

# Sauncey Wood Primary Newsletter

Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

We are already 2 weeks into the Summer Term and the weeks are certainly whizzing by. We are just two weeks away from the KS2 SATs and other statutory assessments, which will begin over the Summer Term.

We have been thoroughly impressed with the preparation so far and the children in all year groups - *Year 1 Phonics Screening Check, Year 2 KS1 SATs, Year 4 Multiplication Check and Year 6 KS2 SATs* - are almost ready to tackle the tests head on. We have proven, over the years at Sauncey Wood that these tests are just another opportunity for our children to show how well they all learn!

Any assessment that happens at primary school age does not define the futures for our children. We aim for the assessments to be completed in a stress and worry-free environment and atmosphere so the children can purely focus on showing the markers just how brilliant they all are.

Please do encourage your children over the coming weeks to work hard at school and home, read when they can and practice what they know.

We all know our approach at our school and it is quite simply: there is no such thing as perfect; it does not exist so when we practice we practice to make better progress!

We are all behind you boys and girls and we do these together!

Mr Lloyd

## Letters gone out this fortnight:-

- 18.04.2023 - SATs Breakfast Club
- 21.04.2023 - King's Coronation Menu for Lunch on Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> May
- 19.04.2023 - Year 5 & 6 Mobile Phones
- 19.04.2023 - Parents' Info Meeting - Cuffley Camp
- 20.04.2023 - Parent Governor Application
- 20.04.2023 - Great Fire of London Day - Year 1
- 21.04.2023 - Wheelie Wednesdays
- 21.04.2023 - Extra Curricular Clubs (Summer Term)
- 25.04.2023 - Summer Term - Dates
- 26.04.2023 - Visit to Paradise Park - Year 2
- 27.04.2023 - Life in Roman Britain Day - Year 3

## School News

### Monday Dates to be Aware of

School is closed to all pupils on Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of May. Year 6 SATs begin Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> May and all children in Year 6 should be in attendance at our SATs breakfast club starting at 8am on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> May.

### Wheelie Wednesday



It was back with a bang this week and we saw our best turn out for wheels. At one point there were nearly 50 children going around the track. We had bikes, scooters, roller blades and roller skates! I believe some of the staff may be bringing some wheels in next week.

Please can you ensure that all children have a helmet so that they can take part in Wheelie Wednesday!

## The Importance of Attendance.

I will be writing to individual families over the coming week about the need to improve attendance. Below is a simple graph that shows and explains the actual impact it can have having poor attendance for school.

### Every School Day Counts



### Every Minute Counts

**LATENESS = LOST LEARNING**  
(Figures below are calculated over a school year)

5 Minutes late each day	3 days lost!
10 Minutes late each day	6.5 days lost!
15 Minutes late each day	10 days lost!
20 Minutes late each day	13 days lost!
30 Minutes late each day	19 days lost!

Be at the classroom on time and ready to learn!

## FRIEND'S NEWS

Welcome back to the Summer Term! There are lots of fundraising activities happening throughout the Term to get involved in.

We hope that everyone enjoyed their smarties last week! Please do not forget to return your filled tubes next week. Please drop them into the school office and we will collect them all up.

