



# The Oaks Learning Federation Newsletter Summer 1 2023



## Our School Vision

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## A Message from Mr Bowen

A warm welcome to the final half term of this academic year! This half term is always one of excitement and, for some apprehension. There is still lots of learning to happen for everyone and our teachers are busy planning to ensure that next steps in learning are being identified, as well as reflecting on each child's progress throughout this year, as they begin writing each child's individual end of year report.

## Our Vision in action

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## Sports Day Competitions

We hope, for those who were able to attend, that you enjoyed our Inter Federation sports days! For our families, who have been with us for a while, you will know that it was the first year we have extended our Federation sports day to Reception, which was held at Netley Marsh. As this was our first time of planning this event, we are keen to hear any feedback, which we will be able to reflect upon for next year. If you have any constructive suggestions, comments and thoughts, please email them to the school office, or mention to your child's class teacher, so that we can continue to plan similar exciting opportunities for our pupils.

## Year 2 Swimming

Year 2 will be starting swimming lessons after the half term break. The first session is on Thursday 8th June and runs every Thursday until Thursday 13th July. However, please note that on Thursday 6th July the children will be going to Bartley for their move up morning, so that weeks swimming session will take place on Tuesday 4th July. The swimming sessions are funded through the PE premium fund, therefore there is no cost to parents.

## Team Spirit

Team Spirit will be asking parents to sign up their children to clubs for next half term. Remember to sign up via the website <https://teamspirit4sport.co.uk/team-spirit-4-sport/>

## Parents Forum

You will have seen our letter regarding our evolving approach to teaching and learning and hopefully had a chance to have read the information within the letter and undertake some of your own research. There will be a parents forum held on Monday 5th June at Lyndhurst @ 2.30pm, Tuesday 6th June at Netley Marsh @ 9.00am, Wednesday 7th June at Copythorne @6.30pm. At these meetings we intend to run through the content already communicated and invite questions and considerations to help with our thinking as well as your own, to ensure that every child continues to move forward with their learning. We will also be looking to run some virtual sessions afterschool during the first week back more details to follow.

## School Places

We have been very excited to meet our new (and returning) families, as they bring in their information and accept offered school places. Across all of our schools, we still have a few places available and, sadly for us, have a few families relocating away from our local area. As always, we do accept children from outside of our catchment areas when there is space. We are always happy to show people around and should you know anyone who is still looking for school places – either from within or outside any of our school catchment areas, then please do suggest that they get in contact with our fantastic admin teams.

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## Getting ready for Year 3

Next term we will begin to prepare the children for transitions. If your child is starting a new school, they will now be sending you information regarding transition. We would ask that any children not attending Bartley to please let the school office know when your child's transition days are. For Year R and Year 1, they will be spending the morning working with their new classes on Wednesday 5th July and Thursday 6th July.

This term is always a term of change as we look forward to welcoming new starters in September as well as preparing our children for the next step in their education. We will be starting our induction for new starters over the coming weeks and for those in Year 2, we will be talking more about the children's next learning chapters, including talking about making new friends and meeting new people.

## Phonics Checks

Returning to school after half term, we will be holding 'Art's week', where we will be learning about a range of artists, styles and getting very creative!

During this week, teachers in Year's 1 and 2 will also be facilitating the National Phonics Screening Check. This is done with the class teacher on a 1:1 basis. All children in Year 1 and those, in Year 2 (who did not meet the expected score last year) will also take the test. Teachers will write to you in the weeks following the test to let you know your child results. The phonics check is kept 'low key' and the children will have had a practice at previous challenges, before seeing the latest materials. For the majority of the children, they do not know that they have taken a test and the teachers are well equipped to ensure that children do not feel any worry about this.

If you would like any assistance on practicing phonics at home, please remember that reading eggs is a great resource to use. There are also multiple games on our website - click [here](#) or you could organise to discuss this further with your class teacher.

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## Staffing Changes

As anyone who works in school will know, the summer term is a key time for schools looking at staffing for next year. We have a number of joiners and leavers across our schools and we will keep you posted on new joiners as and when they happen.

We recently recruited an excellent new TA, Mrs Morton who will be working 2 days a week in Reception. Mrs Morton comes with a wealth of experience of working with children and we are really excited to welcome her to Copythorne.

Miss Goodey Year R teacher at Copythorne has successfully secured a new position at Sherbourne House, and we wish her well.

Mrs Sharrot, TA at Netley Marsh, (following a competitive interview process), has been successful in securing the role of class TA in Quail class, replacing Mrs Jarvis (who recently left) at Netley Marsh.

We also say goodbye to Mrs Greenall Year R teacher at Netley Marsh who will be leaving us after half term. We wish her every success and best wishes for her future endeavours. Mrs Donaldson will be teaching Quail class for the remainder of the year, Mrs Donaldson is familiar with the children and the school having previously taught the class in Mrs Greenall's absence.

## Lunchtime Staff

We are looking for extra support at Lunchtimes at Copythorne, if working with us as a Lunchtime supervisor interests you, please have a look at the Hampshire Jobs website or talk to our admin team in the office. Working at Lunchtimes can be incredibly rewarding and offering a great insight into school working, especially for those who are interested in pursuing further work in schools.

## Parent Teacher Associations

We have very successful PTA's at all our schools, who tirelessly raise money which provides substantial additional funds for our schools. However, our PTA's are always looking for additional helpers for fundraising events, big and small, so if you think you would be available to help at any of our forthcoming events please contact the school office.

## Term Dates for 2023/ 24

Summer Term 2	Monday 5th June 2023	Friday 21st July 2023
Inset Days School Closed	Monday 26th June 2023 Friday 1st September 2023 Friday 20th October 2023 Monday 30th November 2023 Friday 9th February 2024 Monday 24th June 2024	



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

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

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