



# Saxon Wood School

Weekly Newsletter – 14th July 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well.

It is such a shame that we had to cancel our Sports day due to take place today, but I thought it would be better to give you as much notice as possible. Hopefully this will be able to take place on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July. We will keep you posted.

The children have been enjoying our end of term activities and we have much more in store. As a whole school treat, we have booked a theatre company to perform Alice in Wonderland to the school on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July. We are also looking forward to our annual fun day on the last week of term, which will be a day full of fun for all.

We are holding a coffee morning on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July between 9:30 and 11:30. This time we have invited our Educational Psychologist, Dr Chantelle Hawke to discuss strategies around behaviour and giving some useful tips that may be helpful over the summer break. Even if you would not find this useful, please pop in for a coffee and a chat. We will send out a letter with a reply slip if you would like to come along. On the reply slip, there will be a section for you to suggest any ideas or speakers for next year's coffee mornings. I will change the days next year to ensure as many parents have the opportunity to attend.

I have been reading and adding comments to the children's end of year reports. I am so proud of what they have achieved. There are some wonderful photos that capture their learning and just how much they enjoy being at school. You will receive your child's report on Monday. I hope you enjoy reading it as much as I have done.

The learning still continues at Saxon Wood, even as we approach the last couple of weeks of the academic year.



A favourite activity for Dormouse Class this week has been a "Switch Off." We hooked two switches to the class juke box and gave one to each of two children, with the switches programmed to each of their favourite songs. It was then a race to see who hit the switch (or eye pointed to their symbol) first to get their favourite song to play! The children found this really motivating and was fantastic to see them getting the hang of the game! Some children were surprisingly competitive!

We also enjoyed a walk to the sensory garden for a picnic snack and enjoyed joining in with an interactive version of "We're going on a bear hunt!"



Hedgehog class have been busy cooking and making crafts for the fete this week. Some of the children had the opportunity to visit the STEM fair at QMC yesterday and took part in lots of fun experiments such as making lava lamps. Also this week in maths we have explored measurement in centimetres and millimetres. In Literacy we have been writing in speech bubbles and learnt (green froggy) 'ph and y' in phonics. The children have begun their final art piece and made their final performance of their Rainforest dance. It was lovely to see so many of you on Wednesday afternoon when we celebrated Eid.



Rabbit class have continued with their learning all around their topic of 'At the seaside'. They have been particularly busy this week making art work for the gallery next week.



In badger class we had a lovely celebration about Eid, the children spent the morning preparing a feast for their family and then making decorations for the hall and the tables. It was a lovely celebration with games and toys and the children had a great time. Thank you to all who attended this session.

We have been practicing our pirate dance and sea shanties in class. The children are really looking forward to our pirate day next week and I hope you will be able to join us for all the pirate adventures.

In phonics we are looking at split digraphs and revising our skills. The children have been looking at their reading books and spotting them without using the colour as a clue! Great work!

In maths we have moved onto heavier and lighter. The children have used balance scales to work out what is heaviest. We have looked at this story, please share it again with the children at home: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gMKs-GAP37U>

In Science we have continued to look at the creatures from the sea, next week we will be using our artistic skills to make an underwater adventure. Please send into school any recycling you have so we can use it for junk modelling.



This week Squirrel Class have been consolidating their learning of colours. We have been looking at lots of real-life objects, photographs and symbols and working on our choosing and sorting skills to identify the colours that we see, using communication mats and Makaton to show understanding.

Rhyme Time this week was lots of fun. Our favourite song was 'The Grand Old Duke of York'. We made so much noise with our instruments and were exploring prepositions such as 'up' and 'down'.

We also had lots of fun in our PE and Move Momentum sessions working on our Physical Development and getting our bodies moving. Some children have been working on learning to jump purposefully and others have been working on their throwing and catching skills.

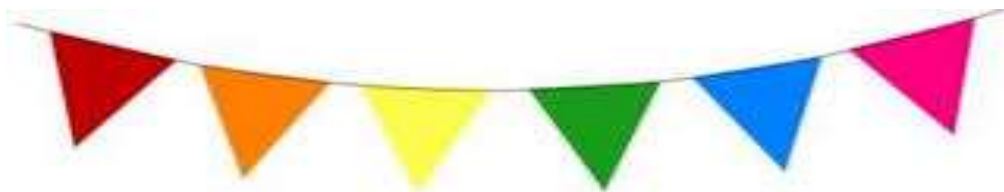
Finally, just a reminder that our school fete, is still taking place on Saturday as planned. We have been keeping an eye on the weather forecast, and due to the rain and wind forecast, the fete will be held indoors, however we have had to make the decision to cancel the barbeque. There will still be hot food, cakes, and hot and cold drinks available from the kitchen area.

We look forward to seeing everyone tomorrow!

Thank you for supporting our school.

Take care

**Jakki**



**Summer Fete**



# 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!





# ATTENTION PARENTS

**All email correspondence, not just absences,  
must be sent directly to the office at:**

**[parentcomms@saxonwood.hants.sch.uk](mailto: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

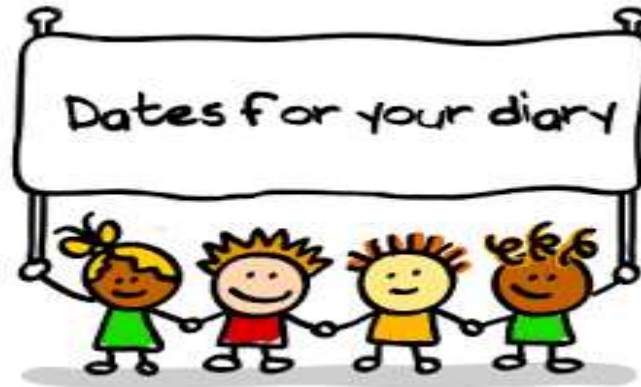
Below is a link launched from the NHS through Healthier Together which  
gives helpful advice on symptoms and also when children can attend  
school

<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](mailto:SaxonwoodNursingTeam@hhft.nhs.uk)





- Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July – School Fete (1-4pm at Saxon Wood School)
- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July – Drop-in session 3.30-5pm (please return slip if you wish to attend)
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July – Pirate Workshop (Badger class 10-12)
- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July – Sports Day and picnic lunch from 12 noon
- Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July – Leavers Assembly 2pm (Year 6 parents only)
- Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July – Parents coffee morning 9.30-11.30am (more details to follow)
- 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