

Newsletter

Monday 9th October 2023

Upcoming events this week:

- Individual and siblings school photos
- Saplings Forest School – offsite - Wednesday
- Wear Yellow day for Young Minds charity - Wednesday

INFORMATION: Costume Sale – Thursday 19th and Friday 20th October

On the last couple of days of this term, we will be holding a costume shop – just in time for Halloween! Please send in any pre-loved costumes and we will organise these for the stall. This is a great opportunity to save money on new costumes and also support the planet by limiting waste.



REMINDER: 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: Teaching Assistant Advert

We currently have a vacancy for a TA to strengthen support in KS2. This is being advertised through Kent Teach: <https://www.kent-teach.com/Recruitment/Vacancy/VacancyDetails.aspx?VacancyId=123922>

NEWS: Volunteer Readers

We have a keen group of volunteers who will be coming in to support reading across the school. These are a mix of parents, governors and local people who have supported in the past. All volunteers are DBS checked prior to starting to work with us. Thank you all very much for your help!



INFORMATION: PTFA – Friends of Brook School

I am so very grateful to all of you who have come forward with great ideas and support to provide some great activities for the children as well as fundraise!

Katy Pope has offered to take on to lead a PTFA so all these ideas and events can be organised. Thank you, Katy!

Katy will share details of a meeting soon but even if you cannot attend a meeting, this doesn't stop you from taking part. All offers of help, however big or small, will be well received!

With this development, we will be able to proceed with a Christmas Fair as well as other events throughout the year.

INFORMATION: Open Afternoon – New Year R

On Thursday, we are holding the first of our Open Afternoons for prospective new parents for Year R next year. We have a further couple to run too. Some of our School Council reps as well as our School Captain will help with tours and presenting information.

If there are any parents or carers who would be happy to give half an hour of time on Thursday afternoon to talk informally to prospective parents about Brook, please let me know!



IMPORTANT: Parents' Evening and SEN/D Reviews

Next week we will hold our first Parents' Evening. Booking slots will be released soon via Arbor. The meetings are a chance to talk to your child's teacher and have a look through some work.

Parents and carers of children with SEN/D have also been invited to attend a provision review meeting, which take place this week on Friday.

THANK YOU: Movie Night Fundraiser!

Grateful thanks to the parents and carers who supported our Movie Night. We raised £140 to add to our funds for playground markings!



