



# The Oaks Learning Federation Newsletter Spring 1 2024



## Our School Vision

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## A Message from Mr Bowen

Another half term has whizzed by! Easter is on the Horizon, the days are getting longer and the weather is as unpredictable as ever so please remember to send your child to school with a suitable coat as we do like to get outside as much as we can.

## Our Vision in action

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## Inter-Fed Dodgeball competitions

On Monday 5th & Tuesday 6th February the children took part in the Inter-Fed Dodgeball competition, both games were very energetic and exciting and the children worked hard in their preparation practice sessions with ACE Sports.

We are excited to announce that the winners of the cups this time were:

Year 1 - Netley Marsh

Year 2 - St Michael & All Angels

Well done everyone !

## Swimming lessons

We are delighted to report that we will again be funding swimming lessons for Year 1 and Year 2 children across the federation. Bumblee Class (Netley Marsh) and Hedgehog Class (Copythorne) will be starting lessons in April and Otters (STMAA), Butterflies (Netley Marsh) and Badgers (Copythorne) will follow in the summer term, more information will be sent out in due course.

## Parents Evenings

Parent consultations will take place on **Monday 25th March and Wednesday 27th March**. All meetings will take place face to face with your child's teacher and bookings will open via the Parentmail app on Friday 23rd February. We will inform you in advance when this goes live. As always, if you have a concern about your child, please do not wait until parent consultations meetings, please contact your child's teacher or email the school office with any concerns.

## Parent consultation on school opening times September 2024

Thank you to all of those who replied to the parent consultation regarding the DfE request that all schools in England ensure they run at least a 32 hour and 30 minute week from September 2024.

We are still in the consultation stage and are now discussing with staff, we will write again with an update within the next couple of months.

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## Compassion UK

As part of our ongoing improvement plans, we will continue a section on courageous advocacy - making a positive difference, and will be working on making a difference locally, nationally and globally.

At a national level - we will be looking to maintain previous years' work on extending national events such as comic relief and Children in Need. We will be looking for ideas to make a difference locally, please let us know if you have any suggestions.

At a global level we have sponsored a child in Rwanda via the charity 'Compassion' to attend school and get an education. Following Mr Bowen's visit to Rwanda he showed our pupils photos and films to help explain just how different the lives of the children he met were from their own as well as the similarities.

Child sponsorship with Compassion is an opportunity to come alongside a local church, and together, bring hope and lasting change to a child in poverty

The child we have sponsored is a 5 year old boy named Ellisa, He enjoys maths and football and his dream is to become a teacher. His favourite bible verse is John 3:16 "For god so loved the world".

We have already received a letter from Ellisa which we will be sharing over the next few weeks and we are looking forward to writing back to him to let him know more about us.

The children at Copythorne have already raised funds to help sponsor Ellisa by selling homemade cookies and the School Council have been thinking about other events.

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### World Thinking day

World Thinking Day is a celebration of ten million girls worldwide that has taken place on every 22nd February since 1926. It remains a day for all Guides and Girl Scouts to think of each other and celebrate their sisters all around the world. One of the traditions of Thinking Day is that members of the Guiding movement wear their uniforms to school to show others that they are part of the movement. Therefore, if your daughter is a member of Rainbows or Brownies they are invited to come to school in their uniform on **Thursday 22nd February**.

### World Book Day

World book day takes place on **Thursday 8th March**, we are celebrating this event across the federation by inviting children to come to school dressed up as a character from a Traditional Tale and bring with them the storybook their character is from so that they can share their story with a friend. Please do not feel you need to spend a lot of money (or any!) on a costume, we love seeing the creativity of the children so something simple to depict a character would be great! We are looking forward to engaging in lots of exciting and creative activities on the day!

### 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	Friday 9th February 2024 Monday 24th June 2024	