

# Sauncey Wood Primary Newsletter

Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the new school year and a very special welcome to the Sauncey Wood Community to all our new parents and families. It is just brilliant to have you here with us and we are looking forward to meeting you all over the coming months. I have already had the pleasure of meeting so many of you, whether that be some of our new Reception parents or those new children and families that have joined us over the Summer break.

I trust that you all had a lovely break and now feel ready for the start of a new year. We are all excited here to see things gradually returning to a level of normal where we will - hopefully - see ALL children attend school for the full year. We remain positive in our approach but will endeavour to do all we can to keep everyone safe and well.

It has been a busy start to the term and just this week we have seen our Year 6 complete their PGL trip - the first one of its kind in 2 years. The experiences that they have had will form memories for a lifetime! Thank you to all the staff who enable this to happen. Parents we hope you have enjoyed the peace and quiet too!

You may have seen the clubs list that has been sent out; please do sign up for clubs as soon as you can as these fill up very quickly. This Autumn Term sees the most extra-curricular opportunities we have ever put on as a school.

We always aim to provide the best opportunities for all of our children - they really do deserve the very best.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Lloyd

## Letters gone out this fortnight:

**03.09.21** - Changes to Contact Tracing in Education

**08.09.21** - Secondary School Transfer 2022

**10.09.21** - School Calendar Dates

**10.09.21** - Extra Curricular Clubs

**15.09.21** - Nasal Flu Immunisation Consent

## School News

### Parking Around the School Site

As you have all seen, the work has been done by the Council to try to eliminate mounting of the kerbs outside the school and reduce the risk to our children and families.

These wooden bollards, new barriers and parking restrictions are hopefully going to have a positive impact for our school and the issues we have previously faced with drop off and pick up.

To ensure that the restrictions are having a maximum impact, please can I ask and remind all parents to follow the guidance and do not stop to drop or collect children on the single yellow lines opposite the school. The new signage that has been put in place is clear for all to see and there should be no stopping or loading.



### Upcoming Dates:

- 20.09.21** Year 1 Meet the Teacher at 3.45 p.m. via Zoom and Year 2 at 4.15 p.m.
- 21.09.21** Year 5 Meet the Teacher at 3.45 p.m. via Zoom and Year 6 at 4.30 p.m.
- 22.09.21** National Fitness Day
- 23.09.21** Year 3 Meet the Teacher at 3.45 p.m. via Zoom and Year 4 at 4.15 p.m.
- 24.09.21** Macmillan Coffee Afternoon for Parents
- 28.09.21** Year 6 Sharing Assembly (Bawdsey Manor) Parents Invited

## Governor Corner

Hi Everyone, we just wanted to use this first Newsletter to introduce ourselves and welcome you back to school, in particular those families who are just starting at Sauncey Wood. We were delighted to hear of the large number of new joiners, both in Reception and further up the school; we hope the children are settling in well and have enjoyed their first couple of weeks at Sauncey Wood.

As you may know, the Governing Body is responsible for:

- planning the strategic direction of the school;
- making sure public money is well spent; and
- holding school leadership to account for the educational performance of its pupils.

We do this through a range of methods: regular meetings where we review internal and external reports regarding academic and financial performance, visiting the school, talking to the children and staff, and regular surveys to gather opinions from parents and carers - which are then used to help with planning and driving continuous improvement. We are not all education experts, and neither are we involved in the operational, day-to-day running of the school; we bring knowledge and skills from other sectors, for example strategic leadership and accountability, compliance, finance, data analysis, HR and organisational structure.

We are looking forward to introducing some new Governors soon, and will be updating our page on the school website in the next few weeks, but in the meantime please feel free to take a look if you would like to find out more about us - <https://www.saunceywood.herts.sch.uk/governing-body>. Once again, welcome (back) to Sauncey Wood!

Bridgett Pymm & Colin Noakes  
Co-Chairs of the Governing Body

## FRIEND'S NEWS

Welcome back to a new year at Sauncey Wood and a big welcome to all our new families. We hope you all had a good Summer.

We've got lots of exciting fundraisers coming up throughout the year which we can't wait to share with you so keep your eyes peeled!!

Please can we make a plea that you sign up to Classlist and download the app. It really does make life easier for everyone as it means we can be cashless as much as possible and you can pay for tickets etc. from your own home without needing to find someone on the playground. It is quick and easy to do. A reminder, School Gateway is for school things like school dinners and school run events. Classlist is for all the FoSW fundraisers.

