



# SAUNCEY WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents and Carers



This week, we have been preparing for our election week which will be held next week. First, we will be voting on the new names for our Houses which will be based on inspirational people our children can look up to. Next, we will be voting for our School Council representatives. Candidates will campaign to their peers and tell them why they will be a good choice. Each child will fill in their ballot in a secret vote and the winners will be announced in next week's Assembly.

We will also be looking for children from Years 4, 5 & 6 to be our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors (ABAs). They have an application form to complete and I will be conducting speaking with candidates over the next two weeks to help me make my decision.



Finally, Year 5 and 6 children are also able to make their applications to be a prefect. I have explained that these roles are for children who have shown me that they have made a huge effort to follow our school rules and are a fantastic role model to our younger children. Children can write to me explaining why they would make a good prefect and we will make our decisions based on their applications.

We spoke about the attributes needed for each of these roles in assembly this week. Your child may have come home with a writing frame to plan their speech or the ABA application form. Please help them to prepare for the role they want to apply for, but reassure them that I will speak to them and their Teacher to find the best candidates for the roles.



A huge congratulations to our Girl's Football team who participated in a tournament after school this Tuesday. Mr Holmes told me that the girls played well in all three games against some very tough opposition. They learnt a lot about teamwork and perseverance which will help them in the future. Well done girls!



Friends of Sauncey Wood, our amazing PTA, need your support. We need volunteers and a new co-chairperson. If you would like more details on how you can help to really make a difference to our children, please contact the Friends at [friends@saunceywood.herts.sch.uk](mailto:friends@saunceywood.herts.sch.uk).

Finally, I would like to invite all parents to our first Parent Forum meeting. In this meeting, I will be asking for your views on the key priorities in our School Development Plan. It will be an opportunity for me to share our key priorities for the year, what actions we have planned and for you to give your views and suggestions on what our school can do to make it even better. Please do not worry if you are unable to attend, I will send a google form questionnaire to all parents so that every parent has the opportunity to share their ideas. This meeting will run straight after our Celebration Assembly on Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> October from 9.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. We will not be able to discuss individual children or concerns during the Parent Forum as we will be focussing on whole school development, but I am always available to talk individually in a private setting with parents or carers.



Have a fantastic weekend everyone!

Yours sincerely



Mr J Brewis  
Headteacher

Dates for the diary	
Monday, 7th October at 3.30 p.m.	PGL information event in Year 6 classroom for Year 6 Parents/Carers
Friday, 11 <sup>th</sup> October at 9.30 - 11.00 a.m.	Parent Forum
Monday, 21 <sup>st</sup> - Friday, 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 6 PGL Residential Trip
Tuesday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	FoSW AGM
Thursday, 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Deadline to make a secondary application
Monday, 4 <sup>th</sup> November	INSET Day - school closed for children
Monday, 11 <sup>th</sup> November 3.30 - 5.00 p.m.	Parents' Evening
Thursday, 14 <sup>th</sup> November 3.30 - 7.00 p.m.	Parents' Evening

