



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

Welcome back (and welcome to our new parents) to the start of a new academic year. It has been great to see how all our children have settled in to school routines, building friendships and continuing with their learning journeys.

Dates

As always, there is a plethora of events planned. – We have attached the dates (we know so far) as a separate list.

Change of details

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 (in the eventuality that 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 are not able to contact you, we will assume that help may be needed. This has been the first year, in a long time, that we have not needed to make house calls to check on anyone’s wellbeing, so a big “thank-you” from the school staff, for your great communication.

Parent Mail

As you will know, the majority of our communication is via Parent-Mail. If you know that a friend 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.

Family worship

Rev John (Netley Marsh and Copythorne) and Rev David (Lyndhurst) will be leading our regular family worship this term. All are invited and welcome to attend.

Our new children in Reception, will not attend family worship until after our ‘Welcome to school’ service has taken place. This is a service led by our resident vicars, where the children will be given a bible story to keep, to mark the start of their school careers. All parents of Reception children are invited to attend this service. Dates and time for these services will be on our attached sheet of dates.

Family worship times

Netley Marsh Family worship – First Wednesday of each Month – starting 2nd October (School Hall) (9am)

Copythorne Family Worship – Third Wednesday of each Month – Starting 18th September (9am)

St Michael and All Angels Family Worship – First Thursday of each Month Starting 3rd October (2.30pm)

Parent Forums

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/topics we will be discussing are:

What has been actioned as a result of previous forums?

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?

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 through concerns together.

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

Dates:

Wednesday 6th November 8.45am @ Saint Michael and All Angels.

Thursday 7th November, 8.45am @ Copythorne

Friday 8th November, 2.30am @ Netley Marsh

We will be running other forums over the year, at different times and we will publish more dates in our next newsletter.

Pupil Premium

Your child may be entitled to a sum of money, paid to the school, with the aim of boosting their learning. This money is used, by the school, to fund provisions, in order to help 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 the school will get notified if you are eligible:

<https://www.oakscelearningfederation.co.uk/pupil-premium-funding/>

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 school working, 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 anyone interested in becoming a volunteer, 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 a 'one-off' and therefore classed as unregulated activity, where the teacher continually oversees supervision of the class. For more information please see our website:

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

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](#)