



April 2018

The sun is beginning to shine!!! Yeah!!!!

As such, we find ourselves at every opportunity, learning outdoors as well as indoors. Great Oaks Small School regards both indoor and outdoor learning as purposeful and as such has a broad and balanced curriculum that includes discovery, experimentation, learning about and connecting to the natural world, learning about how to stay healthy.

Our outdoor and indoor learning is used for academic, social, mental health, wellbeing, inter and intra-personal development and helps students to learn and reflect about themselves, each other and the environment.

As the School continues to move forward, I thought you might like to know about a few developments currently taking place.

PE and Games

PE on a Friday afternoon for all key stage 3 and 4 students is a popular activity with students and a vital activity in building confidence, health and well-being.

Due to the positivity and progress individuals are making, students now attend one of three sports venues:

- Gym fitness, Baypoint health and Leisure Centre
- Sports hall, Baypoint Health and Leisure Centre
- Sports hall, Ramsgate Leisure Centre.

At the above venues, students participate in individual or team sports encouraging full participation in a range of skills/targets including stamina, cardiovascular endurance, strength, power and co-ordination.

As part of our keeping active curriculum, we will see the installation of a net swing in the garden; we must take time here to thank the Sandwich Rotary Club, as without their support this would not have been possible. Additional out door facilities also include the arrival, next term, of basketball posts and equipment to enable students to play table tennis.

Forest School

Having fully embraced Forest School learning at Manor House, Quex Park over the past year, with all students having the opportunity to participate, once per week over a 6 week period. Many thanks to Kate and her husband Tom, we have had the brambles at the bottom of the garden cleared ready for the installation of our own Forest School facilities. Kate (TA) and Matt (IT teacher) will soon be fully qualified Forest School practitioners which will enable student outdoor learning to

take place more frequently.

Exam Season

Yes, exam season is here and it is important for you to know that the attitude and focus of students taking exams has been and continues to be extremely positive and productive.

Well done to you all! We are proud of you, you should be proud of yourselves!!

Exams this year will take place during the 2nd week of half term (week beginning 4th June – 8th June). A timetable will be sent out shortly.

IMPORTANT: if your child normally travels to school by taxi please note they will not be available that week and you will need to arrange alternative transport.

**Thank you to all students, staff and trustees in making
Great Oaks Small School a wonderful place to be.**

<p>Messages</p> <p>Please do not pass messages regarding your child to the staff on car park duty, either call into the office or telephone.</p>	<p>Changes to the school day</p> <p>As of September 2018 the school day will be extended to 3.30 this will allow for clubs to be run at lunchtime.</p>	<p>Lunches/Food Tech/Slush</p> <p>School lunches are £2.00 money can be paid into the office daily or weekly. Food technology is £3.00 per week. Slush is £50 per year and includes fruit, toast, tea, coffee and squash.</p>
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INFORMATION

Parents Visiting

Please only enter via the main reception. Please sign in and wear the visitor badge. You must be accompanied by a member of staff at all times.

Appointments

IMPORTANT REMINDER:
All emails in the first instance must be made to Jackie (Julie's PA) who will ensure your request is directed to the relevant member of staff. This will allow your enquiry to be dealt with as soon as possible.

Clothing

Please remind your child to wear appropriate clothing; The weather is getting warmer.



Sunscreen and insect repellent will be needed.

Inhalers

If your child has an inhaler please ensure they have one with them at all times and the school office has a spare one for emergency use

Attendance

It is of utmost importance that you inform the school of any absence before 9am each day. Failure to do so will result in an unauthorised absence being recorded and may involve a visit from the Student Liaison Officer.

Sickness

Please note that if your child is unwell with a sickness bug they must not come into school until they have had 48 hours clear of vomiting or diarrhoea.



Got it down!

Last day of term 25th May students return on Monday 11th June.

Planned Trips:

Dover Castle date to be confirmed
Shrek at Marlowe for Group 4 students 12th July
End of term concert 13th July at 1.30 details to follow

Exams will take place week beginning 4th June only students taking exams will be required to attend school. Students that come to school by taxi will need to be brought into school as the taxi's do not operate during the holiday.

Students travelling to and from school by taxi are escorted by staff:

If you are collecting your child at 3.15, please park at the back of the Chai Stop and make your way to the front of the school where your child will be 'released' to you by a member of staff. If you are going to be late, please let the office know immediately. Your child will then wait in the common room. If you are already doing this please continue to do so.

Please do not drop your child at school before 8.30 am.

Thank you for your continued support

All Emails should be sent to: office@greatoakssmallschool.co.uk and not to individual staff.