

# Saxon Wood School

### Weekly Newsletter – 16<sup>th</sup> June 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely half term break .The weather has been glorious. As you are aware, before half term we had our Ofsted Inspection. As soon as the report is available, we will share this with you.

We have lots of exciting events taking place this half term. Letters will be sent home shortly.

#### WhatsApp/Social media

It has been brought to my attention that some inaccurate information is shared on a parent WhatsApp group and social media from time to time. There has been inaccurate information about either what I have said, or sometimes, what other members of staff have said. There have also been times when information about specific issues has been incorrect. This can be very upsetting for staff, who work tirelessly every day to support the children.

It also has a negative impact on the school too, so can I please remind parents to speak with either me or a member of staff, should you have a concern, to allow us the opportunity to explain the factual details. I do find it concerning that inaccurate information is sometimes being shared on public platforms.

Thank you for your understanding with this matter.

#### Busy! Busy! Busy!

Now let's find out what the children have been learning this week as I know they have been extremely busy.



Dormouse have been doing our best to keep cool while starting our unit on Roald Dahl. Our Sensory Story is learning all about Roald Dahl and the books he wrote. We have felt bumpy twiglets, helped balloons fly around the room and learned to match objects to signs, symbols and verbal labels! The children were all really engaged and especially enjoyed trying to pop the BFG's bubbles!



It has been lovely having the children back in Badger class this week, they have certainly had some lovely experiences over half term. We have launched our Pirate topic this week and we will be inviting families to come into school to help us on our pirate day (date to be confirmed.) In maths we are looking at position and direction, we have been learning our left and right and instructing our partners around the room using directions. For phonics we are looking at the 've' 'tch' and 'ai' sounds we have been practicing spelling using paint and magnetic letters. As a group we made an 'ai' train with all the words we could think of: rain, snail, train, email, rainbow!



This week in Rabbit class we have been settling back into to our daily school routines in after having our 2-week break.

Our topic this half term is 'At the seaside' and the children have loved spending lots of time in the outside area, and playing with sand and water to help create the beach and this has also helped with keeping them cool.

In maths they have been singing our number songs based on our topic 'At the Seaside'.

Phonics we have started to use the Rennison board to help identify different everyday sounds and singing songs.

Due to the hot weather and the children playing with water, could you please send in changes of clothes, hats and sun cream.



This week Squirrel class have been enjoying our new topic 'At the Seaside'. We have been exploring all the different things that we might find at the Seaside such as sand, the sea, bucket and spade, balls and ice creams. We have been using symbols with these objects on in our literacy and maths lessons matching up pictures that are the same and developing our understanding of different words.

We have used these pictures to create our own beach scenes and developing our fine motor skills by cutting and sticking the pictures either independently of with support where required.

We have really enjoyed phonics this week listening out for lots of environmental sounds that we might hear at the beach and we have been looking at the sound 'S' this week making our own tactile 'S' postcards using glue and sand.



In Hedgehog class we have started our new topic 'Save the Planet!' We have been looking at how to save the Rainforest and the children were delighted to adopt a Gorilla which they have voted to call Rick! We have been busy doing outdoor writing to practice the 'ore' and 'aw; sound in phonics. In maths we have looked at fractions split by butterfly wings. In dance we have explored Earth theme and in PE played Goal ball. In art we are learning about the artist Henri Rousseau.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and manage to enjoy some of the lovely weather. As always, if you have any concerns or questions, please speak to either a member of staff who will be only too happy to help.

Take care

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# Saxon Wood Association Summer Fete



Come and join us at school

on

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2023

1 – 4pm

for lots of fun





# Stalls include:



- Tombola for all ages
- Lucky spin
- Name the teddy
- Sweetie Jars
- Craft Stall
- Raffle

And Many More!









All email correspondence, not just absences, must be sent directly to the office at <a href="mailto:parentcomms@saxonwood.hants.sch.uk">parentcomms@saxonwood.hants.sch.uk</a>

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





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- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June Dormouse class trip to Intech (2<sup>nd</sup> group)
- Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June RSE meeting 2pm
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July Picnic lunch with parents from Midday/Sports day starts from 1.30pm
- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July Leavers Assembly 2pm (Year 6 parents only)
- Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July Parent workshop (with Educational Psychologist) and coffee morning 9.30-11.30am
- Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July Funday
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July Last day of term (1.30 finish)
- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September/Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September Inset days (school closed to students)
- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September Children return to school