



# Saxon Wood School

Weekly Newsletter – 24th November 2023



Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you are all well.

It has been an exciting morning today as we waved off Rabbit Class to their trip at Winchester's In-Tech. I am sure they are going to have a wonderful time. They were very excited on the bus as they left.

We have been practising for our Christmas production, as December is fast-approaching. We have chosen the themes of 'Christmas Around the World' to show how other countries celebrate Christmas. I am sure you will be very impressed with all the hard work from children and staff to make this a truly special event.

We have some vacancies for parent governors at Saxon Wood. This gives parents an opportunity to work collectively with myself and a group of governors to plan the strategic direction of the school. If you are interested and would like to find out more about this role, please contact the school office who will arrange a time for you to speak to either myself or the chair of governors who will discuss what the role entails. Parent governors are elected by other parents throughout a robust voting process.

Now, let's find out what each class has been learning this week.



This week Squirrel class have continued to explore patterns in maths. We have been using musical instruments to create patterns with music and natural resources to create patterns with objects. In literacy we have also been continuing with our story of The Gingerbread man, the children were very good at recognising the characters from the story when presented with both the characters and some decoys. In phonics we have been looking at the 'P' sound and filled the classroom with some wonderful smells when we popped a bag of popcorn. We have also been making strides, decorating some props for our Christmas performance, but we won't give too much away just yet!



This week Dormouse Class have enjoyed exploring the Wizzybugs and practising moving in different directions and working on stop and go!

Our sensory story has been lots of fun and we have enjoyed having a birthday party and singing happy birthday to all our friends.

We are proud to have finished off one of our Christmas art projects and to have explored the range of mediums and textures this has involved.



Rabbit class have continued with their phonic and number songs this week. The children have been busy making a start on some Christmas themed art activities and have begun to listen their song for the Christmas performance. This morning all were excited as we waved the children off on the minibus for their trip to Winchester's In-Tech.



This week in Badger class some of us have worked on the 't' and 'p' sound learning to sound talk and our other group have worked on body percussion using instruments. In maths our focus was to understand numbers. Some used numicon and unifix to show amounts and the numeral. Our other maths group explored and sorted colours.

We grouped together with Hedgehog class and created t-shirts inspired by Andy Warhol and moon landing. They look amazing, such master pieces! Both classes have also made a start learning songs and practising for our Christmas performance.



As well as these joint activities with Badger's, Hedgehog class have focused on the phonic sounds 'ir' and 'ur' then practised using them by writing sentences. In maths they have concentrated on number bonds to 10 and some multiplication. The children have been busy making decorations for the Christmas tree festival in Winchester.

**Please make sure that you send your child in with a packed lunch for this trip on Monday.**

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Take care

**Jakki**



## Reading books

We are starting to run low of our new Monster Phonic reading books which are sent home weekly with the children

Can we please ask that you return any that you may have at home

**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](mailto: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](mailto:parentcomms@saxonwood.hants.sch.uk)**

**(Please only use this email address)**

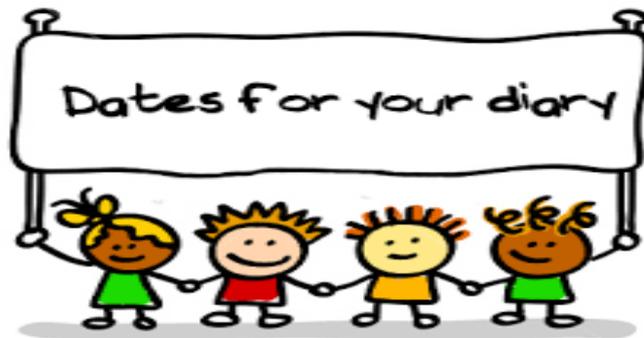
Emails will be monitored between 8:00am – 3:45pm, Monday – Friday  
during term time only by admin staff

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**



### **November**

- Hedgehog Class trip – Monday 27<sup>th</sup>
- Squirrel Class trip – Thursday 30<sup>th</sup>

### **December**

- Cathedral Trip (rehearsal) – Monday 1<sup>st</sup>
- Badger Class trip – Monday 4<sup>th</sup>
- Christmas Jumper Day – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>
- Cathedral Celebration – Friday 8<sup>th</sup>
- Christmas Performance – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> at 2pm
- Christmas Performance – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> at 10am
- Christmas Dinner & Children's Christmas Shop in school – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>
- Party Day – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>
- Last Day of Term – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> (1.30pm finish)
- Inset Day – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January  
(Children return to school on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January)

Letters to be sent home in due course