



As we approach the end of the second week of our second partial school closure, we hope our children and families have re-adjusted to the new, and old, routines of learning from home. Thank you to all the parents for supporting the children in accessing the remote learning, and persevering with the changes and challenges that have come with Google Classroom. We are impressed with how the children have adapted and are responding so positively to the learning set by their teachers.

### **Saxon's Remote Offer**

Thank you to all the parents who have taken time to share feedback, which does support us as we continue to shape the remote offer. This week "Live Registrations" were launched; the teachers were pleased to see so many children join their class community for this. We understand that the logistics within households mean that it may not be possible for children to participate every day, though we hope that over the course of a week they will be able to join their class a couple of times. Next week some of our Year 3 children will be participating in 1:1 remote reading interventions, which we hope to extend to other year groups and subject areas, such as maths, over the coming weeks.

Our colleagues at Echelford, who used Google Classrooms in the Summer term, have this week set up live feedback sessions between teachers and small groups of children at their school. They are sharing this practice with us so that we can also look to arrange this as part of our remote learning offer. More details will be shared next week.

As always, our thanks to the whole teaching team for their continued commitment, enthusiasm and willingness to do the very best for all the children during this challenging time.

### **Additional Learning Opportunities**

The teaching staff have collated links to lots of useful websites and additional learning resources, in order to support those parents and children who would like further learning as to what is provided on Google Classroom/ Tapestry for their child. The document can be found on our school website by following the link below:

<https://www.saxonprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Remote+learning+offer&pid=149>

There are many ideas and resources listed, covering a range of subject areas and both practical and online learning activities. Teachers will also be sharing this document via Google Classroom/ Tapestry.

### **On-line safety**

Please can we ask all parents to ensure that the guidance for children participating in Google Meets is read carefully? Children, parents and staff are not permitted to take pictures, screen shots or record the Google Meets. All parents need to feel confident that their child can participate safely without an image of their child being captured and distributed. Thank you for your understanding.

### **Reading**

Reading continues to be an important part of our school provision, and we remain committed to supporting the children to become confident readers who read for pleasure during this lockdown. Please continue to find opportunities for your child to read to you throughout the week and for them to be read to. Below are online resources to support with this.



### Oxford Owl

We have re-subscribed to Oxford Owl e-books so that all our Early Readers and those reading colour banded books in particular, can still access reading books appropriate for their level of challenge and development and therefore continue to develop their skills as a reader whilst at home. However, Oxford Owl has e-books for all children from Reception to Year 6 to read, enjoy and learn from. All levels have approximately 40 books and are a fantastic resource in the absence of us being able to send home the packs of reading books. Information on how to log on and find the e-book library will be sent via Tapestry (Reception) or Google Classrooms (all other year groups). Please do contact your child's teacher if you have any questions or challenges accessing these reading books.

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk>

### Get Epic

Next week we will be sending out information about an additional online collection of e-books from Get Epic. Teachers will be able to set children texts to read and children can log any reading they complete. This will be launched for Key Stage 2 initially.

### Surrey e-library

Surrey libraries have a fantastic range of books on their e-library which are free to access and can be viewed via an app or on a pc. There are also 1500 comics and magazines also online and free to view.

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/libraries/borrow-or-renew/ebooks-eaudiobooks-emagazines>

### **Family Learning – Support and Ideas for Parents**

Family Learning's monthly Family Bulletin, which offers support and resources for homeschooling and activities, can be found at the following link

<https://mailchi.mp/8f360ed0e081/family-learning-parent-bulletin-733044>

### **Office Opening Hours**

A reminder that the school office is open from 8am to 4pm during this half term. The info.saxon account is monitored throughout the evening and at weekends, particularly for messages related to Covid-19 symptoms and testing of children in school.

### **Collection of PE Kits & Wellies**

Thank you for your understanding of the need to postpone the planned collection. We will contact parents with a new date for next week, if the weather allows.

Please do contact the school with any queries, questions or for any support you need. This can be done through the office email [info.saxon@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk](mailto:info.saxon@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk) or for anything related to learning please email [learning.saxon@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk](mailto:learning.saxon@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk).

With our best wishes to you all,

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