



Saxon Wood School

Weekly Newsletter – 10th January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to wish you all a very happy new year! I hope you all had a good Christmas break with your families. The children have returned refreshed and ready to learn.

This week I have been planning some events for parents to join us in school. I had lots of positive feedback about the sessions we had last term. One particular date for your diary is 14th February 2025 - Valentine's Day! We know how you all work tirelessly with your children and can sometimes forget to think about you! We would like to invite you for a Valentine's Day themed coffee morning, where you can come along and have a chat with other parents. We will serve you with hot drinks and some yummy treats to eat. More information will follow nearer the time.

I will also be planning for another art gallery to take place at Saxon Wood where Parents will have the opportunity to view art work produced by the children from each class. Also, I have finally arranged for our Educational Psychologist to run a session with parents. I am just finalising a few details before sending out further information to you.

Week commencing January 27th we will be having a multi-cultural week at Saxon Wood. I have met with teachers to start planning some fun lessons for the children, to celebrate different cultures through music and dance. So far, we have planned a company to present an African Drumming workshop. We will also have a Chinese dragon dance workshop, which will be raise much excitement, I am sure.

As I mentioned above, the children were certainly ready for learning when they arrived back at school on Monday.





Fox Class have come back relaxed and refreshed ready for first Spring term. The children have had a nice, calm week and have settled back in really well to our routines. Over the first Spring term we are going to look at stories written by Julia Donaldson. This week we have looked at "The Gruffalo" story. We have also accessed a variety of activities such as PE in the hall, soft play, sensory room, messy play, games etc, we also started to explore the concept of 'big' and 'small' and patterns using resources involving Gruffalo characters. We also enjoyed painting those characters too.



Badger Class have had a super first week back at school and we have been so impressed with how well the Children have managed the school day and settled back into routines. This week we shared what we did over Christmas and how we rang in the new year. We watched the 2025 London fireworks and then made our own firework pictures using cardboard tubes and bright paint colours! We thought about why people set new year resolutions and had a go at setting our own such as to 'cut my food', 'learn how to ride a bike' and 'learn more about science'! Badger Class have begun to explore their new topic centred around 'Farms' and came up with lots of related words to fill a mind map of things they already know about farms such as some of the animals that live there and some equipment farmers might use. Well done Badger Class for a great first week back!



Dormouse Class children have come back to school and thrown themselves into their learning! We have begun our topic of "The Very Hungry Caterpillar". Children have shown real interest in exploring our red themed Tuff Tray and threw themselves into our introduction to the story. The egg on a leaf was a definite highlight! (As was knocking it off!)



Hedgehog Class have come back bright, alert and ready to learn, this is lovely to see. We have started the week off by watching the film “Nim's Island” which is a story that we will read throughout this half term for our topic. Also, this week we have been working on direction in maths, playing Simon Says, and mastering their left and right. In phonics some children have been working out with Miss Oh No! Reading CVCC words and even spelling them. Others have been working on the sound 'oa', and prefixes. In History we are learning about The Vikings and the type of boats they travelled in called Longboats. The Children had great fun at role play, we made a longboat out of classroom chairs and tables and all became Vikings, rowing their longboat to travel the world trading goods.



Squirrel Class have started the New Year brilliantly, we have had so many amazing moments already. The children love our new topic ‘The Gruffalo’ and they have shown good engagement throughout the related sessions. In maths the children have been comparing lots and more, and also big and small. They have been building a log pile house using twigs and building blocks. In phonics the class continues to work in different groups. One group continued with the Monster Phonics programme while the other worked on switch skills and anticipation of actions during nursery rhyme time. The class have already produced some Gruffalo art work and we are excited to create some more. The children were pleased to have their first Relax Kids and Move Momentum sessions also.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend. Keep warm!!!

Take care
Jakki

**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





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parentcomms@saxonwood.hants.sch.uk

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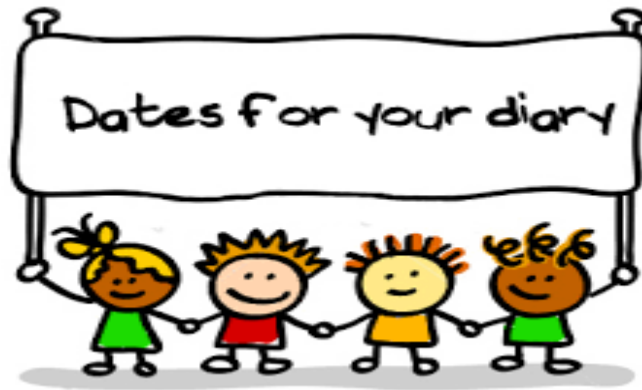
Emails will be monitored between 8:00am – 3:45pm, Monday – Friday
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Your email will then be forwarded to the relevant member of staff and you
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If you send an email in the evening, please be reassured 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
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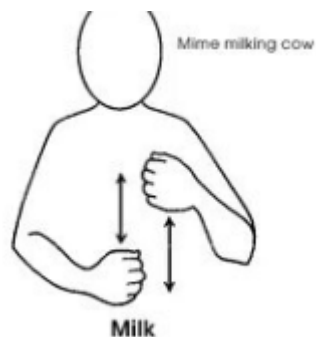


- February 17th – 21st – Half Term
- Friday 4th April – Last day of term (**early finish at 1.30pm**)
Children return to school on Tuesday 22nd April

Remaining Inset days for 2024/2025:

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

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