



The Oaks Learning Federation

Newsletter Autumn 1 2023



Our School Vision



Connected through the values of love, respect and compassion. Three separate schools, we journey together to grow physically, spiritually, emotionally and intellectually, so that everyone can fulfil their potential. We strive to preserve the wonder of childhood, whilst ensuring our children are future ready.

“Be strong and of good courage, do not be afraid nor be dismayed for the lord your God is with you wherever you go” Joshua 1:9

A Message from Mr Bowen

A warm welcome to all our new families. We are well and truly back into the swing of school and our new starters are now all in together. As always in reception, the children are learning about new routines, social skills and discovering that you have to come back to school every day (This is always a bit of shock for some children!)

Our new classes have all settled into new routines and our Lead Learning Partner, from the Local Authority has already visited two of our schools and commented how well the children are settling in their new classes.

Our Vision in action

Connected through the values of love, respect and compassion.

Change of details

As always, lots can happen over the Summer. If you have any change of details including address or contact information, please do let the office team know. This is really important in order for us to make contact in an emergency and to also check that all is well - if you and your child do not arrive at school. If you know your child is not going to be at school for any reason, please do let us know. When a child does not arrive at school and we cannot make contact, we assume that help may be needed. Already this year, we have made several house calls to check that everyone is safe (they have been).

Parent Mail

As you will know, the majority of our communication is via parent mail – if someone you know is having issues with their account (meaning that they are not receiving this letter) please direct them to the school office, so we can help sort it out.

Dates

As always, there is a plethora of events planned and key dates for your diary. Please see the diary section at the end of the newsletter.

We strive to preserve the wonder of childhood, whilst ensuring our children are future ready.

Parents Forum

We are really keen to hear from you, as parents, about how your child is getting on in school. We will be running a parents' forum to listen to questions and concerns, in order to productively continue building on the work we do at school. The key questions we will be discussing are:

What is going well?

What do we need to think about more?

What is missing for your child?

Have you got any great ideas which would enhance our school?

As always, if there are specific concerns relating directly to your individual child, it is important to raise these with your class teacher first, in order to work things through together.

As always, all parents are able to attend any forum.

Dates:

Thursday 2nd November 9.00am @ Netley Marsh

Monday 6th November, 9.00 am @ Copythorne

Wednesday 8th November, 9.00am @ Saint Michael and All Angels.

We will be running other forums, at different times over the year and publish more dates in our next news letter!

“Be strong and of good courage, do not be afraid nor be dismayed for the lord your God is with you wherever you go” Joshua 1:9

Volunteering in School

Each Year we have a host of fabulous volunteers, who offer to come into school to support teaching and learning. This can provide a great insight into the school workings, provide experience for applying for work in schools and make a huge difference to our children. As a volunteer, you are seen as a trusted adult and as a result, we ask for all interested to read through our key policies and undertake safeguarding training, to ensure that all are aware of their responsibilities when working in our schools with children.

This is not needed for helping out on trips, which are often 'one-off' and classed as unregulated activity where the teacher continually oversees supervision of the class. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer or for more information please see our website:

<https://www.oakscelearningfederation.co.uk/volunteers-helpers/>

Pupil Premium

Your child may be entitled to a sum of money, paid to the school, with the aim to boost their learning. This money is used by the school, to fund provisions with the aim of helping children in receipt of the pupil premium funding reach their best potential. If you receive any of the following benefits you may be eligible:

Universal credit (provided you have a net income of £7400 or less)

Income support

- Income-based jobseekers' allowance
- Income-related employment and support allowance
- Support under Part IV of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of state pension credit
- Child tax credit, provided that you are not also entitled to working tax credit and have an annual gross income of £16,190 or less

There are many benefits to your child receiving pupil premium benefits, including free uniform items, funding for school trips and subscription to online learning platforms. For a more comprehensive break down of how the federation spends this money, please see the pupil premium strategy, published on the website. If you have any further questions, please speak with the school office team. They will be able to help you apply, or you can apply directly via the attached link and school will get notified if you are eligible:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/freeschoolmeals/juniorsecondary>

Sickness

It is that time again when sickness bugs are common, please can we remind you that you are required to keep your child home from school for 48 hours following the last bout of sickness or diarrhea.

The local authority have a list on their website of common illnesses and conditions from conjunctivitis to head lice, as well as symptoms such as a high temperature and a sore throat and what these might mean. There is advice about what to do and when a child should return to education after being treated.

<https://www.what0-18.nhs.uk/parentscarers/worried-your-child-unwell>

Reminders

Please remember your child should bring a **coat** to school each day, a named water bottle and their bookbag. Can we also reminder parents that toys and other items from home should not be brought into school, these can become a big distraction and we cannot guarantee that special items will not get lost or broken.

Term dates

A copy of the Hampshire school term dates can be found by clicking [here](#)

Open days

We are holding a number of open days for prospective parents of children starting school in September 2024.

If you, or someone you know are interested in looking around our school/s click on the links below for forthcoming dates.

[Copythorne](#)

[Netley Marsh](#)

[St Michael & All Angels](#)

Dates for your diary

For a copy of Copythorne diary dates click [here](#)

For a copy of Netley Marsh diary dates click [here](#)

For a copy of St Michael & All Angels diary dates click [here](#)

Term Dates for 2023/ 24

TERM	FROM	TO
Autumn Term 2023	4 September 2023	15 December 2023
	Half term 23 October—27 October	
Spring term 2024	2 January 2024	28 March 2024
	Half Term 12 February—16 February 2024	
Summer 2024	15 April 2024	23 July 2024
	Half term 27 May—31 May 2024	
Inset Days School Closed	Monday 30th October 2023 Monday 20th November 2023 Friday 9th February 2024 Monday 24th June 2024	

