round, October brings us the chance to 'dig deeper, look closer and think bigger.'

INFORMATION: Wellies and Waterproofs at play

As the weather starts to change, our field becomes very muddy. With such a small playground we want to use the field as much as possible and for as much of the year as possible. We encourage wellies in school so children can use the field. We have some spare and will continue to build up our supplies, but if you can, please send your child in with a pair (named). They can be left in school if you wish.

We also aim to get outside in most weathers. Although children quite like a wet play sometimes, they need to stretch their legs and get fresh air! Please ensure your child has a suitable hooded coat or rain jacket with them each day so they can still go out if it's rainy or cold.

INFORMATION: Christmas Fair

Much as I hate to mention this in early October, we are hoping to hold a fair this year! Initial, informal chats have begun… if you would like to help in any way, please let us know. We will generate a list of volunteers as a starting point.

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**
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	FUNDRAISER! Movie Night	3.15 – 5.30pm
6	Tues 10th Oct	Individual School Photos	
	Wed 11th Oct	Forest School – Saplings Wear Yellow Day for Young Minds	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**	
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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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