



Saxon Wood School

Weekly Newsletter – 3rd November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well and had a good half term break.



School has been full of excitement this week: On Monday after school, we decorated the school for our Halloween day on Tuesday. It looked wonderful.

A big thank you to staff for decorating the school so well. And another big thank you to Antonio who came in really early the next morning (6am!!) to put all the decorations away.

Amy and I had had a lot of fun collecting 50 pumpkins from the shop. We certainly did raise an eyebrow or two!

The children and staff had a wonderful day. Each child took part in games, cooking and art then they all had their very own pumpkin to take home.

Their costumes were wonderful, so a big thank you for providing those and supporting us.

I have enjoyed my learning walks this week and I had the privilege of being joined by Alan Rowden, our chair of governors. Each class always brings a huge smile to our faces when we visit them.



This week Squirrel Class have enjoyed learning all about Halloween and Bonfire night. We have been busy making decorations for the Halloween ball and then enjoyed coming together with the whole school on Tuesday. The children really enjoyed spending time with some of the older children. In maths we have been learning about heavy and light using real life objects found in our classroom. We have been using the scales to compare and observe what a 'heavy' object does and what a 'light' object does when they are placed on the scales together.

In literacy our key text has been 'Sparks in the Sky' as we learn all about bonfire night and how to enjoy this day whilst keeping ourselves safe and in phonics we have been looking at the 's' sound, listening out for it in words, finding objects around the classroom that start with 's' and making the grapheme with our pointy finger in the air and in sensory trays. Can you find any objects around the home that start with the 's' sound?



In Rabbit class we have been settling back into the routine of our day. We have had a great time exploring different activities using the Halloween theme. In expressive art we have made spooky ghosts, printing painting pumpkins and making chocolate apples. We have enjoyed our music sessions and loved moving our bodies to the music in Move Momentum. In bucket time with have revealed scary ghosts, big pumpkins, spooky bats and looking at glow in the dark happy and sad ghosts. We have also enjoyed our phonic and maths song.

During this half term our topic is 'Celebrations' could you please provide us with some photos of the children celebrating any events that are special to them and your family. You can either send these in for me to copy and return back to you, or you can send them via email to the admin team.

As it is now getting colder could you please provide the children with warm coats, hats, scarves and gloves due to children exploring and accessing some great educational moments outside. Can we also ask if you could provide the children with a spare set of clothes.



Hedgehog class have started work on their new topic of Space. They have practised their handwriting and have been learning the 'ea' sound in phonics. In maths we have looked at place value using dimes. This week we have also been very busy with lots of craft activities for Halloween where we made some delicious biscuits and carved pumpkins. Today we have done some fabulous firework painting and made sparklers out of breadsticks, chocolate and sprinkles!



Badger class have done some super learning this week. In literacy we are getting to know the story 'Whatever next' by Jill Murphy. In maths our new topic is place value and we have shown how great we are at ordering numbers. The children very much enjoyed our super Halloween party and activities including decorating our pumpkin biscuits and carving our own pumpkin to take home. Today we are preparing for firework night by making edible fireworks using chocolate, sprinkles and breadsticks together with making some explosive firework pictures.



This week Dormouse Class have enjoyed exploring all things Halloween and Bonfire Night! We have enjoyed a sensory story of Room on the Broom and loved investigating all the different characters it featured! We then made our own exploding miniature pumpkins by filling them with sparkly bicarbonate of soda, dyed vinegar and glitter! We used amazing combined fine and gross motor skills to bench sit and stand to explore slimy green spaghetti and giant marshmallow ghosts! Children showed real interest feeling all the different properties of then painting our own pumpkins and even rolled conkers around in paint to create our own design! Another favourite was pumpkin bowling, rolling a pumpkin down the half pipe to try and knock down as many skittles as we could. The children listened carefully, waiting to hear "Ready, Steady, Go!" before pushing their pumpkin. They carefully touched each skittle as it was counted too!

Lots of anticipation skills have been worked on, the mathematical concepts of "more", "in" and "out" and some amazing motor skills as well as some fabulous communication, exploratory and most importantly play skills!

The children all looked incredible in their costumes - thank you to all of you for your efforts!!!

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and a good Fireworks' evening.

Take care and keep safe.

Jakki



**Please be considerate with your parking
Do not park outside the school near the exit gate and on the estate
We appreciate that there is a queue of buses and cars in the carpark
but this is usually cleared quickly**



Please bear with us during pick up and drop off times

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 utilise the whole carpark and use any of the three lanes
- The right and middle lanes we can only unload the front vehicle
- 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

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)

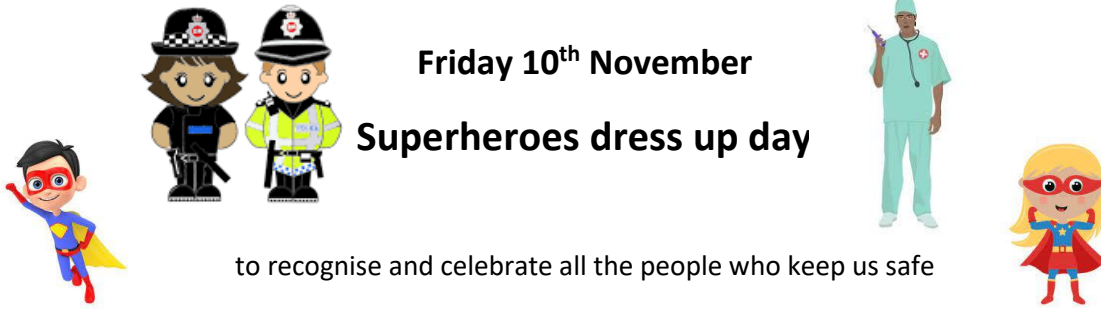
Emails will be monitored between 8:00am – 3:45pm, Monday – Friday
during term time only by admin staff

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**



Friday 10th November

Superheroes dress up day

to recognise and celebrate all the people who keep us safe

Please come to school dressed as your favourite Superhero (real life or fictional)



November

- Super Hero dress up day – Friday 10th
- M&M School Production of Beauty and the Beast in school Monday 13th
- Children in Need dress up day and celebrations – Friday 17th
- School Photographer in – Wednesday 22nd

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