



Saxon Wood School

Weekly Newsletter – 27th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

In last week's newsletter I mentioned that we have planned some opportunities for parents to come into school to see the children in action. Dates are now confirmed and details are outlined below. Please note the change to the parents' evening date as it clashed with whole staff training.

- Wednesday 23rd October - 9:30 - 11:00am 'My Special People' morning. During this session we would like to invite two people who are important in your child's life, to spend some time in their classroom, making a craft. Special people could include parents, grandparents, etc. However, we do request that no siblings attend.
- Wednesday 23rd October - Parents' evening - new date. Details and appointments will be sent out soon.
- Monday 25th November - 10:00 - 11:30 Coffee morning/ information morning. I have liaised with Kath, who delivers our Relax Kids sessions each week in each class. She will discuss the strategies she uses and will also provide some relaxation strategies for adults too. In addition to this, Laura will then lead a session on our progress towards achieving the communication-friendly award. This will include communication methods we use across the school to enable children to access the curriculum and to communicate their needs.
- Thursday 21 November - On Thursdays, each class receives music lessons from Cath, a peripatetic music teacher from Hampshire Music Services. We would like to give you the opportunity to attend your child's music session, followed by some homemade biscuits and tea/coffee, with your child's class in the hall. We will send out music times in due course.
- Finally, it is hard to believe that Christmas is fast-approaching! This year we have opted for a Christmas carol service for our Christmas production. The dates are: Tuesday 10th December at 2pm and Wednesday 11th December at 10:00am. Parents are also invited to stay after for tea/coffee and some seasonal mince pies. More information to follow.

I am looking forward to welcoming you to our very exciting events.

I always enjoy the privilege of visiting each class to catch up with the children and find out what they have been learning. This week I was so proud, as always, of not only the children, but of the staff too, who work tirelessly each and every day.

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Fox Class Despite the weather not being the greatest this week, we managed to 'get some fresh air' and played outside at least in the mornings. Our play included water and sand. We also used some equipment such as spinning chair, peanut ball and the see-saw. We enjoyed some activities indoors such as making faces out of the playdoh, mixing some colour into a fake snow or making animal foot prints in chocolatey smelling mud. We enjoyed sticking pictures of ourselves and our family members in our scrapbooks and making sun catcher leaves too. Our weekly music session and move movement session were great. We all participated as a group and tolerated well taking turns and sharing. We also explored some light up toys that were very exciting during our Bucket time. It has been a busy week, but full of fun!



Badger Class have enjoyed delving deeper into their class book 'Funny Bones'. They have focused specifically on 'who' is in the story, exploring what the characters look like and are like. In maths, we have been working on our counting skills and children have been working hard using 1:1 correspondence to count objects with greater accuracy. Badger class very much enjoyed their music and Relax Kids sessions this week and are already looking forward to their next ones!



Dormouse Class have been working really hard at our gross and fine motor skills this week. We have discovered that some of us are especially motivated to use our hands when exploring balloons and others much prefer a bit of messy play or reaching to steal a grownup's glasses or hair tie! Children have worked to perfect their "nose over toes" sit to stands and to maintain a strong core and keep their heads up when bench sitting or working on their tummies. We have been thrilled to see some fantastic rolling over and purposeful leg movements too! Dormouse Class are all doing so well! Keep up the good work!



Hedgehog Class have been working recapping phonics that they have been finding tricky and have been using these to learn all about plurals. In Literacy, the children have been finding different synonyms for “happy”. Class have been very good at finding lots of different words. In Maths, some children have been working on making number sentences, while others have been practicing word problems and showing how they would work these out. We have all continued to have lots of fun in PE this week with team building exercises.



Squirrel class This week the children continued with similar activities to support their learning needs. In maths they were closely observing patterns and similarities and differences between objects and themselves. In phonics they continued with the Monster Phonics programme where the focus was on s, a, t sounds and objects beginning with these sounds. The children were also introduced to environmental sounds and were encouraged to identify the sounds they heard when visual and auditory support was given. Squirrel class enjoyed music, move momentum and Bucket time. Some of the children had relaxing time in the sensory room while others focused on their physical skills in the hall and in soft play as part of PE.





Please could we request that if your child has a gastrostomy feed at school that a spare giving set is sent in for us to keep in case of emergencies. Can we also request that your child has the necessary Enplug stoma stoppers in their bag for if the button were to come out at school. If your child has had any additional medication such as Laxido or Movicol, please can you let school and the nursing team know - this will prevent us thinking your child may have diarrhoea and wanting to send them home when it is in fact the medication working through. If your child has needed Calpol prior to coming to school please may you do the same - and let us know why they have had it and at what time, as this will enable us to monitor them more effectively as the day progresses. Thank you.



Mobility Open Day

29th October

10-4pm

1 Metcalfe Avenue, Carshalton, SM5 4AN

Free mini-assessments for children and adults:

- Driving on our private track for 15yrs+
- Children's car seats
- Wheelchair and scooters
- Transfer and seating solutions
- Information on flying with a disability
- Adaption specialists, vehicle converters and specialist equipment providers



Places are limited.
Call **0208 770 1151** or email
mobility@qef.org.uk
to reserve your place

**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

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)

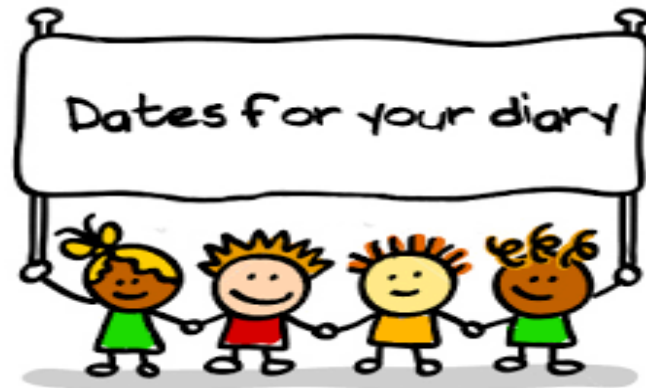
Emails will be monitored between 8:00am – 3:45pm, Monday – Friday
during term time only by admin staff

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**



- Wednesday 23rd October – “My Special People” morning
- Wednesday 23rd October – Parents’ Evening
- Thursday 21st November – Parents’ music morning
- Monday 25th November – Coffee/information morning
- Tuesday 10th December PM - Christmas show (Letter to follow)
- Wednesday 11th December AM – Christmas Show (letter to follow)
- Wednesday 11th December – School Christmas Dinner (Letter to follow)

Remaining Inset days for 2024/2025:

- Monday 28th July 2025
- Tuesday 29th July 2025