

Sauncey Wood Primary Newsletter

Friday, 3rd February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to hold an assembly all about National Storytelling week this Monday and share some of my own experiences when it comes to telling stories. It was even more amazing to then have children come and find me across the week having created their own stories and wanting to share them with me. We really do have some tremendously talented writers and storytellers at our school.

The rolling out of StormBreak has been truly wonderful to see and now each class and every child will have completed at least one StormBreak. It was lovely to be able to share some of the feedback from the children in the Celebration Assembly last week. It gave us all a real insight in to what positive impact these sessions are going to have on the children.

We aim to support them as much as possible when it comes to mental health and emotional wellbeing and this is just another way that we are doing this.

This week's Celebration Assembly was the last one of this half term and we will return to the weekly Friday Celebration Assemblies after the short break.

Please do remember that we are always happy to share and celebrate any successes that children gain and receive outside of school. Whether it be for sport, various clubs, writing they have done, it can be anything that makes you proud. Because it will, no doubt, make us proud too!

Have a restful weekend.

Mr Lloyd

Letters gone out this fortnight:-

- 25.01.23** NEU Strike Action (1st February 2023)
- 25.01.23** Visit from Frogmore Paper Mill - Year 1
- 26.01.23** Young Voices (Final Details)
- 30.01.23** Strike Action at Sauncey Wood Primary
- 30.01.23** Ill Health & Covid at Sauncey Wood Primary
- 31.01.23** Rights & Confidence Questionnaire (Year 6)

School News

Journey to School



Please do be aware that the ongoing gas works will be here to impact school drop off and collection times until May! Please do allow extra time for your journey to school and when collecting your children.

This will also mean that there will be a significant increase in volume of traffic around the school grounds. Please talk to your children about walking and travelling to school as safely as possible.

House Point Winners - Autumn Term

My apologies to our Autumn Term house point winners and the fact that I never got round to giving you a date for your non-school uniform day. To end the half term on a real high for Spring house, please do take the final Friday of the half term as your day to come to school in non-school uniform. We will send a reminder out towards the end of next week.

Pavilion Update

Thank you to the group of parents who got in touch about helping with the redesign of the Pavilion. This space is going to be completely cleared and decorated to be used as a space for Calm Club and Nurture. We are really excited to see how this transforms!

The wonderful works of our Reception Class

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Big Ben made a loud boom.

Annemiek

Big Ben made a loud BOOM.

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Big Ben, made loud music.

Isabelle

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Monday 28th January

LI: to sound out and write an action sentence.

The class role played going on a big red bus in London. Our first stop was Buckingham Palace. We watched the changing of the guard and then thought up and wrote an action sentence.



The guards marched and stomped in front of the palace.

Raife

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FRIEND'S NEWS

We cannot believe we have done half the term already nearly!

We have been busy working behind the scenes with planning for the remainder of the school year and we are excited about some of the events that we have lined up for the remainder of the Spring Term and into the Summer Term. Next Friday, we have our Valentine's tea and craft afternoon after school in the hall. A chance to chat, have a cuppa and cake and do some crafts together. Please do come and support and don't forget to bring your cake donations!

At the end of this term, we will have our egg-cellent Easter Egg Hunt again. This was a huge success last year and we are egg-cited to be running the event again before the end of the Spring Term. Watch out for signing up after half term. We hope to have this up and ready the first week back!

We are sorry to say that sadly, there will not be the option to join on the day. So please make sure that you keep an eye on your inboxes!

Have a great weekend!

Clare and Gemma

Our Rugby Team!



School Sport

Tag Rugby was held on Thursday of this week and the Year 6 pupils, as ever, did us immensely proud at the event held at Harpenden Rugby Club. See picture above! We were beyond impressed with the attitudes and performances of the children of Sauncey Wood, out of all of the Harpenden Primary schools, including the surrounding villages, Sauncey Wood were placed in 4th place!

Mr Holmes was beaming from ear to ear at the result but even more than that the attitude our team showed and the determination they played with. The Sauncey Wood team lost in the semi-final by a narrow margin and then only lost by 1 point in the playoff for 3rd place!

The children continue to show the true spirit of our school - and also show exemplar behaviour at each of these events.