

# Sauncey Wood Primary Newsletter

Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back and I really do hope that you had a lovely break and have been enjoying the wonderful weather.

It has been great to see our children return to some better weather and have even more opportunity to be outside. Learning through the outdoor classroom is just as important as the indoor one.

We are continuing with our exciting plans for the children and even saw Year 3 take part in their History off The Page experience on Tuesday of this week.

We have pulled together a list of key dates for the run in to the end of the year and hope that this will give you some clarity on what is planned and how they will be attended.

This remains a challenging year for all of us and my aim is to navigate the school as carefully, and as safely, as I can to ensure that children continue to grow in their learning and that parents continue to support our approach.

We only have 6 weeks left of this school year and I do want it to be as successful as the others we have had.

Yes, there will be changes but we endeavour to inspire the children every day and offer the best opportunities we can.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Lloyd

## Letters gone out this fortnight

28.05.2021 - Use of Bad Language at Sauncey Wood

08.06.2021 - Growing and Changing - Year 4

09.06.2021 - Online Safety Session for Parents

09.06.2021 - Great Fire of London - Year 2

09.06.2021 - RSE Lessons - Year 2

## SCHOOL NEWS

### COVID Update

As we await any further news of the Government's next step to unlock the country, we remain as vigilant as ever here at Sauncey Wood to ensure that we are doing all we can to minimise the risk for our children and the school community.

This time of year is normally packed with fun-filled events and a number of occasions where parents' are present to support. Sadly, this will not be the case this year. After having consulted with the Governors, and considered a number of factors within these events, we have decided to go ahead with many of them without any parents or carers in attendance. This will just increase our chance of getting to Summer without any further cases and having to shut bubbles. Shutting bubbles at this stage would seriously impact upon our ability to do key things such as our Transition Day.

Please continue to wear a mask on school grounds.

Please continue to social distance whilst on the school site at drop off and pick up times.

Please ensure that whilst you are waiting for the school gates to open, in particular at the KS2 gate, that you are distancing yourselves from others.

Please remember if an individual develops Covid-19 symptoms or has a positive test they must not come to school if:-

- they have one or more Covid-19 symptoms
- a member of their household (including some in their support or childcare bubble if they have one) has Covid-19 symptoms
- They are legally required to quarantine, having recently visited countries outside the Common Travel Area
- They have had a positive test
- They have been in close contact with someone who tests positive for Covid-19.

### Dates for the Diary

16.06.2021	Online Safety Session for Parents - virtual online session 7.00 p.m.
18.06.2021	Online Safety Session for Years 5 and 6 in school

## GOVERNOR CORNER

We hope you had a good half term break.

We recently had a change in Staff Governor on the Board - Miss Photiades stepped down having completed her four year term, and Mrs Wiltshire has joined us. Miss Photiades made a valuable contribution to the Governing Body and we thank her very much for her time, patience and input as a staff member. We are looking forward to working with Mrs Wiltshire and thank her for taking on the role.

We are busy recruiting new Governors, and will have a vacancy for a Parent Governor from July. If you would like to help shape the future of Sauncey Wood Primary School, this could be the role for you! Everyone has something to offer and we look for people from as many backgrounds and with as wide a range of interests as possible. Training and support are provided, and this role gives you the opportunity to develop skills in strategic management, to work with the Governors and staff to improve the school, as well as to gain a sense of achievement in making a difference and helping all pupils to reach their potential. This is a voluntary role with a time commitment of approximately 5-8 hours per month during term time.

If you think you may be interested now or in the future, and would like more information or an application form, please contact us either via the school office or directly: [bpymm@saunceywood.herts.sch.uk](mailto:bpymm@saunceywood.herts.sch.uk) or [cnoakes@saunceywood.herts.sch.uk](mailto:cnoakes@saunceywood.herts.sch.uk).

As we said in the previous Newsletter, we are also recruiting non-parent Governors, so please spread the word for both these roles - thank you!

Bridgett Pymm & Colin Noakes - Joint Chairs of Governors

## FRIEND'S NEWS

Hi everyone

Unfortunately, due to the ongoing COVID pandemic we have cancelled this year's Colour Run. It was felt that the risk is too great to hold a big event like this at present. Keep fingers crossed for next year!

The doughnuts were a great success at the end of last half term and we hope to do this again!

We hope all those with sunflowers are growing them well! Don't forget to water them in this heat to be in with a chance of winning our summer hamper!

Keep your eyes peeled for one last hopeful fundraiser. We are hoping we can get something in before the end of term.

Clare and Gemma



### FUN FACT!

The Tallest Sunflower is Over 30 Feet!

Yes, you read that right. Over 30 feet tall! Hans-Peter Schiffer in Karst, Germany, is responsible for growing this 30 foot, one-inch sunflower plant. This was confirmed by Guinness World Records on August, 28 2014. Schiffer also held this same title in 2009, 2012 and 2013.



Sauncey Wood Primary School Summer Run in key dates - 2021

EVENT	DATE and TIME	FORMAT	AUDIENCE	EXTRA INFO
New to Reception – Parents' Information Evening	<b>17<sup>th</sup> June 2021</b> - Postponed to later date		New Reception parents' only	Face to face event to be arranged for 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2021
Year 6 Camp Night	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> July - 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2021</b> 6:30pm - 9:00am	Overnight stay at school	Year 6 children only	More information to follow in class letter
Transition Day	<b>Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> July 2021</b>	Children to meet new class teachers - AM sessions with new year groups	All school children and those new to YR	All day for Year 6 leavers AM for SWP children
Sports Day	<b>Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> July 2021</b> 1:30pm - 3:15pm	Whole school Sports Day - PM	No parents to attend - video and live videos to be taken	All year groups
Upper KS2 Production – Dress Rehearsal	<b>12<sup>th</sup> July 2021 - 9:30am</b>	In school hall	All year groups will attend – no parents	
Upper KS2 Production – FINAL show	<b>13<sup>th</sup> July 2021 - AM or PM</b>	In school Hall	No parents	This will be recorded and shared on our school's YouTube channel
Year 6 Leavers Lunch	<b>Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021</b> - 12:30pm - 1:30pm	Three course lunch in school hall	Year 6 children only	Organised by HCL catering team
Sauncey Wood Colour Run 2021	<b>Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> July</b> CANCELLED	CANCELLED	CANCELLED	CANCELLED
Year 6 Leavers Assembly	<b>Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> July</b> 9:30am - 10:30am  10:30 - 11:00am time with parents outside	In school Hall  School children will watch via Zoom from classrooms	Year 6 parents ONLY - no siblings	There will be a time slot after the Assembly for parents to meet with children outside on the field. We will allow 30 minutes from 10:30 – 11:00am for children to spend time with parents.  ALL parents will follow the expectations we have in school around COVID safety.

**School Closes for Summer for all at 1:30pm on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021**