

Sauncey Wood Primary Newsletter

Friday, 12th May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to begin by saying how proud I am of the 31 children who tackled their SATs this week head on and with the most positive of attitudes. They have worked hard across the four-day week and really shown what they are all capable of.

It is never nice to be under any amount of pressure when taking tests, but the way that each and every one of these wonderful children approached this week's assessments is really a credit to the maturity they showed.

I would also like to thank Miss Harkness, Mrs Byford and of course the Year 6 team of Mr Contato and Mrs Coultart for giving every child the best possible chance of achieving well this year. You are a remarkable team and have supported our Year 6 group so well!

With just two weeks to go before the end of this half term, and then the final push of the year, it would be great to see as many of you over the coming weeks at the Friends of Sauncey Wood events including the Car Wash event happening this Saturday.

The FoSW continue to do as much as they can to raise vital funds for us and ensure that lots of the lovely things that happen for our children continue. They have paid for coaches for swimming among many other brilliant things. Please do speak to Clare and Gemma if you are keen to help. We cannot do this without all of your support!

Mr Lloyd

School Photographs

A gentle reminder that on Wednesday, 17th May we will be having our Class Photos and Year 6 Leavers Photos taken by Braiswick Photographers.

School News

Mrs Henderson - Year 2

We have some exciting news to share about Mrs Henderson. She is due to welcome not one, but two new family members to the Henderson household later this year.

Mrs Henderson and family are delighted to be able to share this news with you and we are so excited to hear about the arrival of the twins at some point at the start of the new school year. The great thing is that Mrs Henderson will be able to complete her teaching this year with Year 2. Plans will be put in place for the start of the new academic year ensuring teaching remains a strength in the year group.

Secondary Pupils on School Grounds - who are not siblings

Over the past few weeks we have seen more and more ex-pupils coming back to Sauncey Wood at the end of the day. Some of these ex-pupils are siblings and we fully appreciate that they may be here to collect younger ones. I would ask, for safety reasons, that you inform the office if this is to be the case.

We are also aware that a number of children who may well be friends with some of our older children are trying to get on to the school grounds. This is not allowed at any point of the day and in particular at the end of the school day. Please can you make those children aware they will not be permitted to come on to the school grounds. There is no variation in this expectation either.

Plant Donation for Sensory Garden

An appeal for any donations of suitable plants, i.e. Rosemary, Lavender etc. has been requested by Susan Dean, one of our school Governors who continues her amazing work on developing our sensory garden soon to be complete. She has worked and continues to work tirelessly to make sure it is going to be a beautiful place for children to relax in the school grounds. Please do feel free to get in touch with her through the school office or directly on her email at sdean@saunceywood.herts.sch.uk.

Governor Corner

We're delighted to have had a very successful recruitment effort this term, for both parent and non-parent Governors. A huge thank you to Sam Smith, Rebecca Crawford and Michelle Saas for putting themselves forward as parent Governors. We know from experience that it can be quite daunting to nominate yourself for the role when an election may be involved, but fortunately we have been able to welcome all three applicants and look forward to working with them. With changes in both Headteacher and Chairs of Governors coming up, this is an exciting time to join the Governing Body and make a difference to the lives of children at the school. Welcome to the board Sam, Rebecca and Michelle!

We are also pleased to welcome Simon Tomlinson and Margaret Stocks as co-opted Governors. Margaret is Head of a nursery school in Hatfield, and Simon is a secondary school Teacher in Luton, so both bring very relevant but different experience to the board. We will introduce all of our new Governors fully once they are up and running in their roles.

Bridgett and Colin
Co-Chair of Governors



FRIEND'S NEWS

We've got several fundraisers between now and half term. Starting with the Sauncey Wood Car Wash tomorrow! Please do come and support it if you can. As well as getting a nice clean car there will be tea, coffee, cakes and hotdogs as well as a bouncy castle and games.

Friday, 19th is the FoSW disco. Tickets available on Classlist by end of today! Thank you to all who've bought so far.

Friday, 26th we have an end of half term treat - Krispy Kreme doughnuts! These can be **bought in advance only by Thursday, 18th May**. Please buy via Classlist or again, pop money into the FoSW post-box in a named envelope. Prices as follows:-

£10 - 12 doughnuts OR Vegan Option £16 - 12 doughnuts
£6 - 6 doughnuts OR Vegan Option £9 - 6 doughnuts
£2 - 2 doughnuts OR Vegan Option £3 - 2 doughnuts.

Please do consider giving an hour of your time to volunteer at the events we put on. It is really rewarding seeing lots of happy children and also knowing you're helping raise money for the school. Unfortunately, without a team of volunteers we may have to cancel events, as it's just not possible to run them with just us. Many thanks to all those people who do volunteer, it is much appreciated.

Best wishes

Clare and Gemma

