

Sauncey Wood Primary Newsletter

Friday, 9th December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

We are now into the final two weeks of the Autumn Term, and since October half term, it has really flown by.

We have been working hard over the past couple of weeks with many children undertaking some assessments to see how our new assessment system is embedding in to our school. The progress data remains strong and we will look at attainment data over the next week or two to see how the children are making their way to the end of year objectives driven through the National Curriculum.

Our new system continues to be developed and through detailed pupil progress meetings, that are taking place this coming week, we will continue to fine tune and develop it. Feedback from the Teachers is key to ensure that we are maximising opportunities for all children to make the best possible progress.

Christmas will be upon us imminently, and we are looking forward to a busy final two weeks of term. Next week sees us take the whole school to St Albans for the annual pantomime trip; this will be the first time in 2 years we will have taken the children. The final week of term sees us graced with the YR, Y1 and Y2 Nativity and we really look forward to welcoming a live audience back for this brilliant showpiece.

On the final day of term we will be hosting Carols Around the Tree where all parents are welcome to come and join us for a jolly old sing along. LIVE!
9.15 a.m. start.

Have a lovely weekend. COME ON ENGLAND!

Mr Lloyd

Letters gone out this fortnight:-

29.11.22 Sauncey Wood Christmas Film Night

05.12.22 All Saints Church Visit - Years 1 - 6

07.12.22 Foundation Stage & KS1 Nativity
'Christmas Counts'

School News

Children in Need

This year saw us put on a Sauncey Wood Bake/Cake sale at the end of the day on 18th November (Children in Need Day). It was one of the best-attended cake sales that we have ever had. It was lovely to see the support from lots of the school community and because of your support, generosity and kindness the total raised for Children in Need was £184.15.

Football Friendlies

I only managed to catch the last few minutes of the B Team game earlier this week but I was so impressed by the attitude of all the players involved. After catching up with Mr Holmes and hearing that both teams had played so well and this resulted in us winning both of our friendly games against The Lea Primary. It was a great way to end the calendar year with positive results for both teams. Results below:-

A Team - 2-0 against The Lea

B Team - 2-0 against The Lea.

Goodbye to Mrs Lane

Sadly, we do have to say one goodbye at the end of this Term as Mrs Lane, who teaches in Year 2 on a Thursday and Friday will be leaving the Sauncey Wood teaching team. We are sad to see her leave and I know that all of the children in her class have really enjoyed having her as their Teacher. Mrs Lane has supported the children well in her class and we would like to wish her luck as she moves on.

On a positive note, we are delighted to welcome back to a class teaching role, the brilliant **Miss Donnelly**. Miss Donnelly has remained part of our teaching team but in a more supportive role in various classes teaching PPA and supporting children in Reading. Having Miss Donnelly return to teaching in Y2, for two days of the week, is a positive move for the school and I know that the start of the Spring Term will see the children continue to make excellent progress and support them in preparation for the Statutory Assessments in the Summer Term.

School Meals

We can advise that from January 2023 the school meal charge per meal will be £2.80.



Rotary Carol Concert

We would like to say the biggest well done to our brilliant choir who represented the school at the Rotary Carol Concert this week. Miss Donnelly had worked so hard to ensure our children sang with confidence and pride. Well done to all the boys and girls!

FRIEND'S NEWS

Thank you to everyone who came and supported the Christmas Fair at the weekend. It was a lovely event and a great fundraiser bringing in over £1000. Thank you to all our helpers and all the staff who made it happen! We were blown away by the support that we saw and cannot thank you enough for attending the first Christmas Fair in 3 years. It was magical to see so many of our families, new and old enjoying the festive fun. We are already thinking about bigger plans for next year and we are always willing to listen to ideas and value the support that others can offer. Thank you again for all your support!

Don't forget to sign up to Amazon Smile - it doesn't cost you anything and is an easy way to raise money for FoSW. Details of how to join are on the Friends of Sauncey Wood Facebook page and we'll also send them out via class reps.

Printer ink cartridges of all kinds can be donated for recycling at the office now as well. Please put them in the ink bin and when full we'll receive money back!

Have a great Christmas and New Year - see you in 2023!

Clare and Gemma



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Friday 23rd December 2022
Tuesday 3rd January 2023
Wednesday 4th January 2023



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