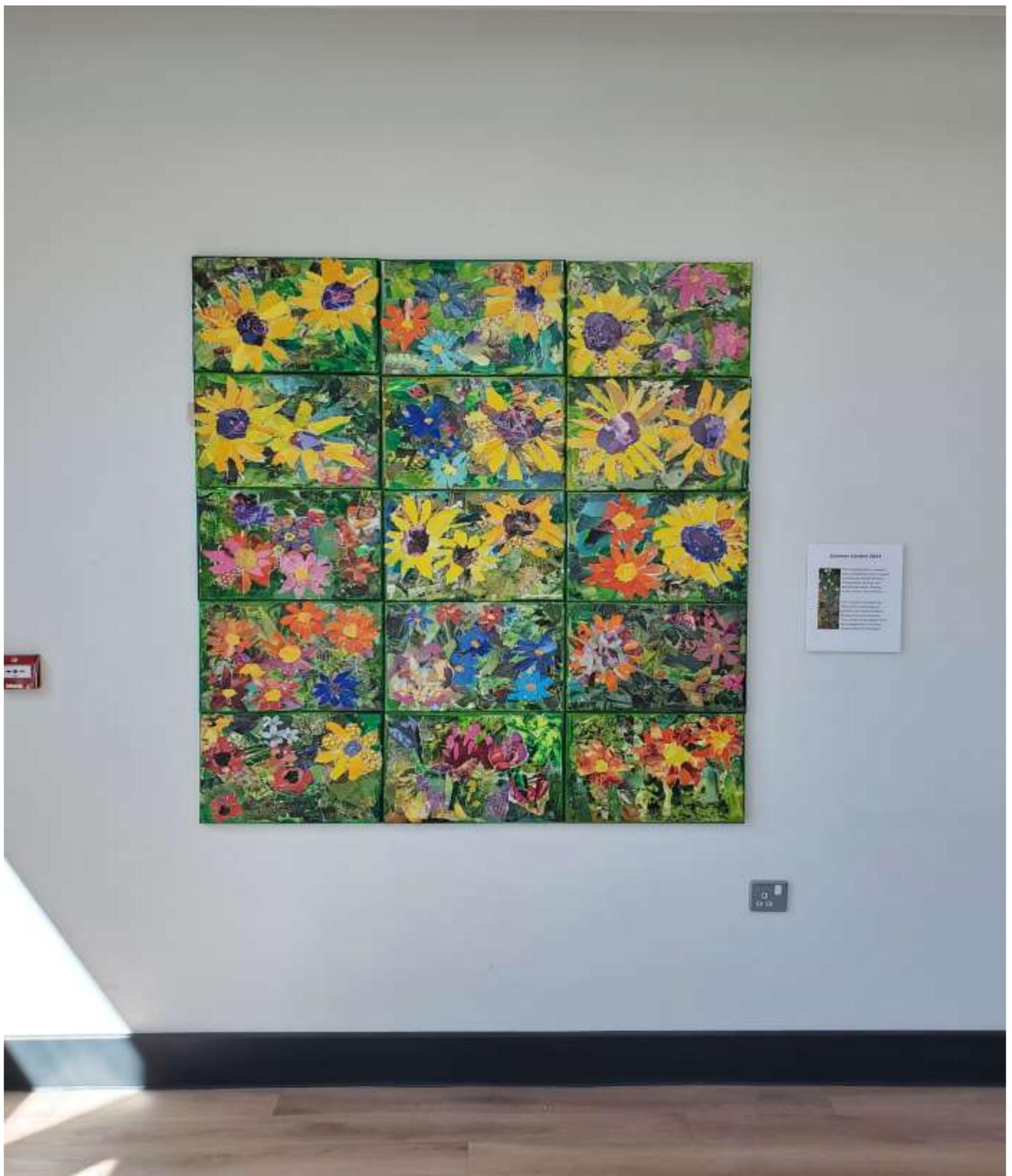
Thank you to everyone who has bought tea towels. They should be with us fairly soon. All the drawings were fantastic with everyone wearing a crown - even Turbo!

Coming up in May we have the **Car Wash on Saturday, 13th**. The Car Wash is a great community event so get friends and family to bring their cars down for a wash with refreshments and games on offer too. **There is also the discos on Friday, 19th and Krispy Kreme doughnuts on Friday, 26th!**

We cannot run these events without a team of volunteers. Please do consider getting involved where you can - it is always very much appreciated!

Clare and Gemma

## Art on display locally - Summer Garden 2023



A number of our pupils have worked in their Art workshops to produce some fantastic pieces and, when combined, form a piece called Summer Garden. Our Art is on display at the Eric Morecombe Centre - please do go and see it!

This collaborative artwork was created by Year 6 pupils at Sauncey Wood School, Harpenden, during Art workshops with visiting artist, Susan James Dean.

The children studied the decorative paintings of gardens by Gustav Klimt during their art lessons. They used scrap paper from old magazines to create these colourful collages.