



# Saxon Wood School

Weekly Newsletter – 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you are all well.

Thank you for supporting us in recognising Rare Diseases Day yesterday. It was delightful to see the children in their superhero costumes. I particularly liked those costumes who acknowledged our real-life heroes, dressed up as doctors and nurses.

Our governing Body currently has vacancies for parent governors. Thank you to those who have expressed an interest. Next week we will send out an application form for all interested parents to complete.

As you may be aware, we have a golden coin system at Saxon Wood. If a child has worked hard, or done something amazing, then they can earn gold coins. These coins are then placed into our special golden coin box. When this is full, we have a whole school treat. Previous treats have been, a whole school disco or a pantomime. Because all our children have been working hard, our golden coin box has filled up again. The children have decided they would like a whole school party. We plan to have a big party over the next couple of weeks. Children can also have a choice of something to eat from McDonald's. For those children who cannot eat by mouth, we will provide a little gift for them. Full details will be sent out to you later next week.



I have carried out a few learning walks this week. Children have been engaged in their work and others have been trying so hard during their physio sessions. It is wonderful to see.



Badgers have enjoyed doing more activities related to our focus book 'Oi Frog'. We explored rhyming words further and the children did a fantastic job at choosing the correct rhyming word to match a picture out of 3 possible choices! They then blew us all away by coming up with lots of extra rhyming words for some of the pictures! In maths, they have continued to work hard on finding 1 more and 1 less than a given number. In Science, we have learnt about the characteristics of a frog such as that they are cold blooded and lay eggs! We have also been very lucky to see some frogspawn and will be able to observe it over time. Children have also really impressed us by demonstrating some great resilience during the week when trying something new or doing something that they found tricky - well done Badger Class!



In Hedgehog class this week some children in Maths have been learning addition without grouping with 2-digit numbers and showing their working out. Others have been learning one more and one less and the months of the year. In our Phonics sessions the Children have been revisiting graphemes taught to give them confidence and to help them with spelling when writing captions and sentences. For our science and topic work the children enjoyed going on a bug hunt but was not very successful due to only finding 2 mini beasts! We will be going on many more this half term which the children are looking forward to. We have been learning all about their habitats and microhabitats. In PE we have been following instructions by following someone else's lead and moving different parts of our body at the same time. In PHSE we have continued to work on friendships and the children presented their work in assembly this week talking about rules in school and what makes a good friend. They were all very happy and confident to show case their work and talk about what they have learnt.



Fox class have continued practising their number songs and exploring the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. They have made caterpillars in Art and very much enjoyed making some caterpillar cakes to eat. In our PE session we used the parachute whilst singing some songs linked to our topic of in the garden.



This week Dormouse Class have been working so hard on developing our finer motor skills. Practising using our hands across a range of contexts. We have especially explored roots this week, feeling slimy spaghetti roots and using wool to pull through paint to create some fantastic pictures. Additionally, the children all used amazing eye pointing or touch skills to select which colours and strands they would like to use to create their pictures. It was brilliant to see the range of designs children came up with! Our sit-to-stand group has continued with success and the children are working so hard on their core strength, in particular, working on keeping their torsos upright when standing with minimal support. The children all looked incredible in their Superhero outfits on Thursday and we had everything from the Hulk to Spiderman! It was wonderful to celebrate all our incredible Dormice on Rare Diseases Day and we think they deserve celebrating every day!



In Squirrel class this week the children continued with their topic on The Very Hungry. In literacy they have been getting more familiar with the different stages of the caterpillar's life and the different food it was feeding on. The children practiced character recognition and matching the same characters. In phonics they continued to practice sound recognition of S, A, T, P, I, N. In maths they have been counting caterpillars up to five and deepened their number knowledge. They also continued to practice matching numbers to quantities up to 5.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Take care

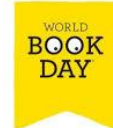
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We will be celebrating World Book Day on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March**

Come to school dressed as your favourite book character



As this falls in our Easter holidays

We will support this as a school on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March** by wearing rainbow colours





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/parents/carers/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)**

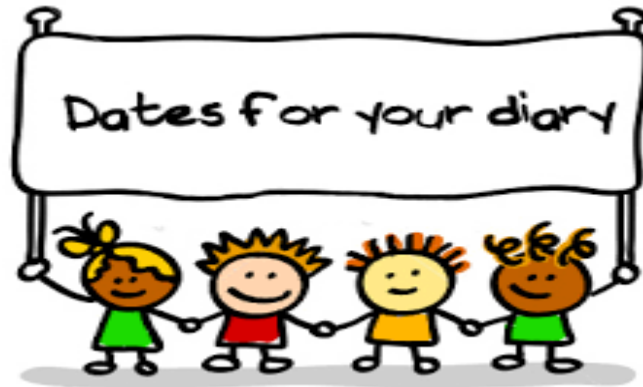
Emails will be monitored between 8:00am – 3:45pm, Monday – Friday  
during term time only by admin staff

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**



- 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)  
**Dress up day for Autism Awareness – Rainbow colours**

(Easter holiday 29<sup>th</sup> March – 12<sup>th</sup> April)

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