Please do let us know any ideas you have for fundraisers and if anyone wants to run an event then let us know, we'd love to hear from you!! You can find us on Facebook - Friends of Sauncey Wood, on Instagram - [friendsofsaunceywoodschoo](#) and on email - [friends@saunceywood.herts.sch.uk](mailto:friends@saunceywood.herts.sch.uk).

Many thanks

Clare and Gemma

## DONATE FOOD

Please help by donating an item or two from our shopping list to ensure we can provide food to help people in crisis.



### HOW OUR FOODBANK WORKS

#### Step 1 Food is Donated

Non-perishable food is donated by schools, churches, businesses and individuals.

#### Step 2 Food is sorted and stored

Volunteers sort food to check that it's in date and store it ready for distribution.

#### Step 3 Professionals identify people in need

We work with a wide range of care professionals such as health visitors, social workers, police and Citizens Advice Bureau to identify people in crisis and issue them with a foodbank voucher.

#### Step 4 Clients receive food and further support

Clients bring their voucher to a foodbank centre where it can be redeemed for three days' emergency food. Volunteers take the time to listen to clients and signpost them to agencies able to help with their longer-term problem.

## Things we need

Desserts  
 Tinned rice pudding  
 Tinned carrots  
 Tinned soups  
 Baked Beans  
 Biscuits  
 Cereals (not oats - we have plenty!)  
 Longlife fruit juice  
 Longlife Milk  
 Chickpeas  
 Sunflower Oil (1 litre)  
 Green Lentils  
 Vermicelli  
 Noodles  
 Jam/Spreads  
 Toilet Rolls  
 Shower Gel/Shampoo  
 Laundry powder/tabs

## Things we don't need

Fresh food (we can't store it!)  
 Pasta - we have a large quantity already

## Showing our Support

Here are just two of the local foodbank initiatives that we are supporting over the coming months. Please do help if you can. As a school we continue to support local foodbanks, put together our own food packages for families in greatest need.

We are also looking to support our families with our school kitchen and will be running a Sauncey Wood Cookery club over the Autumn term for children.

In addition to this, we will also be hosting two extra Cookery clubs for families of Sauncey Wood supported by Harpenden Partnership and also Herts Catering Limited.

Keep an eye on your emails for further updates coming soon!

St Albans & District Foodbank  
[stalbandsdistrict.foodbank.org.uk](http://stalbandsdistrict.foodbank.org.uk)  
 Registered Charity in England & Wales (1158917)



Harpenden Round Table



# FOODBANK RAINBOW CHALLENGE

SATURDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER 2021 - 10am - 5pm

As part of the Harpenden Food & Drink Festival the Round Table are organising the Festival Field in Rothamsted Park. We thought this would be an ideal opportunity to collect some more food and hygiene items to support our local foodbank. To keep the Rainbow theme (following our street collections) we plan to build the biggest Rainbow of food you have ever seen.

This is where you come in - we are asking all school children in Harpenden to come down and donate a single item between 10am and 4pm. The items will be laid out in the shape of a Rainbow on the ground and photographed

Please check the lists and find which coloured items your school has been asked to donate

Primary School	Coloured Food Donation
Crabtree	Red
Grove	Orange
Harpenden Academy	Blue
High Beeches	Blue
Roundwood	Green
Manland	Green
Sauncey Wood	Green
St Dominics	Yellow
St Nicholas	Purple
The Lea	Purple
Wood End	Yellow

### We can accept the following items

(no fresh food please):

Pasta / Rice  
 Cereals / Pulses  
 Tinned Meat / Fish  
 Tinned Rice Pudding  
 Tea bags (best: 40 bags)  
 Desserts - Jellies / Angel Delight etc

Milk & Fruit Juice (long life)  
 Jam & Spreads  
 Tinned Vegetables / Potatoes  
 Laundry Tabs/ Liquid / Gels  
 Toiletries / Soap / Toilet Rolls  
 Tinned Steamed puddings

\* Any Hygiene products would also be most welcome \*

### Festival Field Program

10:00 1<sup>st</sup> Bounce Taster Session  
 Coffee Van opens > 5pm  
 Climbing Wall opens > 5pm  
 11:00 2<sup>nd</sup> Bounce Taster Session  
 Food Stalls open > 9pm  
 12:00 Beer Festival & Bar opens > 10pm  
 Food Donations start to be received  
 16:00 Final rainbow construction  
 17:00 Food Rainbow Challenge Photo



Round Table Foodbank Rainbow Van



Round Table Foodbank Street Collections