



Saxon Wood School

Weekly Newsletter – 17th October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you are well.

First of all, I want to say how thankful I am for being so patient and understanding when we have had to close classes. You will receive a letter today, outlining the reason and why I have had to make these decisions that are made only as a last resort. Some positive news: This week I have carried out several interviews and I am pleased to announce that I have employed a teacher, two LSAs and a lunch-time assistant. More information about start dates to follow. This will also add to the recruitment of our new Assistant Headteacher, Hannah Hyatt, who officially starts on 3rd November. Hannah has 15 years' experience of teaching in a Special School setting. She has been coming into school one day a week to familiarise herself with Saxon Wood and has made a very pleasing start.

Halloween

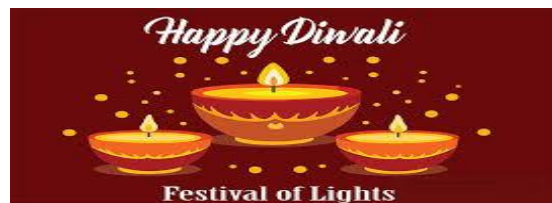
A few weeks ago, I wrote in the newsletter about our Halloween party. As a special treat for the children who have been amazing as always, we will be throwing a Halloween party on Friday 24th October. Some of our staff will be staying behind on Thursday to decorate the school. This will be a nice surprise for the children when they arrive on Friday morning. We will ensure we have nothing too spooky on display! On that note, children can dress up for the occasion, but please ensure their costume is not frightening in any way. They can dress up as a favourite character, or a 'less-spooky' Halloween character. They can even dress up in party clothes. Or, they can come in their normal school uniform, if that would be more comfortable. We have games planned, a disco in the hall, we have treats to make and pumpkins to paint! I am sure they will have a wonderful day!



Now to find out what learning we have been doing in our classes:



Fox Class this week celebrated Diwali – The Hindu celebration of lights. We watched a short video about Diwali and the origin of it. In art we made beautiful Rangoli patterns using coloured flour. We used finger tips, whole hands and paintbrushes. We also painted Rangoli using different colour paints and glitter. It was messy but so much fun. This week in Phonics we explored home sounds. It was fascinating to hear the microwave, washing machine, Hoover and other familiar sound through the big screen. We also had our usual Bucket time, PE, soft play, and Sensory room sessions.



Dormouse Class had a new Tuff tray to start the week, full of shiny things, space blankets, mirror, saucepan, whisk, glitter ball and some very sparkly tinsel. All the children have enjoyed exploring and it is definitely their favourite so far. We went for a lovely walk down to the sensory garden. The children loved playing the big instruments, smelling the different herbs and they even had a go on the roundabout, which was enjoyed by all.



Badger Class enjoyed another great music session where they have been having a go at playing instruments in different ways to imitate weather. We enjoyed a very creative forest school session where we made leaf monsters and did a 'spicy painting' where we mixed spices with water to make a paste! We used this to paint pumpkins. Badger Class have been working hard in literacy, where they have been gradually building sentences using colours and symbols as a guide. Next week they will use this to help them form simple sentences to retell the story of Goldilocks and the three bears. We have been really enjoying spending time in our cafe role play area. Children have enjoyed 'preparing' drinks for one another and 'exchanging' money at the till. Badger Class are very much looking forward to some Halloween fun next Friday with many activities planned for them to enjoy!



Hedgehog Class this week have really enjoyed the story 'A Superhero Like You'. They have explored how Superheroes are fictional characters that wear capes and their pants over their trousers! But have discussed how people that help us in our community are the real-life Superheroes and we shared our experiences of who has helped us. The children have continued to work hard in phonics and produced some fantastic sentences.



Squirrel Class this week have focussed on big and small in maths using different pumpkins and toys for size reference. In phonics we have explored environmental sounds, giving the children a choice of two symbols to select the sound they heard. We have also enjoyed our weekly Relax Kids, Music and Move momentum sessions.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Take care

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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



The following link has some helpful information if you are unsure whether your child should attend school

<https://www.what0-18.nhs.uk/parentscarers/worried-your-child-unwell/child-unwell-ok-go-nurseryschool>



CAR PARK SAFETY

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 allow parents to leave in the order that they are parked and ensure safety for all

Handovers should be kept to a minimum. If you need to speak with a member of staff, please email or call ahead and we will arrange this for you, or please use your child's home communication book to relay any messages

- 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



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**



Full term dates are shown on our website

- Tuesday 21st October – Parents evening
- Friday 24th October – Halloween party in school Children can come dressed in a costume
- Half term – Monday 27th October to Friday 31st (Children return to school Monday 3rd November)
- Tuesday 4th November – Parents coffee morning (9.30-10.30)
- Wednesday 19th November – Individual School Photographs
- Tuesday 9th December – Christmas Performance 2pm
- Wednesday 10th December – Christmas Performance 10am
- Christmas Holidays (1.30 finish on Friday 19th December) Monday 22nd December to Monday 5th January

Inset day Monday 5th January (Children return to school Tuesday 6th January)