



# Saxon Wood School

Weekly Newsletter – 28th March 2024



Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you are all well, despite the wet weather!

It is hard to believe that we have come to the end of yet another term. The time really has gone by so quickly.

The children have enjoyed a last day of treats, including our pizza lunch and an Easter bonnet parade. It was lovely to see so many children in bright colours to support Autism Awareness Week.

Next term I will be focusing on developing the classrooms and outdoor environments with staff. I will keep you updated as we make progress and ensure we add some photos to our website.

I have arranged an exciting treat for each class next term, which will take place on 18<sup>th</sup> April. We will be visited by a chocolatier. His full title is 'International Chocolate Consultant.' This sounds like a fascinating job!!

Hedgehog class will be launching their new topic around Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, so this visit will link nicely to their learning. They will have the opportunity to find out about the history of chocolate and make some chocolate treats. The other classes will participate in some sensory experiences, using a range of resources brought in by the Chocolate Consultant. They will also have the opportunity to make a chocolate treat too.

This week the children have been busy creating some Easter crafts, which I am sure you will enjoy. They have all received a little Easter gift as a reward for all their hard work over the spring term.

A big thank you to the wonderful staff too, who work tirelessly to ensure the children achieve the best outcomes.



Badger Class enjoyed their 'Frog Day' last Wednesday! The children came to school wearing green, some even had green in their hair and green face paint on too! We made some jelly ponds using some blue jelly and mini chocolate fingers to represent logs! During the day we also explored the life cycle of a frog and made jumping frogs out of toilet rolls to race them at the end of the day! Badger Class have continued to enjoy the poem 'On the Ning, Nang, Nong'. They are now able to recite most of the poem which is fantastic! This week they have enjoyed changing parts of the poem to create their own version, we can't wait to see the final products! Badgers have been working hard on sounding and blending during phonics and reading sessions. They have also enjoyed choosing which group of play food has more in to feed a hungry crocodile in maths!



This week in Hedgehog class we have been working on our Design and technology project 'making a bug hotel'. The children have researched, planned, designed, and made their bug hotel. To do this the children went outside to collect materials, looking at different materials that would work outside and the bugs would like. The children have really enjoyed this project and have found a place in the outside area for their hotel to live and will be looking at these after the Easter holidays to see what type of bug has been living in their hotel. In RE the children have been looking at why Easter is so important to Christians.



Fox class have continued to work on their number songs. In literacy they have looked at different fairy tales and in PE have worked on ball coordination. They have been very busy this week in art making Easter chickens and rabbits.



Dormouse Class have been having a wonderful time decorating their garden now the sun has finally decided to come out! We have planted a range of different scented herbs and even some strawberries. These are now growing in a hanging basket and we are eagerly awaiting the time to taste test them! Some of the children have had a wonderful time exploring in their walkers and others have demonstrated fantastic finer motor skills knocking our spinning chimes to make them dance in the sunlight. This has been wonderful for purposeful reach! Our texture wall is work in progress and our natural materials wall has been a firm favourite with children using spoons and labels to make sounds against pots, pans and sieves!



Squirrel class enjoyed lots of sensory activities this week. The children planted beans and potatoes as part of outdoor learning and understanding the world. They have been learning the lifecycle of a bean and have been looking at how our very own beans started to sprout in class. In maths they have enjoyed listening to, joining in and acting out Easter themed counting songs whilst using the parachute.

The children enjoyed lots of sensory activities and have spent time working on their physical skills.

I hope you all have a lovely easter break and I look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April.

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](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)**

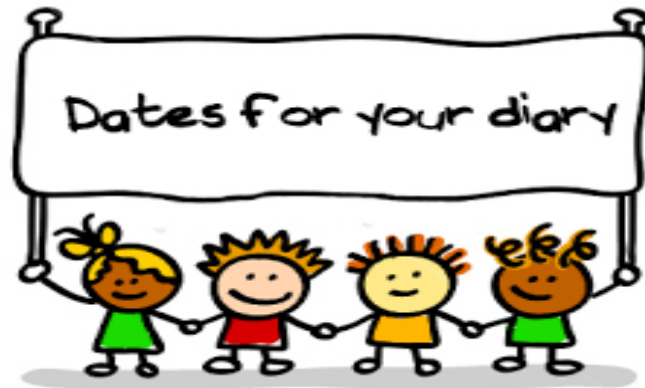
Emails will be monitored between 8:00am – 3:45pm, Monday – Friday  
during term time only by admin staff

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**



Easter holidays 29<sup>th</sup> March – 12<sup>th</sup> April

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

Chocolatier workshop in school – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April

Height, Weight and Vision Screening for YR R and YR 6 pupils – Wednesday  
24<sup>th</sup> April

**Mayday Bank Holiday (school closed) Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May**

**Inset Day (school closed) Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May**

Last day of school – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May  
(May half term 27<sup>th</sup> May – 7<sup>th</sup> June)

**Children return to school Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June**