



# Saxon Wood School

Weekly Newsletter – 9th February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you are all well.

This week is Children's Mental Health Week. We supported this by carrying out some lovely wellbeing sessions with the children at school which everyone enjoyed. It is good to have the opportunity to just stop and relax from our busy school life. We also continue to have our Relax sessions taking place throughout the school. Each class has a half term block of sessions. When I visited dormouse Class today, they were very chilled and relaxed during their session.

Not forgetting staff wellbeing, I have introduced a weekly 'Hug in a mug', where a member of staff receives a mug full of tea, coffee and chocolate, for doing something amazing. All of our staff are amazing, but this week's 'Hug in a mug' went to Dianne Wright for delivering some training to staff. I wonder who will be next to be recognised for amazing work!!

Thank you so much for supporting us in celebrating Chinese New Year. The children have been learning about Chinese New Year and taken part in some themed activities.

There will be another Swings and Smiles session taking place at Saxon Wood over half term. Full details are attached with this email.

Now, let's find out what the classes have been learning this week



Badger class have enjoyed listening to the story 'The Colour Monster', after they thought about different emotions and what might make them feel a certain way. They also came up with ideas of what they could do when they feel sad or angry such as doing some calming breathing and listening to their favourite song. Badger's also thought about things they could do to make other people feel happy such as using kind words and smiling at them. They then wrote and decorated some beautiful 'Kindness Postcards' where they wrote a compliment to someone to make them feel happy!



Hedgehog class have enjoyed a day of Egyptian art as part of their topic making fridge magnets and necklaces. In phonics they have continued to work on compound words. In science they have looked at forces and have been investigating friction. The children have celebrated Chinese New Year this week and have learnt all about the Chinese custom. Today they are making fruit stick fireworks.



Fox class have been practising their number songs using frogs and ducks. In phonics they used farm animals to practice their sounds. In literacy they have continued with the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears using big chairs and small bears. As we have been celebrating Chinese New Year this week the children have been busy making lanterns and have cooked noodles and spring rolls.





Dormouse Class have rounded off the half term in style. Tuesday saw the children come in wearing wonderful space outfits! We saw everything from starry sparkles to star wars to a fully fledged astronaut! There were even a few aliens among the staff! The children created wonderful space paintings using different textured "planet" balls and sprinkled starry glitter all over their night sky as a finishing touch. On Wednesday we enjoyed a Wellbeing day where we all dressed in our cosiest, comfiest clothes, watched our favourite shows and enjoyed massages under sensory lighting with relaxing music. We have loved our Space topic and can't wait to start next term's unit on Flowers and other plants!

Team Dormouse wishes you all a wonderful half term and would love any photos sent in of you and your family enjoying yourselves. Can we also ask, if possible, that we be emailed a clear, head and shoulders shot individually of each of the key people in your child's life so we can chat about them with the children. (Emailed photos are fine!)



Squirrel Class have been finishing their topic on 'Polar Regions'. This week in maths the children continued to deepen their number knowledge between 0-5. They've been listening to 5 little penguins to support their learning. They have been practicing number recognition, matching numbers and matching numbers to quantities through topic related play and activities. In literacy they have been listening to 'The curious polar bear' sensory story. They practiced character recognition and sequencing story cards. In phonics they listened to initial sounds (s, a, t, p, i, n) and were matching sounds to pictures. The children made lots of mark making throughout the week, and on Friday they did Chinese New Year related art and craft.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and I hope you all have a good half term break.

I look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February.

Take care

**Jakki**





## IMPORTANT REMINDER



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](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**



- 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
- Dress up day for World Book Day – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March
- 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