



Dear Parent/Carer

We have been learning in school, as well as out of school this term. We have combined our learning of Dickens', Oliver Twist with an information tour in Rochester; attended the Kent Choices Conference to gain an insight into alternative learning environments to the Great Oaks Sixth Form; experienced the 'Turbulent Priest' at the theatre in Canterbury; continued learning about our natural environment at Forest School, Manor House in addition to becoming increasingly independent through local shopping trips, bus trips and work experience.

Through our PSHE, SMSC and RSE programmes each day, we have been learning about how to be healthy, moral and community issues, discrimination and our rights as British citizens.

We look forward to the new year with our new staff: Elaine, SEN Admin, and Sam, Cooking Teacher (Students - Do Not Panic!! Corron will continue to support cooking).



Have a lovely Christmas!

Students return on Monday 8th December.

Dates for your diary

Progress Meetings for Parent/carers 11th December 3.30 - 5

Christmas lunch 14th December

Pantomime 15th December

Presentation afternoon 15th December 1.30-3.15

Snow

If we have any severe weather affecting school opening you will be updated using parent email, local radio Kent, the school closures website: www.kentclosures.co.uk and our own website: www.greatoakssmallschool.co.uk. Our policy will always be to try and remain open as long as it is safe to do so.



Information

Parents Visiting

Please only enter via the main reception green door at the front of the school building. Please sign in and collect a visitor's badge from the front office.

You must be accompanied by a member of staff at all times.

Appointments

IMPORTANT REMINDER:
All emails in the first instance must be sent to the office or call and Jackie (Julie's PA) will ensure your request is directed to the relevant member of staff

This will allow your enquiries to be dealt with as soon as possible.

Clothing:

Please remind your child to wear appropriate clothing; The weather is getting colder and students should bring either a coat or jumper/hoodie.

Mosquitoes

Please be aware we have a lot of mosquitoes in the gardens and students will need to bring in repellent/bracelets if they are going into the garden. No aerosols please.



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.



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

If you are collecting your child at 3.15pm (not before), 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 aware that you are going to be late, please let the office know immediately. Your child will wait in the common room. If you are already doing this, please continue as it has been successful to date in ensuring the safety of all students.

Jot it down!



School is open to student's from 8.30am-3.15pm.

Thank you to all staff, trustees and volunteers who help keep Great Oaks Small school a wonderful place to be.

Emails should be sent to: office@greatoakssmallschool.co.uk and not to individual staff. This allows emails to be prioritised and dealt with promptly.

