



Saxon Wood School

Weekly Newsletter – 25th October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well and looking forward to the half term break.

Thank you so much for joining us on Wednesday to work alongside your child in class. I received lots of positive feedback from parents, which was wonderful to hear. When I visited classes, I could see many of you were having a lot of fun decorating pumpkins. There were some amazing designs!!

This week some of our pupils visited a residential home for the elderly to sing some songs. I could not be prouder of how they sang with confidence and interacted with some of the elderly residents. One child played the key board and sang, whilst the others joined in, loud and clear! Each class created some art work that was presented to the residents and they also received some pumpkins. This was a lovely event that we will continue to do, making important links within our community. Well done to the children who took part and to the adults who made it happen.

Makaton sign of the week has been; patient/calm. Full details can be found on Makaton.org website.



Patient/ Calm (to be)



Fox Class again, had a busy week. The weather was kind to us and we thoroughly enjoyed going outside to play. We have also made full use of the Sensory room, Magic carpet room and Library for some activities and story time over the week. We all enjoyed playing in the soft play area, had individual sessions in Relax kids and a group Music session. We have been looking at our photos when participating in activities and sticking them in our scrapbooks. Most of us liked decorating our scrapbooks with Autumn and Halloween stickers or glitter. Our highlight of this week was time with parents on Wednesday morning. We painted pumpkins together, painted cauldron pictures, did some leaf rubbing and looked outside for Halloween pictures with our checklists.

We will all enjoy a little rest over the next week and soon we will be back for more fun and play."



Badger Class this week welcomed some members of our families into the classroom. The children thoroughly enjoyed working alongside them to complete various activities including decorating a pumpkin, decorating a mask and making a 'witches wand' using breadsticks, melted chocolate and sprinkles. Badger Class have also been thinking about why we say or sign thank you as well as why it is important. They then made some lovely cards to say thank you to someone in their lives. We then read a story about 'Sukkot' - a Jewish festival celebrating and showing thankfulness for Harvest. As part of this, we explored how a 'Sukkah' is built and how it is used when 'Sukkot' is being celebrated. We then built our own 'Sukkah' outside together before sitting down inside it for a snack. We have also been having a go at mixing primary colours to see what other colours we can make. Children found this particularly enjoyable albeit messy as they did this by putting one colour of paint on one hand and another colour of paint on the other hand before rubbing them together to see the new colour they made! Also in art, we have experimented with what happens to a colour if we add black to it and what happens if we add white.



Dormouse Class have had a wonderful time creating some fantastic Autumnal artwork this week. We have explored purposeful movements and cause and effect using paint scented with cinnamon, enjoyed an Autumn walk to collect signs of Autumn then used them to create our own collages and even decorated pumpkins - some of us alongside our Special People during Special People's morning!

We are all so proud of how hard the children have worked this half term and wish you all a well-deserved rest!



Hedgehog Class have used all their skills from practising last week and have created a Pablo Picasso cubism portrait showing an emotion using digital media. Whilst showing off their artistic flare they have also been learning about using the paint tool program on the computer and saving a document under a file and retrieving their work. The children really enjoyed their parents coming into school and helping them with their Halloween activities.

Hedgehog class would like to wish everyone a happy half term holiday and we are looking forward to another busy half term after the holidays.



Squirrel class had a fun week, filled with activities enjoyed by all. The children loved our parent's morning, they were excited to have their family members and carers in school. The children painted their own pumpkins and manipulated with pumpkin playdough. This week we have focused a lot on switch work to support the children's choice making, communication and understating skills in a fun way, supported with well-known theme songs. The children engaged well in their music lesson and felt free when moving/dancing to music in Move momentum. The children really did showcase their listening at attention skills during Halloween themed Bucket time. They were all participating well in our art work that we have sent to a care home.

I hope you all have a lovely break and I look forward to welcoming the children back after half term, when Christmas will almost be upon us!

Take care

Jakki





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)

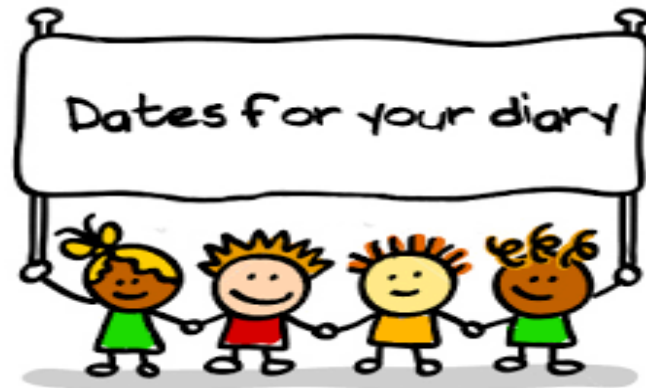
Emails will be monitored between 8:00am – 3:45pm, Monday – Friday
during term time only by admin staff

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**



- 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