

'Great oaks from little acorns grow'
Autumn term (1) 2017 – Week 1

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the autumn term, after what we hope was an enjoyable and relaxing summer holiday. We look forward to working with you and your children over the next academic year. It was great for all the staff to be met by so many smiling faces (despite the rain) on Tuesday morning. The day was filled with sharing their tales of holiday journeys and adventures with new and old friends – a lovely, heart-warming day. A special welcome to our new children in Acorn Class & their families and of course their teacher, Miss Gee.



"The children have all settled in superbly and have made a great start to their school life. It's been so lovely to see the smiles as they enter school each day this week. Please do not hesitate to pop in, or pick up the phone if you have any concerns at all. We are committed to ensuring that every child has a positive start to their school life." – Miss Gee



PE lessons...

PE takes place, led by Mrs Townson, on the following days:

Tuesday (pm): Oak Class

Wednesday (pm): Acorn Class

Thursday (pm): Beech Class

Indoor & outdoor PE kits are required, with both plimsolls and outdoor trainers. Please can your child's kit be in school on the above days and all week.



Forest Schools...

Forest Schools will start again next week. The first half term sessions will be for Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 pupils.

Sessions for KS2 pupils will take place after half-term.

Forest Schools takes place no matter what the weather so please send your child with their wellington boots & waterproofs every week. These sessions are very 'hands on' and the children can get muddy so the children's clothes shouldn't be their best. ☺

Please see overleaf for more details



We're all grown up...

Our two little chicks from the Summer Term have certainly put on a growth spurt over the Summer! They have settled in well with our other three hens and duck for one big happy family!

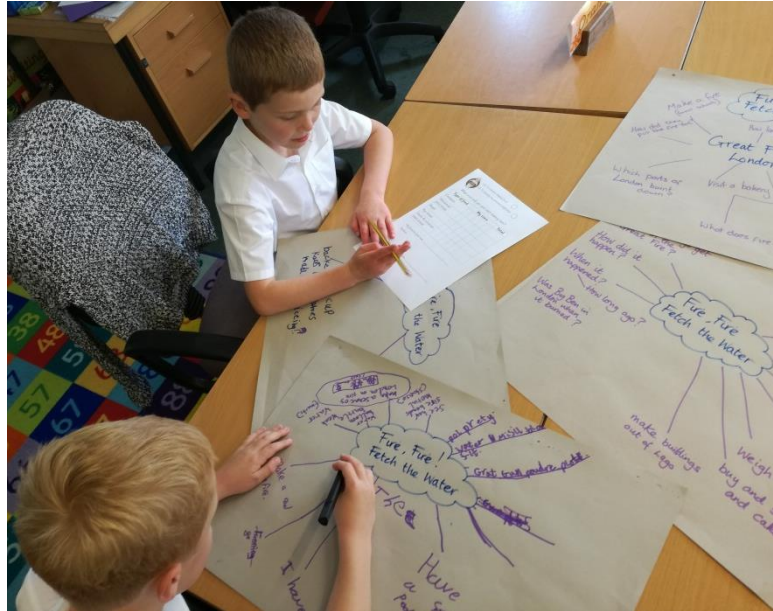
Thank you very much to the Harris' and Leapfrogs for looking after them over the holidays.

Creative Curriculum

This week the children have been introduced to their new topics!

Acorn Class: *Marvellous Me*

Beech Class: *Fire, Fire! Fetch the Water!*



Oak Class: *Space, The Final Frontier!*



Curriculum information letters for each class, with details about our topics (which the children have been involved in planning) will be coming home in your child's reading wallets next week.



PTFA Meeting...

The PTFA will be holding their first meeting of the term on Wednesday 20th September at 6.30pm in school - all parents welcome.

FOREST SCHOOL



This year the children will be organised into KS1 (Reception, Year 1 & 2) and KS2 (Year 3, 4, 5 & 6) groups, and split equally over the two half terms, with the timetable being as follows:



Autumn (1)	
Friday 8 th September	No Forest Schools
Friday 15 th September	Session 1 – KS1
Friday 22 nd September	Session 2 – KS1
Friday 29 th September	Session 3 – KS1
Friday 6 th October	Session 4 – KS1
Friday 13 th October	Session 5 – KS1
Friday 20 th October	Session 6 – KS1
Half-Term	

Autumn (2)	
Friday 3 rd November	Session 1 – KS2
Friday 10 th November	Session 2 – KS2
Friday 17 th November	Session 3 – KS2
Friday 24 th November	Session 4 – KS2
Friday 1 st December	Session 5 – KS2
Friday 8 th December	Session 6 – KS2
Friday 15 th November	No Forest Schools
Christmas Holidays	

On Forest School days:

- The children wear their **school uniform** to school.
- Have their Forest School clothes & footwear in a bag or rucksack to change into prior to the session.
- Children will change into their Forest School clothes before lunch & the afternoon session.
- The children will not change back into school clothes after the session and so will come home in their Forest School clothes, with their school uniform in their bag.

Clothes needed for Forest School:

Please use old clothes and let your child know that they CAN GET DIRTY! ☺	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warm, water proof jacket/coat • warm trousers • waterproof trousers (if possible) • jumper / sweatshirt • long sleeved top 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • spare socks • wellingtons, sturdy waterproof outdoor boots / trainers • scarf, hat and gloves for cold, wet days

Dates for Your Diary - Autumn Term (1)



Monday 11th	PE Club begins – 3:15-4:15pm – Session 1
Tuesday 12th	Art Club and Board Games Club begins - 3:15-4:15pm – Session 1
Wednesday 13th	Music lessons with Mr. Jones and Recorders with Mrs. Fox begins (pm)
Thursday 14th	Pupil photos with Tempest Photography (am)
Friday 15th	Forest Schools – Reception & KS1: Session 1
Friday 22nd	Forest Schools – Reception & KS1: Session 2
Friday 29th	Forest Schools – Reception & KS1: Session 3



Wednesday 4th	am - Harvest Festival (in Christchurch) followed by Macmillan Coffee Morning (in school hall) – details to follow
Friday 6th	Forest Schools – Reception & KS1: Session 4
Friday 13th	Forest Schools – Reception & KS1: Session 5
Wednesday 18th	Open Day – details to follow
Friday 20th	Forest Schools – Reception & KS1: Session 6

Monday 23rd – Friday 27th Half Term



Friday 3rd	Forest Schools – KS2: Session 1
Friday 10th	Forest Schools – KS2: Session 2
Tuesday 14th	Governors meeting – 6.15pm



Friday 15th	End of Term – 2pm finish
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