



Saxon Wood School

Weekly Newsletter – 13th October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,



I hope you are all well.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to the parents of Dormouse Class for their patience and understanding when we had to close the class for a few days this week due to high staff absence.

We have been closing the classes that have the highest staff absence, however if this continues, we will carry this out on a rota basis with classes.

We do hope to be back to normal on Monday.

Thank you once again.

Today, we say goodbye to Tara Copping, who is leaving us to pursue a new career, but still within Hampshire County Council. We wish Tara the very best in her new role and thank her for all she has done for the children at Saxon Wood.

During my learning walks this week, I have been so impressed with the children's learning.

Each of our classes has a bespoke learning pathway to ensure all learners achieve. It really is a pleasure and an honour to watch them thrive.

Our Chair of Governors, Alan Rowden, has accompanied me with some of these learning walks and he has been equally impressed with our children. Of course, this can only happen under the direction of our fantastic team of staff. A big thank you to each and every one of you.

Now let's find out what the children have been learning.



This week Squirrel Class have been enjoying a new book. We have been reading Goldilocks and the Three Bears and the children absolutely love this story! We took our learning a bit further and made porridge this week, exploring the concept of hot and cold. Whilst we waited for our porridge to cool we explored lots of different toppings to put on our porridge, looking at nice and not so nice toppings. The children of course all chose the nice toppings which were honey and chocolate. We continued with some more food related learning this week when we made teddy bear toast. We included our number awareness into this learning by adding three slices of banana and 3 blueberries to make the bears face. We have also been exploring the 'b' sound and finding things that start with this sound such as bear, banana and blueberries.



In phonics this week Rabbit are exploring the letter 'M'. Exploring this letter using cued articulation and Mark making. In Literacy we have been exploring the sensory story 'Brown Bear What do you see'. Using 4 of our senses, looking, touching, listening, and smelling different objects and materials to help us understand the story. In art we have been making a card using our hands to create a beautiful colourful flower.

Music is one of our favourite lessons, we love exploring different instruments and the different sounds they make.

We really enjoy our move momentum sessions. We love moving to the music, using ribbons, bubbles, and pom poms. The best part is the parachute at the end.

We are completing our 1:1 task every day and working hard on our focus and attention in bucket time.



We have sorely missed our Dormice this week and look forward to seeing them next week!



Badger class have been working so hard this week, they have been counting and grouping numbers, talking about 'lots of' and counting in 2's and 10's. The children have been exploring musical instruments and making sounds to match pictures. They have also been looking at Miss oh No sounds and playing matching games (words to pictures). They have been sounding out 'ow' words in groups too.

To support our fine motor skills, we have been doing dough gym to the song baby shark. It is fun and annoying at the same time! If you want to try it at home here is the link.

<https://www.youtubekids.com/watch?v=aAo2h36DVfA&hl=en-GB>

I just want to say a big thank you to all children, parents and staff for making my time at Saxon Wood so rewarding. Although I am excited to start a new adventure, I will definitely miss the school.



Hedgehog class have had a fabulous week. In phonics we have practised using our split diagraphs whilst doing some great reading. In maths we have continued with our times tables and are getting so confident now in our 2's, 5's and 10's. In food tech we wrote our own recipes for some healthy meals and in RE we used Lego to build Sukkah's. The children had some really great ideas. Some of the children were lucky enough to start their swimming lessons this week which they thoroughly enjoyed. Today for friendship Friday we have been busy making some bunting and choosing different games to play.

As always, I am keen to hear on any suggestions or ways we can improve, so please do feel free to send an email or speak to either myself or a member of staff.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend. The weather has certainly turned autumnal now!

Take care

Jakki



**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 allows the parents to leave in the order that they are parked

- 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

Please do not walk your child down the carpark
Thank you for your cooperation

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





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)

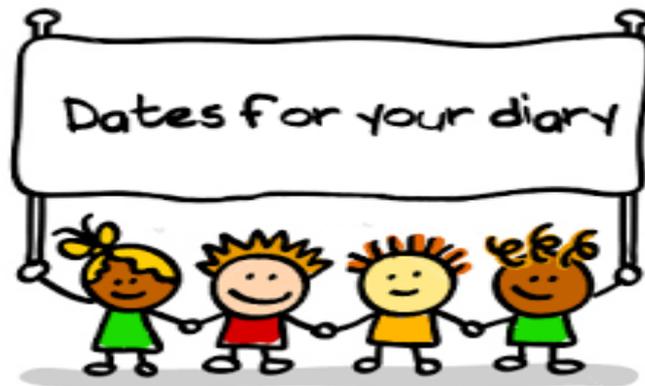
Emails will be monitored between 8:00am – 3:45pm, Monday – Friday
during term time only by admin staff

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**



October

- Half Term – 23rd – 27th October (Children return to school Monday 30th October)

November

- M&M Productions in school to perform Beauty and the Beast Monday 13th November (from 9.30)

December

- Christmas Performance – Monday 11th at 2pm
- Christmas Performance – Tuesday 12th at 10am
- Christmas Dinner and Party Day – Wednesday 13th
- Last Day of Term – Friday 15th (1.30pm finish)
- Inset Day – Tuesday 2nd January
(Children return to school on Wednesday 3rd January)

Letters to be sent home in due course