

Sauncey Wood Primary Newsletter

Friday, 26th May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this Newsletter finds you and your families well.

As always, our School remains committed to providing a safe and nurturing environment for all our children. We have experienced some great learning this week including History off the Page for Year 1 and Year 3 and some big success on a sporting front through our Year 3 and 4 Girls' football team. Talk about using all of your learning powers!

The Sauncey Wood curriculum is designed to provide a well-rounded education to all our students. We believe in providing a balanced approach to education that fosters creativity, critical thinking, and social skills. Our Teachers are dedicated to providing the best possible education to all our students and we are proud of their hard work and dedication.

We also want to remind parents of the importance of regular attendance and punctuality. Regular attendance is crucial for the academic and social development of our students. We urge all parents to ensure that their children attend school regularly and arrive on time.

Finally, I would like to thank all parents and carers for their continued support and involvement in our school community this half term. We value your feedback and suggestions and encourage you to reach out to us with any queries or concerns.

Wishing you a restful half term.

Yours sincerely

Mr Lloyd

Letters gone out this fortnight:-

16.05.23 - Year 6 Leavers Hoodies

23.05.23 - Cuffley Camp Visit

School News

Mrs Ipsen Leaving

Sadly, we will be losing one of our most cherished Teaching Assistants this week as the wonderful Mrs Ipsen who works in Year 4 will be leaving us to move closer to her daughter, who is expecting her first child.

This decision was a tricky one for Mrs Ipsen to make but a change in circumstances has led her to make the hard choice to leave Sauncey Wood. We had a lovely lunch the other day to celebrate all of her successes and the impact that she has had and in particular in Year 4.

We wish you the very best of luck Mrs Ipsen and our doors will always remain open. You really do change the lives of children for the better.

Wheelie Wednesday - Collecting Bikes

Please can you make sure that all bikes and other wheels are collected from school on Wednesday at the end of the school day.

Last week we had a record number of 9 various sets of wheels left on school grounds and it is unfair for the site team to have to move these into a safe place at the end of the day.

Wheelie Wednesday is hugely successful and a great way to encourage your child to be active. Please do bring in your wheels at the start of the school day each Wednesday.

Deputy Head Interviews

Throughout the course of this week, we have held two days of interviews for the Deputy Head Teacher role. It was an intense couple of days for the candidates but you will be delighted to know that we have successfully recruited a DHT to join the Sauncey Wood Team in the new academic year from September 2023.

We will be able to provide more details in the coming weeks and cannot wait to introduce the children and our families to our latest recruit.

School Photos

The deadline for ordering the Class Photos / Year 6 Leavers Photo via the School Office is Wednesday, 7th June 2023. All orders must be returned by this date to be included in the bulk collection.

Governor Corner

In the Resources Committee, we have been supporting Mr Lloyd and the Leadership Team as they wrestle with the challenges of the cost of living crisis. Thanks to their hard work, they have found savings without dropping their commitment to what matters most - growing curious minds. This leaves us in a strong position for next year.

I would also like to say a big thank you to the parents who have supported through contributing to after school clubs and via all the initiatives run by the Friends, whose hard work has never been more important. That said, it is always good to be doing more, so if you know of any grants, or clubs needing a new venue to hire, then please let us know.

A Head Teacher's award sticker goes to anyone who can help! Possibly a postcard home too.

Dan Dures

Chair of Resources Committee.



FRIEND'S NEWS

Thank you to everyone who supported the Car Wash, the Disco and bought doughnuts. Some great fundraising events to kick off the term.

After half term, our main event will be the **Sauncey Wood Colour Run**, which is on **Saturday, 15th July**. Keep an eye out for the non-uniform day, which will be in exchange for a filled jar and bottle for the tombolas. Sadly, Larks in the Park is no longer going ahead so we will have the tombolas running at the Colour Run. There will also be a Break the Rules Day again - keep an eye out for more details!

Do not forget our printer recycling bin at the main office. Please drop off all your used home printer cartridges. I'm afraid we can't take office ones.

Finally, the sensory garden outside the staff room is looking fantastic thanks to one of our Governors, Susan Dean. Children have had fun painting wall murals and totem poles! We would love to be able to fill the flowerbeds with plants to make it look even more amazing! Please could you have a think if you have any plants you could donate or cuttings etc that could be planted to enhance the area.

Have a great half term!

Clare and Gemma

Year 3 and 4 Girls' Football Team



The heroes of the hour! In fact, the Term so far!

Huge congratulations goes to the girls above for their performance this week in the Year 3 and 4 Football Tournament. This is the very first time that this event has been held and it was hosted at our school. These girls showed all of our learning powers when playing and this resulted in them being unbeaten, one of the highest scoring teams and winning 3 of the five games. Huge congratulations to our girls for finishing top of group A.