

# Sauncey Wood Primary Newsletter

Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Well we have made it through to the half term. I must admit it has been more of a hobble than a strong finish.

I know that still so many of our families are dealing with COVID and more and more positive cases seem to be happening daily. Please continue to do all the good and safe things you have done over the past 18 months. We continue to do them at school and based on the most recent data I will not be removing bubbles at Sauncey Wood for the start of the second half of the Autumn Term. We will remain in bubbles until we feel it is safe to change our approach. Messages from County are continuing to encourage Teachers to have bubbles in place, encourage social distancing and also to support staff members in wearing masks.

I feel that the way things are heading now, we must continue to be as safe as possible at school and ensure that we continue to have our children, staff and families safety right at the top of our agenda.

I am so sorry to have had to disappoint the children in having to cancel our Halloween Disco. I know that the FoSW and I tried to do all we could to make this happen. A huge thank you goes to Clare, Gemma, Bex and Sam for your support and help in navigating this late decision. It makes a huge difference when you have lovely people trying to do lovely things for our lovely school!

Have a restful half term.

Mr Lloyd

## School News

### Thank you to Mrs Malone

We were very kindly donated some brilliant learning materials for our Science learning based on Electricity from Mrs Malone and family. The kits, which are called Electro Snap kits, are going to enable our children to engage in more hands on through experimenting with plug and play electronics. Thank you to the Malone family for this generous donation!

### School Kitchen Recognition

One of our own, Steph Carr, has been successfully nominated for HCL's Reward & Recognition Scheme:-

*Stephanie is always happy to move schools if needed and was one of the only GCAs who worked during lockdown, to help cover in a different school. She operates at a higher level in her kitchen, helping the Cook Manager, always happy to do additional hours when asked.*

### Rugby Team



WOW! What a team. I could not be any prouder of these brilliant boys and girls who represented Sauncey Wood Primary at the Tag Rugby Festival yesterday at Harpenden Rugby Club. It fills me with pride to share our results.

1. Sauncey Wood vs Cunningham Hill = Draw
2. Sauncey Wood vs Samuel Ryder - SW = Winners
3. Sauncey Wood vs Bowmansgreen - SW = Winners
4. Sauncey Wood vs Kimpton - SW = Winners

## Governor Corner

Both of our sub-committees have met in the last two weeks. In the Resources Committee we remain focused on making sure that the school stays on a strong financial footing, while putting every spare penny into helping fund our pupils' catch up after the COVID interruptions of the last two years. We also celebrated the effect of excellent progress in increasing pupil numbers, with special thanks due to Miss Harkness and Mr Lloyd for their energy and creativity in promoting the school to the next intake for Reception. They're definitely due a Resourcefulness award, and their efforts help continue to strengthen our school.

The School Improvement Committee meeting focused on reviewing progress and attainment levels from the end of last year, how COVID has impacted this data over the last two years and how the recovery plan is supporting all children to reach their full potential. There were reports on the strategies for the Pupil Premium and Sports Premium Grants, and reviews of the School Development Plan and Self-Evaluation Form which are two of the main documents the school uses to monitor progress against its priorities. This meeting came the day after two evenings of parent consultations, so a big thank you to the staff members present who have had a very long week.

Wishing all our families a great half term!

Dan Dures & Bridgett Pymm (Governors)

## FRIEND'S NEWS

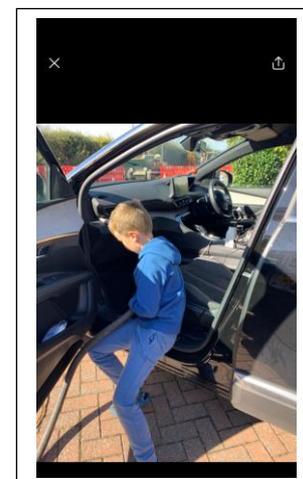
We've made it to half term! Our £20.21 fundraiser has made a huge amount of money. Well done to everyone who took part. We had bake sales, bike rides, car washing, pizza making to name a few. We hope you had fun doing it! We were sad to have to cancel the disco but you can donate your ticket price back to the friends using the donate button on the FoSW Facebook page. It would be great if you feel able to do this.

Don't forget the Halloween Trail running over Halloween weekend around the local area. £2 a trail and there will be cakes as well sold between 3-5 p.m. both days. Available on Classlist until end of today!

We kick off next half term with some firework related fundraising so look out for the publicity coming out soon!

Have a great half term everyone and thank you for your continued support to the FoSW!!

Clare and Gemma



Toby King cleaning cars, Mackness boys making Halloween bags, Henry Munro making cakes and Emmy selling lemonade!

**Some amazing fundraisers in the school!! Our current total for the £20.21 fundraiser is a huge £1,833.71!! An amazing amount!**

# Have your say

We want to get your views on initial plans for Rothamsted Park and are carrying out a community engagement survey until Friday 3rd December 2021.

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## Free School Meal information from Herts County Council – what support is out there for those who do not qualify

If you do not meet the criteria for Free School Meals but need some support to buy food or pay household bills, help is available. Contact HertsHelp for advice and practical support - call 0300 123 4044, email [info@hertshelp.net](mailto:info@hertshelp.net) or visit [www.hertshelp.net](http://www.hertshelp.net).