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 2 nd Oct	Black History Month begins	
6	Tues 10 th Oct	Individual School Photos	
	Wed 11 th Oct	Forest School – Saplings	Off-site
		Wear Yellow Day for Young Minds	
	Thurs 12 th Oct	New Intake Open Afternoon 1	1.30pm, prospective parents -YR '24
	Fri 13 th Oct	SEN/D Provision Review Meetings	By Invitation
7	Tues 17 th Oct	Parents' Evening Meetings	3.30-6.30, all classes
	Wed 18 th Oct	Parents' Evening Meetings	3.30 – 4.30 MO, YO, Saplings
	Thurs 19 th Oct	Parents' Evening Meetings	3.30 – 4.30 MO, YO, Saplings
	Wed 18 th Oct	Outdoor learning – Little Acorns	On-site, PM only
	Thurs and Fri	Preloved costume sale	After school
	Fri 20 th 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 30 th Oct	Staff Development Day 2	
	Tues 31st Oct	Term 2 begins	
	Wed 1 st Nov	Swimming lessons start (5 sessions/5 weeks)	Pupils TBC
2		Clubs start this week	
	Tues 7 th Nov	New Intake Open Afternoon 2	1.30pm, prospective parents - YR '24
	Tues 7 th Nov	New Intake Open Evening	5.00pm, prospective parents – YR '24
	Wed 8 th Nov	Outdoor learning – Young Oaks	On-site
	Fri 10 th Nov	Forest School– Mighty Oaks	Off-site
	Fri 24 th Nov	TBC - Mrs. Britton's Music Concert	After school, All welcome, (hall)
3	Mon 13 th Nov	TBC - Remembrance Assembly	9.00am, All welcome (hall)
	Mon 13 th – 17 th	Anti-Bullying Week	
	Wed 15 th Nov	Outdoor learning – Saplings	On-site
	Fri 17 th Nov	Children in Need	
4	Thurs 23 rd Nov	Young Oaks Class Assembly	9.00am, All welcome (hall)
	Fri 24 th Nov	Forest School– Young Oaks	Off-site
	Fri 24 th Nov	Coffee Morning	9.00am, All welcome (library)
5	Wed 29 th Nov	Forest School – Saplings	Off-site
	Fri 1 st Dec	Outdoor learning – Mighty Oaks	On-site
6	Mon 4 th Dec	Carols by Candlelight -Ashford International	Choir – Trust Event
	Wed 6 th Dec	Christmas Dinner Day	
	Wed 6 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day	
	Fri 8 th Dec	Forest School – Little Acorns	On-site, AM only
	Fri 8 th Dec	TBC - FUNDRAISER! Christmas Fair	After-school
7	Mon 11 th Dec	Whole school Nativity 1 -	2.00pm, Parents/Carers of LA & Sap
	Tues 12 th Dec	Whole school Nativity 2	2.00pm, Parents/Carers of YO only
	Wed 13 th Dec	Whole school Nativity 3	2.00pm, Parents/Carers of MO only
	Thurs 14 th Dec	TBC - Singing in the village	After-school
	Fri 15 th Dec	Christmas Service - St. Mary's Church	9.30am, All welcome
	Fri 15 th 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 18 th Jan	Saplings Class Assembly	9.00am, All welcome (hall)
	Fri 19 th Jan	TBC – FUNDRAISER! Movie Night	
4	Fri 26 th Jan	Coffee Morning	9.00am, All welcome (library)
5	29 th Jan - 2 nd Feb	Book Fair	
	TBC	SEN/D Provision Review Meetings	By Invitation
6	Tues 6 th Feb	Safer Internet Day	
	TBC	Parents' Evening Meetings	
	Fri 9th Feb	End of Term 3	

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TERM 4 – 2023/24

Week	Day/Date	Event	Further information
1	Mon 19th Feb	Term 4 begins	
	21 st – 23 rd 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 7 th March	Little Acorns Class Assembly	9.00am, All welcome (hall)
	Thurs 7 th March	World Book Day	
4	11 th – 15 th March	Science Week	
	Fri 15 th March	Coffee Morning	9.00am, All welcome (library)
5	Thurs 21 st March	Mighty Oaks Class Assembly	9.00am, All welcome (hall)
6	Thurs 28 th March	Easter Service – St. Mary's Church	9.30am, All welcome
	Thurs 28 th March	TBC – FUNDRAISER! Easter Disco	
	Thurs 28 th 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 2 nd May	Young Oaks Class Assembly	
4	Mon 6 th May	Bank Holiday	
5	13 th – 16 th May	Year 6 SATs	
6	TBC	SEN/D Provision Review Meetings	By Invitation
	Thurs 23 rd May	FUNDRAISER! Whole School Walk	
	Thurs 23rd May	End of Term 5	
	Fri 24 th May	Staff Development Day 3	

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TERM 6 – 2023/24

Week	Day/Date	Event	Further information
1	Mon 3rd June	Term 6 begins	
	3 rd – 14 th June	Year 4 Multiplication Check	
2	w/c 10 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screen	
	TBC	Transition begins	
3	Thurs 20 th June	Saplings Class Assembly	
	Fri 21 st June	World Music Day – Music Concert	
4	Fri 28 th June	Sports Day and family picnic	
	Fri 28 th June	TBC – FUNDRAISER! Summer Fair	
5	<i>Fri 5th July</i>	<i>Back up Sports day (weather!)</i>	
6	Fri 12 th July	End of Term reports issued	
	TBC	Mighty Oaks Camp Out	
7	Tues 16 th July	Mighty Oaks' Show	1.30, school hall
	Wed 17 th July	Mighty Oaks' Show	5.00, school hall
	Tues 16 th July	Parents' Open Afternoon/Evening	
	Thurs 18 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Service - St Mary's Church	2.00pm, Year 6 families welcome
	Fri 19th July	End of Term 6	
	Mon 22 nd July	Staff Development Day 4	
	Tues 23 rd July	Staff Development Day 5	

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