

Great Oaks Weekly

Friday 3rd March 2017

LUNCHTIMES AT GREAT OAKS



Dates and Coming up

Friday 10th March
Parents/Carers Coffee Morning

Saturday 18th March
Film Club
PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

Friday 24th March
Comic Relief
More details coming soon

Friday 7th April
INSET Day
School closed to pupils

10th – 21st April
Easter Holidays

Monday 5th June
INSET Day



We have introduced a number of new lunchtime clubs and activities this term to help pupils keep occupied and develop social and leisure skills during the lunch hour.

As well as our ever popular sports, computing, rock band and arts clubs we now have Technology, Street Dance, music production, quiet games and a group just for girls. We have also introduced an Emotional Literacy club where pupils can go to talk about things that might be worrying them.

Many thanks to parents for their support on our decision to not allow mobile phones in school this term. With all the clubs and activities going on during lunchtime – they really don't need them!

Parents / Carers Coffee Morning
Friday 10th March
10.15 – 11.30



Sandra Heggie our school nurse will be talking about sleep and diet

Film Club @ Great Oaks
Saturday 18th March



Friends and families all welcome – free popcorn and drinks

8W SPORTS

8W attended a Sportshall Athletics event in Portsmouth, where the students had to participate in a number of activities including a two lap race, chest push, seated throw, speed bounce, soft javelin and vertical jump. Everyone took part and had a great day meeting students from other schools.



ROCK CHALLENGE

Our amazing Rock Challenge video is now available to view on the school website and photos are available to buy from Nick Scott photography. If you would like access to the Nick Scott website to view and purchase photos please contact school.

VISIT TO TUDOR HOUSE



10 D & some of 11K visited the Tudor House to try on Elizabethan style clothing for class drama of Romeo & Juliet. We took our own masks for the ball scene. Pupils looked at the Tudor style building and also had a drink in the cafe as part of Transition Challenge.

NEW FREE SCHOOL PROPOSAL

As those of you who have been involved with Great Oaks for some time will know our school has grown and grown over the past 10 years as the need for more specialist education continues to increase.

We believe that this demand is going to continue to rise over the next 10 years and that Great Oaks cannot continue to expand at the same rate.

We have been working on a bid for a brand new Special School in Southampton to be known as Elmwood Academy to be run alongside Great Oaks School with Rosewood School.

This bid is going to the Department for Education in the next few months and if successful we hope to open the new school within the next two years. For more information go to www.elmwoodacademy.co.uk

Buzz Network Short Breaks Parent/Carer Engagement Events!

Dear Buzz Parents/Carers

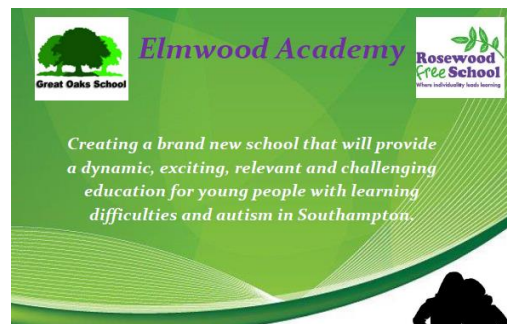
We are planning to redesign the Buzz Network Short Breaks Offer and we need your help! Parents have told us that some parts of the current offer don't work and we agree. Please come along to one of our focussed events to give your views and share ideas on how the offer can look in the future.

We've organised several events to enable as many parents to attend and be involved as possible.

- Wednesday 8th March 2017 10am-11.30am at Mencap, 187a Portsmouth Road, SO17 2NF
- Thursday 9th March 2017 6pm-7.30pm at Rose Road Bradbury Centre, 300 Aldermoor Road, Southampton. SO16 5NA
- Monday 13th March 2017 10am-11.30am at Rose Road Bradbury Centre, 300 Aldermoor Road, Southampton. SO16 5NA



EACH EVENT WILL DELIVER THE SAME INFORMATION.
PLEASE RSVP TO Julie.Lemarguand@southampton.gov.uk
or 023 8083 3313



Elmwood Academy is the name of a proposed new, local 140 place secondary school for children with learning difficulties and Education Health and Care plans.

Elmwood Academy is being developed by the newly formed Solent Special Education Trust which comprises of Great Oaks School and Rosewood Free School. It has the active support of Southampton City Council.

We want young people, parents, carers, local schools and the Southampton community to be part of this new school. We want your ideas and we need your support to secure Department for Education approval.

Find out more at www.elmwoodacademy.co.uk or email elmwoodacademy@greatoaks.school or phone 02380767660.

