



Saxon Wood School

Weekly Newsletter – 2nd February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you are all well.

I would like to apologise for the lack of newsletter over the last two week. I had been off sick with the flu and a chest infection, however it is good to be back. I really missed the children and staff. I was so pleased to see everyone on Monday. I cannot thank Laura, Amy and the team enough. Although I was in touch with school regularly, it was reassuring to know that the school was in very capable hands. A big thank you to an amazing team.

I would also like to thank you for your patience and understanding when we had to close some classrooms. Due to a high staff absence, we had to risk assess and ensure that we had the adequate staff ratios in school. Closing any class is always a last resort.

Next week is Children's Mental Health week. Classes will be carrying out some wellbeing activities with the children, focusing on relaxation, regulating and having fun!

Furthermore, we will be celebrating Chinese New Year next week, when the children will have the opportunities to participate in some 'dragon- themed' activities. The themed colours this year are green and yellow, so children are welcome to dress up in anything green and /or yellow on Friday. For those who want to be more adventurous, feel free to dress up in something dragon-themed, but please do not go to any expense or feel you need to look for a specific costume.

Staff will be reviewing targets PDPS (Personal Development Plans). These will then be shared with you at our next parents' evening, which will take place next half term. More details to follow.

I have enjoyed popping into classes this week. There has been so much going on!



In hedgehog class this week, the children have been continuing their learning about Ancient Egypt. We had a go at making our own Cartouches with our names in hieroglyphs. The children also made fact files on Egypt in Geography. In maths this week, the children have been learning about time and in phonics our focus has been compound words. The highlight of the week was when the children got to make a mighty mess creating colourful Holi pictures for their RE topic.



In Fox class this week we have been working on the 's' sound and in maths using tactile materials for our number songs. We have continued with our story of Goldilocks and the three bears in Literacy. The children have been busy making penguins in art and very much enjoyed dancing to polar region music in PE.



Badgers have been enjoying listening to and joining in with the story 'The Enormous Turnip'! They have also been continuing to work hard on their topic of Egypt, comparing kings then and now as well as composing a postcard pretending to have been to see the Pyramids! Badgers have also been exploring the underarm throw in PE and are getting really good aiming their throws at a given target.



Dormouse Class have worked hard developing their fine motor skills this week through sessions including exploring our heuristic play tray (with this week's theme being smooth and shiny) and our phonics tray centred around cows. Children have also explored a range of small world play characters - favourites including our Peppa Pig collection (especially knocking the Pig family off a boat!) and using our hands to explore and choose a figure to place on our new Tonie Box! We have also continued to investigate the concept of "one" through isolating and removing or separating one object from a collection - be that aliens or part of a rocket!

Dormouse Team would like to remind parents of the following:

Space Day on Tuesday 6th where children are encouraged to come in space themed costumes and parents can join in the afternoon as per the emailed letter. Please do let us know if you will be attending.

Wednesday 7th Dormouse Class will be enjoying a **Wellbeing Day** in honour of children's mental health week. We will be enjoying foot spas, massages and even hosting Dormouse has got Talent in the afternoon! Your child is welcome to come in their comfiest clothes on this day.

Friday 9th Saxon Wood will be celebrating **Chinese New Year**. It is the year of the Wood Dragon so children are encouraged to wear green and yellow to recognise this.



Squirrel class have been having a lot of sensory time this week. The children have visited the sensory room, enjoyed some sensory stories and a music session. We have also focussed on our bucket time sessions to further support their attention skills.

As always, if you have any concerns, questions or ideas, we are always here to help. Either myself or any member of staff will be more than happy to chat with you.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Take care

Jakki



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>



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





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)

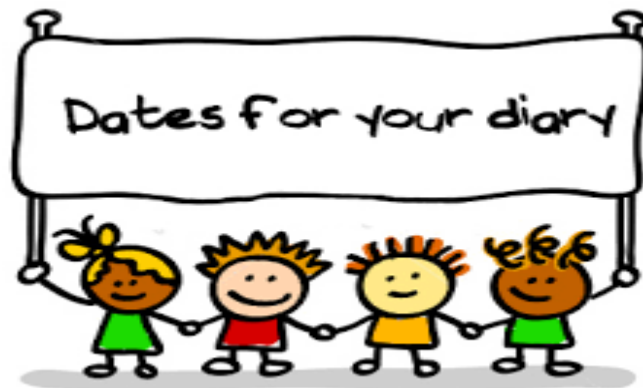
Emails will be monitored between 8:00am – 3:45pm, Monday – Friday
during term time only by admin staff

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**



- Last day of school – Friday 9th February (Half term 12th – 16th)
Children return to school Monday 19th February
- Dress up day for World Book Day – Friday 8th March
- Last day of school – Friday 28th March (Easter holiday 29th March – 12th April)
Children return to school Monday 15th April