



Saxon Wood School

Weekly Newsletter – 23rd June 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well.

I cannot believe that we are in the middle of the year and coming towards the end of another academic year! Where has the time gone!

WhatsApp/Social Media

I would like to say a big thank you to those parents who contacted me giving reassurance that they would speak to the school directly if they had an issue, rather than putting it on social media platforms. I would also like to thank you for the lovely comments made about the school too. I appreciate that the majority of parents do speak with us directly and I would like to thank everyone once again for your continued support with this.

Cost of Living Crisis

With the ever-increasing cost of living prices putting many families into financial crisis, the Spotlight centre in Popley have had families all over Basingstoke contact them to say they are really struggling with cost-of-living crisis. They currently refer a lot of families to three local companies who have offered free consultations for families to see if they can offer any discounts and hopefully save families money. I have been emailed three flyers with information on where parents could receive some free consultations, which are attached with this newsletter.

Car Park

To avoid any miscommunication, we are trialling a new system where only teachers and Senior LSA's will collect those children from the car park who are dropped off and collected by parents. That should hopefully provide a clear line of communication between key staff and parents. If at any other time, you want to speak with us, please contact the office to make an appointment, or continue to use the parent communication email address.

Meetings in school

If you have a meeting arranged in school and you would like to bring other professionals who have not been invited by school staff, please inform us in advance.

Parent Communication Email Address

Staying on the subject of communication, I would like to thank you for embracing the use of our parent email system. This has been beneficial for staff wellbeing as it avoids staff receiving emails from parents at weekends and after school hours, which is why we set up an alternative way of contacting us.

Saxon Wood in action

The children have been busy this week learning about their new topics. Although we have a wide range of needs across the school, our staff always find a method or strategy to ensure every child is included in their learning, ensuring there is inclusivity for all.



This week Squirrel class have been exploring the book 'The Waves'. The story talks about all the things that the waves might wash up on the beach and we have been exploring these objects in class with sensory sand trays and matching books. We have explored words that describe these objects such as 'soft' for the feather and 'hard' for the rock.

In maths we have been consolidating our understanding of the numbers 1-5 and 1-10. Learning about the composition of these numbers and trying to recognise how many items there are in a set by just looking (subitising) and counting with our fingers.

We have been busy this week creating a beautiful piece of beach artwork. The children have completed this in stages, spending a day using rollers to paint the sea, the next day we experimented with mixed media and incorporated sand into the paintings followed by printing and using our feet to make footprints. The paintings look very effective and we cannot wait to show you!



Dormouse class have been loving our new Roald Dahl topic and are continuing to use all our senses to learn about the stories he wrote. We thoroughly enjoyed watching some of the original BFG while keeping cool in the afternoons, especially the Froboscottle and Dream scenes! We also explored the smell, feel and taste of peaches and they were almost a unanimous hit - and so refreshing!



In Badger we have been looking direction in maths, we have looked at left, right, forwards, backwards, above and below. At home you can ask the children to tell you how they remember their left and right, there is a great trick.

For phonics we have been outdoors a lot this week. We have played word hunt, beanbag toss and using natural materials to find out our sounds. We combined soil and oil to make a lovely mess!

PE was a big hit with the children this week, in goal ball on Thursday the children showed great listening skills and worked well as a team. In move momentum on Friday e carried on learning our pirate dance.

This week in RE we looked at different ways to celebrate special occasions, the children had balloons and stilly sting to bring a party feel. They all could think of something they celebrate in their family such as birthdays and weddings.

Our Art has been pirate themed this week with the children making collage pirate boats and pirates. We have all worked out our pirate name - use this website to work out yours: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/quizzes/create-your-ultimate-pirate-name>



Rabbit class have been taking full advantage of the lovely weather and have worked outside where possible. In Literacy they have been exploring a sensory audible story called 'At the Seaside'. Listening and exploring all the different sounds they would hear at the Seaside and exploring items by touch. Also following on from this theme the children have been taking part and choosing their favourite Seaside songs, counting to 5. In phonics they have been listening and making different sounds using their hands and different materials on the resonance board, which they have been really interested and engaged in. They have also had a Magic Carpet session based around the ocean which they all thoroughly enjoyed.



Hedgehog class have concentrated on 'all' for astronaut in phonics and in maths have explored position and direction practising left and right. The children have again been playing Goalball in PE and are becoming very good at it. They have continued their learning on the Rainforest and in literacy used their best writing skills to persuade people to save the Rainforest from the animal's point of view. In Science they have looked at the different layers of the rainforest and who lives there and in art explored artist Henri Rousseau's Exotic Landscape portrait and then painted their own. The children all did a super job, one example is shown below:



Once again, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. Our staff work extremely hard every single day to ensure we meet the children's needs. Not only do they teach lessons relevant to each child, but they nurture them to ensure every child thrives at school. Although this is a rewarding job, I can never underestimate the hard work and commitment staff give every day to every child. Not forgetting the ladies in the office, who are behind the scenes, ensuring the office is run smoothly too. A big well done!

I hope you all have lovely weekend.

Take care

Jakki



Saxon Wood Association Summer Fete



Come and join us at school

on

Saturday 15th 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 parentcomms@saxonwood.hants.sch.uk

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



IMPORTANT REMINDER



Please **do not** send your child into school if they have a high temperature
As is always the case we will ask you to collect your child if we feel they are
too unwell to be in school

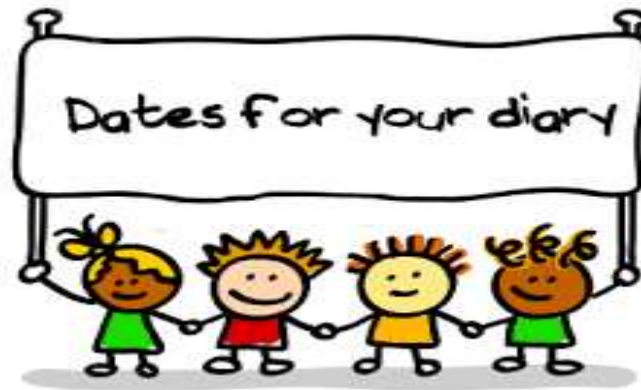
Below is a link launched from the NHS through Healthier Together which
gives helpful advice on symptoms and also when children can attend
school

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

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





- Wednesday 28th June – RSE meeting 2pm
- Friday 14th July – Picnic lunch with parents from Midday/Sports day starts from 1.30pm
- Tuesday 25th July – Leavers Assembly 2pm (Year 6 parents only)
- Wednesday 26th July – Parent workshop (with Educational Psychologist) and coffee morning 9.30-11.30am
- Thursday 27th July - Funday
- Friday 28th July – Last day of term (1.30 finish)
- Friday 1st September/Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th September - Inset days (school closed to students)
- Wednesday 6th September – Children return to school