



# Saxon Wood School

Weekly Newsletter – 23rd February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you are all well.

This week I have thoroughly enjoyed visiting each class. The children are always so enthusiastic about their learning and it is a joy to see how staff carefully differentiate learning in each class to suit the needs of each and every child.

Some classes have been setting up role play corners in their classrooms this week. This has captured the children's imagination and many have been engaged in learning through play for longer periods of time.

**Superheroes** - We only need to walk into a toy shop or turn on our TVs to see superhero toys or cartoon and film characters. But real superheroes don't have special powers to make them fly or become invisible. Real superheroes are right here in Saxon Wood School. Our wonderful children deal with so much, but they show resilience every day. Some have rare diseases, others have other complex needs. They are the real-life superheroes and always will be.

To show just how wonderful our children are, we will mark Rare Disease Day, which is on 29<sup>th</sup> February, by dressing up as superheroes. Children can dress up as their favourite superhero, however, please do not go to any expense, as they can also come to school as themselves and still be their very own superhero!!



Badger have enjoyed starting their new focus book 'Oi Frog!'. They have had lots of fun matching the animal to what they sit on. Each animal and seat rhymes. Some of our favourites so far are 'lizards sit on wizards' and 'parrots sit on carrots'. Badgers have also enjoyed their new role play area which link with the book and their new science topic - amphibians. In the role play area is a little 'pond' with some toy frogs and some fish too! They have enjoyed using magnifying glasses to get a closer look and using nets to see if they can pick up a frog to pop it back on a Lily pad. We have also started a new Geography topic all about our local area and talked about all of the different things we might see in Basingstoke like houses, shops and swimming pools! Well done Badger for a brilliant first week back at school!



Hedgehog class have started their new topic on "A Bug's Life." We have been looking at different minibeasts and have been on a bug hunt around our outside area to see if we can find out where they live. We then used our knowledge to practise our literacy skills of descriptive words and wrote simple sentences describing the bugs. In phonics we have drawn on our knowledge of grapheme's we have learnt to help us sound out words in our reading. In Maths some children have worked on 1 more and 1 less and some have looked at the line of symmetry in reflected shapes.



Fox class have enjoyed starting their new topic of "In the garden." They have continued practising their maths number songs and in literacy have started sequencing the story of "Jack and the Beanstalk." In Art they have very much enjoyed making butterflies and dream catchers to decorate the classroom.



Dormouse Class have really got into our new topic on "How a flower grows". Our exploratory sessions this week have focussed around seeds. We have explored Tuff Trays containing tiny, hard seeds and bowls of (taste safe) "soil" in the form of crushed Oreos. The children had a wonderful time feeling the two resources separately and then using their hands to explore and combine them to try planting their seeds, experiencing the concept of "in." In our art lessons we used handfuls of seeds to squeeze into lard in order to create our own bird feed balls. These are now firming up nicely and are going to be hung in our garden when set to attract some of the local feathered wildlife.



Our new topic in Squirrel class for this half term is 'In the garden'. We started our topic with 'The very hungry caterpillar' story which was enjoyed a lot by everyone in the class. In maths the children continued to deepen their number recognition between 0-5. In literacy the children have been getting to know the characters from 'The very hungry caterpillar' and learning how to sequence the story. In literacy we continued to practice 'satpin' letter recognition.

Please remember my door is always open, should you have any issues, concerns or any suggestions.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

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**



- Rare Disease Day - Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February (dress as a superhero)
  - Dress up day for World Book Day - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March
  - Last day of school - Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March (1.30 finish)
- (Easter holiday 29<sup>th</sup> March - 12<sup>th</sup> April)

Children return to school Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April