



The Oaks Learning Federation

Newsletter Summer 2 2024



Our School Vision



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A Message from Mr Bowen

Dare I say, the Sun has started to make an appearance! This hopefully means that Summer has arrived and hopefully the shorts and t-shirts can come back out of the wardrobe. As you will all know, the Summer term is a very busy term, with lots of fun and excitement happening and I am thoroughly looking forward to see where everyone's learning takes them next!.

Our Vision in action

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Inter-Fed Sports Competitions

Throughout the week beginning 20th May, various Sports competitions have taken place. These are an opportunity for all the children to engage in shared experiences and to meet the other children who most will meet as they transition through education lives.

We are thrilled to say the champion school for Year 2 was **Netley Marsh**.

The champion school for Year 1 was **St Michael & All Angels**.

Well done everyone!

Unfortunately, due to the weather the Year R sports day was postponed we will let you know the new date as soon as possible.

Swimming lessons

Swimming lessons will continue for Year 1 and Year 2, across the federation. Butterfly Class (Netley Marsh), Badger Class (Copythorne) and Otter Class and Year 1 children from Dragonfly class (Lyndhurst) will be starting their lessons next half term . A more detailed letter will have already been sent detailing this from Mr Noble, our PE Lead Teacher.

School Pupil Reports

This term, teachers will be busy writing school reports . These will be sent out to parents by mid July. An opportunity to discuss further with class teacher will follow, (for those who would like to ask more questions about their child's reports). As always though, we would urge any parent to ask for a meeting at anytime, if you have any concerns about your child's progress.

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As we enter the Summer term , we will begin to start talking to the children about next year. Already teachers will be making sure that they are visiting each others classes and we will be continuing our ongoing work around building relationships and making friends. As a teaching team, we have been thinking a lot about transition. For those children moving to Bartley, information will have already been shared with you and for those moving to other settings, your child's new school will be in contact, if they have not already done so.

Starting the week beginning 10th June, the children will begin talking about new classes and new groups of friends and also be painting pebbles to present to new children starting school. Changes and transitions will be the focus of our circle time lessons, which will create opportunities for children to talk about how they are feeling.

Teachers have been looking at friendships and groupings for the current Year R children and we will write to both parents and children about their new teachers during this time.

Following this, we will be sending letters and organising opportunities for children to meet their new teachers (where there is a change in teacher) and for children to meet anyone new joining their class.

4th and 5th July will be move up days, where children will be working in their new class groupings.

Art Week

The theme of Art week this year is 'anyone can be an artist' We will be basing activities around the book 'The Dot' By Peter Reynolds. The moral of the story is that anyone can be an artist, just make a mark and see where it takes you. We will start the week inviting parents in to explore their creative skills with the children. We will then be creating our own self-portraits focusing on pointillism and making frames with the idea that they can create work they are proud of and frame them. Throughout the week the children will have the chance to explore and learn new skills as well as learning and singing a school song.

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Staff Notices

As always, in all schools across the country, the Summer term involves a degree of movement with staff for a variety of reasons.

We are thrilled to welcome Mrs Moore to our Admin Team at Netley Marsh and Mrs Defriend to our Admin Team at Copythorne. I would like to extend my thanks to Miss Lewis, who has kept the office steady at Netley Marsh, while we underwent recruitment and will be returning to Copythorne after half term.

We are thrilled to announce that we have also appointed a new Early Years Lead Teacher, Miss Scotland, who will be joining the Federation from September.

We say a sad good bye to Miss Horton, who during her time has worked across all our schools as Cover Supervisor. We wish her well in her career change and know she will be fantastic.

Mrs Davies (Year R teacher at Copythorne) will also be leaving us this half -term, to start working in specialist provision. We know she will be fantastic and wish her every success as she embarks on this next stage of her career.

PTA News

The PTA's across the Federation are busy organising events for next half term so look out for information on:

- **Copythorne** : Copythorne Carnival, Ice Pop Fridays, non-school uniform days, end of term summer event, Fathers day sale, year 2 leavers events
- **Netley Marsh** : Fathers day sale, non- school uniform days, Summer Fayre, year 2 leavers events
- **St Michaels & All Angels**: Lyndhurst School Fest, year 2 leavers event

Karate club

Karate club continues to run at Netley Marsh Infant School, it is run by Sensei Zerina and is open to **all children** across the federation. If you would like to book your child on the course please contact www.forestlyndhurstkarate.co.uk or click [here](#)

The time of the karate club is currently 3.15—4.00pm but if there is enough interest from Copythorne & St Michaels families the time would be adjusted to 3.30-4.15pm to allow for travel time.

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	