



Saxon Wood School

Weekly Newsletter – 26th May 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well.

As you are all aware, we had an Ofsted visit on Tuesday and Wednesday. We appreciated this opportunity to showcase our school and the wonderful improvements we have made since our last Ofsted inspection in March 2020.

The senior leadership team and governors have received feedback, but this information is confidential at present, however we will notify you when the report is available to parents, which should be in a few weeks' time.

Thank you to those parents who made a contribution to the parent survey and those who had a conversation in the carpark with one of the inspectors. Your views are very much appreciated.

Even though we are approaching the end of a half term, the children have been busy again as usual and it is always a pleasure and honour to watch them in class, where they are learning phonics, or taking part in their physio, everything they do shows great determination and resilience.



Dormouse Class have had a wonderful time enjoying the weather this week. We have especially enjoyed trying on different hats and summer accessories during Body Awareness and spent Thursday morning creating conceptual water art using a range of different mediums and textures themed around water. Lilo and Stitch provided an excellent sea themed inspiration!



Badger class this week we have been looking at halves and quarters of cakes and numbers. The children enjoyed trying to work out how many candles we needed on each half of the cake to help teddy to celebrate his birthday! We had to eat the cakes/pizzas too of course!

In English we have been describing different animals by thinking about their texture, movement and the noises they make. See if you can work out one of the questions we had to answer:

What am I? I have 2 legs, I have feathers and I lay eggs...



We have been back down to the pond to check out the tadpoles to see if they are growing any legs, we can see they have got much bigger but there are no legs yet. We will go back and visit after half term to see if they have fully changed into frogs.

For their end of term treat the children chose to have a film session and games outside on the playground. They had a great time being with each other and being outside in the sunshine. A lovely end to the term. Have a lovely holiday.



This week Squirrel Class have continued exploring ladybirds and we have started to explore at bees. We have been reading a non-fiction book 'All about Bees' and have been learning about The Queen Bee and her workers and how the bees collect nectar from the flowers. In maths we have been counting all of the worker bees and matching the numbers up on our number lines. We made our own bees using paper plates and practised our cutting skills when making the stripes for our bees.



The weather has been lovely this week and we have taken lots of our learning outdoors. We have had sand, slime and water sensory trays available all day which the children have had great fun exploring and adding too and using a variety of different tools in their play - one favourite this week has been the magnifying glass.

We have also had a very exciting development with our caterpillars who have all now turned into butterflies this week. We are very much looking forward to releasing them with the whole school this afternoon.



In Rabbit class this week our focus story has been 'This is Crab' The Children have enjoyed exploring different sensory materials to find crab and other sea creatures.

They have used lots of different art materials to create an ocean scene and in PE used the parachute to imagine waves and find different ways to move their bodies as they swim under the sea.





Hedgehog class this week have been learning the 'or', 'igh' and 'ie' sounds in phonics and finally completed their rain dance in PE. We will be up-loading a recording of this for you to see on our website. The children as usual have very much enjoyed their Move Momentum dance session today and are looking forward to a fun Friday afternoon enjoying some outdoor time in this lovely weather. They have also been busy in Maths focussing on fractions using a pizza factory!



I hope you all have a lovely half term break and I look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 12th June 2023.

Take care

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All email correspondence, not just absences, must be sent directly to the office at parentcomms@saxonwood.hants.sch.uk

Emails will be monitored between 8:00am – 3:45pm, Monday – Friday during term time only by admin staff

Your email will then be forwarded to the relevant member of staff and you will receive a response either by phone call, or email via the office

If you send an email in the evening, please be reassured that this will be read the following school day and you will then receive a response

If you do not wish to divulge information to the admin staff, then please email to request a telephone call from the relevant member staff. If the member of staff is in class, they will contact you at the earliest convenient time

Teachers and support staff will not respond to direct emails from parents



IMPORTANT REMINDER



Please **do not** send your child into school if they have a high temperature
As is always the case we will ask you to collect your child if we feel they are
too unwell to be in school

Below is a link launched from the NHS through Healthier Together which
gives helpful advice on symptoms and also when children can attend
school

<https://www.what0-18.nhs.uk/parentscarers/worried-your-child-unwell/child-unwell-ok-go-nurseryschool>

The school nurse team are available in school all day and
can be contacted directly on 01256 262097 or by email

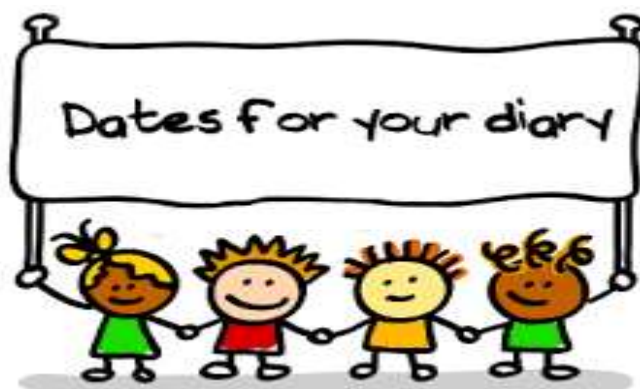
SaxonwoodNursingTeam@hhft.nhs.uk



School Dinner Price Increase



From June the cost of a school dinner will increase to £3.00



- Monday 19th June – Dormouse class trip to Intech (2nd group)
- Monday 12th June – Children return to school
- Friday 28th July – Last day of term (1.30 finish)