



Saxon Wood School

Weekly Newsletter – 7th July 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well.

You will all have received a copy of our latest Ofsted report and a covering letter, highlighting the fantastic progress we have made in the last three and a half years. I am so proud of our children and staff, not to mention our governors who do so much behind the scenes. It is wonderful to have our hard work recognised and the changes made, validated externally, as being positive changes.

Thank you in helping us celebrate the 75th birthday of the NHS. The children looked wonderful in their costumes. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to acknowledge and celebrate the fantastic NHS staff. A big, personal thank you to our very own health team, who play an important part in looking after the children's medical needs at school.

Next Monday, we look forward to welcoming our governors into school for a governors' day, where they can spend the morning in classrooms with the children and staff, join staff for lunch and then have their final full governing body meeting in the afternoon. We are looking forward to their visit.

It is always a pleasure to see the learning and participating in activities when I carry out learning walks around the school and this week I have been particularly impressed.



This week Squirrel class have started exploring the book 'What the ladybird heard at the Seaside'. We have been looking at different things on the front cover of the book to develop our vocabulary and language. One of the things that we spotted was the lighthouse. We have been making our own lighthouse artwork this week out of recycled materials and paint.

In PE we have been practising some of the skills we will need for Sports Day such as balancing beanbags on our heads and racing from one point to the next. The children really enjoyed these games and we then tried to see how many bean bags we could balance on our heads.

We have continued to consolidate some of our number knowledge in maths, some children are now working up to the number 10 and we have been looking at the concept of sharing, finding resources in our classroom that we can share 2 or 3 ways.



This week Dormouse Class have really worked on our choice making skills across a range of contexts. We have used symbols, switches, eye pointing, auditory listing and gesture to make choices between our favourite colours, toys, music videos and songs. Everyone has developed their understanding that how they respond can cause us to act in a certain way. We also practised not only requesting more/stop but responding to others' requests for "more"! A new core term we have been exploring recently is "go!" and some children have begun using it spontaneously when they feel a pause is taking too long or they would like a turn!!

Today we have dressed in blue and come as superheroes to recognise the incredible work of some of our real life superheroes the NHS! The children all looked fantastic in their outfits and we are all so thankful to the work of the doctors, nurses, therapists, healthcare assistants and more who we work with each and every day.



This week in Hedgehog class the children have been busy measuring the length of their body in Maths. They have learnt the 'y' green froggy sound in phonics. In art they have continued with their Rainforest collages and in Dance have been practising their Rainforest dances. In RE they have been working together to plan their Eid celebrations. This week was the final time at Horse riding for some of the children and it was lovely to share this with our parents who proudly watched as they were all presented with Golden Rosettes.



This week in Rabbit class we have recapped on all of our learning related to the seaside and enjoyed some outside time exploring water and sand.



In Badger class we have been exploring more split digraphs in phonics. See how many words you can think of that have the sounds a_e, i_e, e_e, o_e. You could write them onto bits of paper and hide them around the house for a phonics hunt.

In maths we have been measuring everything we can find. We have used longer, shorter, taller and shorter to describe and compare things. Have a look at this song with the children. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JjKhSyUVFBI> Tall or Short by Jack Hartmann introduces the concept of height and compares tall and short objects. Jack Hartmann gives real life examples of tall and short and then students are asked to apply this skill when answering the next part of the video if an object is tall or short. Jack reinforces their answer with the correct response.

In PE we are continuing to play Goal ball and adding the final touches to our pirate dances. The children are really listening to the music and thinking about the movements they can make.

In art we have been using lots of different materials to make textured pictures. We have been using collage, sand art and glitter glue. The final pieces are very spectacular.

We have been tending to our amazing flower and vegetable garden. We are looking forward to harvesting our treasure and they will be available for you to purchase at the pirate parents workshop.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing you at our annual Sports' day next week.

Take care
Jakki



Saxon Wood Association School Fete

Saturday 15th July 2023

1pm – 4pm

at Saxon Wood School



The Saxon Wood Association school fete is drawing closer and we are in need of a few donations

If you would like to donate to the school fete

can we please ask for:

Raffle Prizes

Bottles of wine for the adult tombola

Wine bottle bags

Bottles for the bottle tombola (this can be bottles of anything)



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!





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**



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

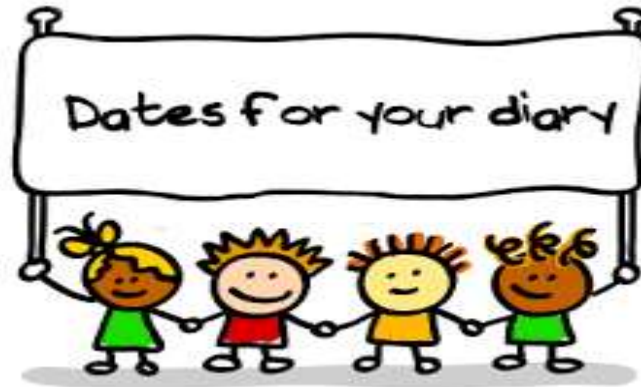
Below is a link launched from the NHS through Healthier Together which
gives helpful advice on symptoms and also when children can attend
school

<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 12th July EID celebrations (Badger/Hedgehog 2-3pm)
- Friday 14th July – Picnic lunch with parents from Midday/Sports day starts from 1.30pm
- Saturday 15th July – School Fete (1-4pm at Saxon Wood School)
- Tuesday 18th July – Drop-in session 3.30-5pm (please return slip if you wish to attend)
- Wednesday 19th July – Pirate Workshop (Badger class 10-12)
- Tuesday 25th July – Leavers Assembly 2pm (Year 6 parents only)
- Wednesday 26th July – Parents coffee morning 9.30-11.30am (more details to follow)
- 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