



# Saxon Wood School

Weekly Newsletter – 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you are all well.

This week we welcomed some pupils and staff from Henry Tyndale as they are currently using one of our classrooms as mentioned in last week's newsletter, due to building issues at their school. The pupils have been delightful and settled in well at Saxon Wood. A real credit to Henry Tyndale.

Our first week back has certainly passed extremely quickly. New staff have settled in well and the children are back into school routines.

Our Move Momentum and Relax Kids sessions continue. Fox Class and Dormouse class have the current block of Relax Kids sessions. Both classes are thoroughly enjoying it.

Next Week, on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January, it is National Winnie the Pooh Day. We will be celebrating this by each class having a teddy bears' picnic. We would like to invite each child to bring in a teddy bear to join the picnic. Children can wear their normal clothes or school uniform.



This week the children have been enjoying starting new topics and continuing on their learning journey. Lots of wonderful learning happening across the school.



Squirrel class have been getting to know their new teacher, Bea and have settled back in after the Christmas break. Their new topic is Polar Regions and the children have been busy familiarizing themselves with some of the different animals that may be found. They have been practising their 's,a,t,p,l,n' phonic sounds and recapping on numbers 0 – 5. The children have also created some fantastic artwork.



Happy New Year! Dormouse Class have enjoyed beginning their topic on Space, especially visiting the magic carpet and trying moon landings, star gazing and exploring aliens! The children have also been introduced to our Phonics unit on animal sounds and focussed beautifully exploring free play Tuff-Spot trays for our weekly focus sound of "oink". They've helped pigs roll in chocolate mud, pressed switches to hear them make their sounds and more! Our materials tray has focussed on metal objects and favourites have including shiny bowls that can be tapped with spoons and noisy metal balls which jangle when you roll them.



In Badger class we have been learning about Ancient Egypt. We took a 'trip' to Egypt on Badger airlines and spent some time digging in the sand for some interesting artefacts such as pictures of Pharaohs, hieroglyphics and gold jewellery! In phonics we have practised our 'o' and 'k' sound cvc words and in numeracy have started to look at money, focussing on 1p's and 2p's. We will be setting up our very own Badger class shop in the coming weeks to help us become familiar with all sorts of money.



In Hedgehog class we too have been learning about Ancient Egypt. We watched and listened to some instructions which enabled us to cut out and stick a Mummification in the correct order. In Geography we learnt about Egypt, where it is in the world and what it is like. We then wrote our own postcards. In phonics we have focused on the sounds 'air' and 'er'. In maths we have looked at different coins and practised adding them up using numicon to help us.



Our new Fox class members have settled well into their new classroom and have had a lovely week. In literacy they have listened very carefully to the story of 'The Gingerbread Man.' Our new topic is Polar regions and in numeracy we have been counting Polar Bears, introducing 5 using cotton wool balls to represent snow balls. The children enjoyed their music session this week with Kath and today took part in their Move Momentum session which is always a favourite.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday.

Take care

**Jakki**



Can we please ask that any important messages concerning your child are communicated to school via parent comms or called in directly to the school office or if concerning your child's health directly to the school nursing team

Full contact details are shown below

**Escorts are not able to pass on specific information**

**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**



- National Winnie the Pooh Day – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January (Children to bring in a teddy)
- Last day of school – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February (Half term 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>)  
Children return to school Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February
- Last day of school – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March (Easter holiday 29<sup>th</sup> March – 12<sup>th</sup> April)  
Children return to school Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April