

16th October 2020



Dear Parents,

I know I say it a lot, but what a busy week! This week we have had someone in filming the school, the grounds and some of the children so that we can have a welcome video on our website. Primarily it is for prospective parents for children starting in September 2021 (yes we are already planning for next year!), but I am sure that you and your children will enjoy viewing it as well. It should be done by half term. Very exciting!

Talking of half term, there are rumblings of 'circuit breakers', extended half terms etc. As with previous lock down measures, I don't get any information prior to announcements by the PM. Although like many of you I have my fingers firmly crossed that we will reopen as planned after a restful half term with all the children returning together.

Forest School

We are very pleased to be able to announce that we are able to restart Forest School. Due to various complications (as you can imagine at the moment!), teachers will be running their own outdoor learning day in the Forest School area.

We have always highly valued the opportunities for the children to be outside, learning about nature, conservation, team work and respect. Now more than ever we want the children to be out doors - foraging around, building shelters, finding bugs and listening to the birds. We won't be able to have a fire but we will find a way to keep the hot chocolate tradition going.



Spotlight on Safeguarding

There are many on line resources to help parents and schools educate young children about on line safety, and choosing a 'good' one can in itself be a bit of a maze.

We often use resources linked to Ceop (child Exploitation and online Protection). It sounds ominous but it is just a trusted site.

Follow this [link](#) and scroll down to find information specific to your child's age under 'Looking for further information'.

Or follow this [link](#) to find the Jessie and Friends short videos and ideas to help parents talk to their very young children about keeping safe on line.



Forest School Dates

Monday 19th October	Year 6
Tuesday 20th October	Year 2
Wednesday 21st October	Year 4
Thursday 22nd October	Year 1
Thursday 22nd October	Year 3
Friday 23rd October	Year 5

On your child's Forest School day, they may come to school in warm, old, outdoor clothes that you do not mind getting wet and dirty.

Please make sure they have wellies in school.

Home Learning

We want to reassure you that if your child has to self-isolate but is not showing signs of Covid we will provide Home Learning for the duration of their time off school.

This will be emailed to you with all the expectations and information that you need. We will encourage you to send in your child's learning so that their teacher can provide support and feedback.

The Home Learning provided will reflect the same skills and learning intentions that are being taught in their class that week. We have chosen to use a combination of sites including Oak Academy, Bitesize and WhiteRose.



Stanley's Blog

I have been out and about this week doing my jobs, playground duty and saying hi to some of the juniors. I was filmed for the school video, it was a bit boring just sitting still but I did have a lot of treats that day. I also make sure I eat my vegetable snack every day. This week was carrots, I also like broccoli (just the stem bit) but mushrooms are not good.



General dates

21st October	School Photos
31st October	Closing date for Secondary School applications
3rd November	Flu Vaccinations

INSET days for this Academic Year

Monday 4th January 2021

Monday 22nd February

Monday 19th April

Half Term / End of Term Holidays 2020/21

Half Term **October 26th—30th 2020**

End of Term **Friday 18th December 2020**

Christmas Holidays **December 21st—1st January 2021**

Half Term **February 15th—19th 2021**

End of Term **Thursday 1st April 2021**

Easter Holidays **April 2nd—16th 2021**

Half Term **Monday 31st May—4th June 2021**

End of Term **Friday 23rd July 2021**



The winning house this week
is...

Brewhurst

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CHILDREN WHO RECEIVED A CELEBRATION CERTIFICATE

Oak Class Charlotte for Aspiration and Lola for Commitment

Willow Class Hugo for Enthusiasm and Flynn for Concentration

Rowan Class Libby for Attitude and Harrison for Enthusiasm

Sycamore Class Lily-May for Enthusiasm and Max for Motivation

Mulberry Class Hannah for Consistency and Dominic for Confidence

Chestnut Class Gabriella for Dedication and Sophie for Leadership