



Saxon Wood School

Weekly Newsletter – 15th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well and have had a relaxing summer break. It is hard to believe that we are now in Autumn term!!

It was wonderful to welcome the children back to school last week and to welcome some new children who have joined us in Squirrel class and Dormouse Class. We also welcome two new members of staff: Claire, who is currently working as an LSA in Hedgehog Class and Grace who is currently working as an LSA in Dormouse Class.

During our three inset days this year, we had the following:

- A wellbeing day for all staff full of fun, laughter and problem-solving. Thank you to all staff for wholeheartedly participating.
- Relevant medical training
- input from our therapists
- Safeguarding training
- Moving and handling training

So, definitely a busy first three days back for staff.

The children are thoroughly enjoying being back at school with their friends and those who have moved to a different class have settled in extremely well.

Our Move Momentum dance classes and Relax Kids started this week. It was wonderful to see the children having fun.

We also welcome Kathy, our music teacher from Hampshire County Council, who will be with us every Thursday morning, teaching music to each class. We are so impressed at how she has differentiated the lessons to cater for the needs of each class.

If you are in school, please have a look at the beautiful bunting with inspirational quotes in the reception area, made and gifted to us by Lauren Freitas. Thank you so much, Lauren.

I would also like to thank you for your patience with the many issues with transport this week. Myself and Amy spoke directly with Transport and we feel confident that things will start to improve. Thank you to Amy for collating your concerns too.

A couple of weeks ago, you would have received a letter to offer reassurance about the much-publicised RAAC concrete. I can confirm once again Saxon Wood is not affected by this.

Now let's hear about what the children have been learning this week.



What a fabulous week we have had in Squirrel class. Our new children have settled so nicely and have been starting to learn all about our routines. We have been doing lots of work on ourselves, using mirrors to identify our features and then using natural resources that we found in the garden to create some amazing self-portraits. Once these were finished, we starting looking at the symbols and words for each of the features and labelling up our self-portraits.

The children have also enjoyed lots of enrichment this week. We had Relax Kids on Tuesday, where the children were able to enjoy calming music, sensory toys and practised mindfulness. On Thursday we had a music teacher in, the children explored a variety of instruments and Friday we had Move Momentum - an accessible dance class filled with lots of engaging resources such as bubbles, pom poms and the children's absolute favourite - the parachute!

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This week in Dormouse class we have begun our explorations of how we use our body in earnest. We have continued our texture carousel exploring hard, loose textures and selecting our favourites to make a collage. Favourites included tiny macaroni and coco pops! We also had our first peripatetic music class with our visiting musician Cathleen and especially enjoyed exploring her ukulele and joining in with Colonel Hathi's elephant march using ocean drums, bongos and switch drums!



Hedgehog class have settled back into school well and Dani is very proud of them. In PHSE we have started exploring our emotions through art and charades. In phonics we have been re-capping on our sounds using games. In maths we have been measuring in millilitres whilst having lots of water play. The children have also made some visits to the school library this week. Today they have taken part in a Relax Kids session where the children were able to enjoy calming music and practised mindfulness and Move Momentum - an accessible dance class.



What a lovely start to the new school year, Badger class children have come back so happy and ready to learn.

In phonics we are looking at environmental sounds, exploring the school environment and listening carefully to the vehicles, animals and other noises we can hear. We have also been looking at the 'er' grapheme and finding it in words such as better, under, summer, winter, sister ask the children if they can think of any more.

In maths we have been looking at capacity and volume. We have been using a variety of jugs, cups, syringes and pots to discover full, half full and empty. We also have discussed 'ml'/'l' means millilitres/litres and how we use these to measure different things such as medicines and liquids for cooking. When you are measuring any liquids at home, please talk to the children about it and when you are shopping get them to spot the measurements on the different bottles in the shops.

In PSHE and music we are focusing on our emotions. We are reading lots of stories about emotions and practicing making the faces and sounds relating to different emotions. Please practice the 'guess the emotions' game at home. Make a face and see if the children can guess what emotion you are feeling.

We have also started our RE topic of thankfulness and we will be asking the children to think of things they are thankful for.

I would like to thank you for your continued support and I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Take care
Jakki





Please bear with us during pick up and drop off times

The carpark does become very busy

If you are driving to school then we ask that you please stay with your vehicle and a member of staff will come out to collect your child. This will enable us to keep the carpark flowing as efficiently as possible and allows the parents to leave in the order that they are parked.

Please note that In the right and middle lanes we can only unload the front vehicle. In the left hand lane we can unload the front three vehicles

Please do not walk your child down the carpark

Thank you for your cooperation at this time

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





ATTENTION PARENTS

**All email correspondence, not just absences,
must be sent directly to the office at:**

parentcomms@saxonwood.hants.sch.uk

(Please only use this email address)

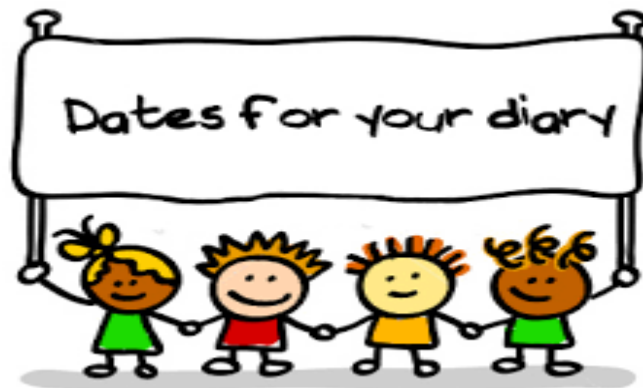
Emails will be monitored between 8:00am – 3:45pm, Monday – Friday
during term time only by admin staff

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**



September

- Flu Immunisation clinic in school – Thursday 28th September

October

- Parents Evening – Wednesday 11th October (3.30-5.30)
- Harvest Assembly – Friday 13th at 2pm
- Half Term – 23rd – 27th October (Children return to school Monday 30th October)

November

- M&M Productions in school to perform Beauty and the Beast Monday 13th November (from 9.30)

December

- Christmas Performance – Monday 11th at 2pm
- Christmas Performance – Tuesday 12th at 10am
- Christmas Dinner and Party Day – Wednesday 13th
- Last Day of Term – Friday 15th (1.30pm finish)
- Inset Day – Tuesday 2nd January
(Children return to school on Wednesday 3rd January)

Letters to be sent home in due course