



We have reached the end of another week of a partial school closure, which is one week closer to us being back together as a whole school community! Looking through the learning that the children have posted to Google Classroom this week has shown us how well the children are doing at adjusting to learning from home. We must all remember this is only the second full week of remote learning. Whilst everyone's circumstances are different and everyone is facing a challenge, we feel that all of our children and parents should congratulate themselves on what they have achieved this week.

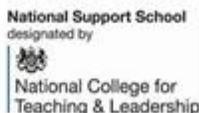
Don't forget, we're here to support anyone who needs it. Whether that's help from the office, SLT, Shelly or the class teachers, everyone wants to be a part of ensuring that we're doing all we can to make life as easy as possible at home. Please do get in touch. A gentle reminder that if it's an enquiry about learning it should be emailed to the learning.saxon account rather than message through your child's Google Classroom account. Whilst this might be tempting if a problem comes up whilst your child is online, Google Classroom is not a platform for parents to communicate with teachers and we have an established system in place for this. Any questions or concerns not related to learning should be sent via email to the info.saxon account or you can call the office or Shelly directly. Shelly's mobile number is 07825 742564. Thank you for your cooperation here.

Live Registrations & Feedback Sessions

The live registration sessions have been a great success in the last two weeks and the feedback from children, parents and staff has been very positive. Over the last few days, members of SLT have been joining the registrations and it's been lovely to see the children. We've heard about the learning they've been completing, some of the books the children have been reading and even met some family pets! Thank you to parents for supporting your child in accessing these sessions, we know the children are finding them valuable. Remember, your child/ren don't have to join everyday if it doesn't fit with your routines at home but by attending at least once or twice a week it helps the children to keep a sense of community with their class and teacher.

We continue to evaluate our remote learning offer and following the success of these sessions, we will now be implementing an additional live session from Monday for all year groups. In Years 1-6, this will take the form of a small group and will focus on giving children feedback on their learning. Each teacher will approach the sessions differently as they will be tailored to the needs of the children in each group. The groups will remain the same for now, however, the weekly theme will be different.

Next week, there will be a Maths focus where teachers will address misconceptions that have been arising from the learning handed in or answer common questions from the children, alongside recapping some key learning. The week beginning 1st Feb will have a reading or phonics focus, depending on the year group. These sessions will require the children to focus on the learning being discussed, so unlike the registration sessions where the children might pop off camera to get something to show, we ask parents to ensure their child is prepared with any materials the children need and remain seated as much as possible during the session. We appreciate this is more challenging with our younger children and only ask for children and parents to do their best. We hope these sessions will support the children in feeling more confident in their learning as well as giving them an additional opportunity to see their classmates and teacher. The teacher will also be able to use the information gathered in these sessions to inform future learning. As always, we will review and refine throughout the weeks.



The timings are below, however, the children will have been sent a message on Google Classroom with the details of their session and the meeting link. This will have been posted by 5pm today but if you have any issues please email the learning.saxon account and let us know.

Year Groups	Live Registration	Live Group Feedback Session
3 & 4	9:00-9:10	9:15-9:40
5 & 6	9:40-9:50	9:55-10:20
1 & 2	10:20-10:30	10:35-11:00
Reception	n/a	1:30pm

Reception parents will see that we have now introduced a live session for RG & RL children. Each afternoon, the class teachers will read a story to a small group of children at home; Mrs Leka and Mrs Williams-Hall are excited to see the children! We will see how the children respond to the story time and look to include some simple phonics learning too, if successful. Reception's sessions will also take place via Google Meet but the link will be posted into the 'memo' tab on Tapestry.

Please can we remind all parents to ensure the following safeguarding messages are being followed by the children:

- Ensure you are appropriately dressed. You do not need to be in school uniform but you can wear this if you wish to. No pyjamas please.
- Ensure you are on mute until you are asked to unmute.
- If you are able to do so, please ensure your cameras are switched on.
- Ensure you are in front of a plain background with no personal items in the background. If this is not possible we ask that you change your background using the settings in google classroom. The adults leading the session will support you to do this.
- When speaking, please ensure you are loud and clear - being close to the microphone is really useful.
- If you have a mobile phone, please ensure this is away and not being used whilst on a Google Meet call. No one should be taking photos or videos of the screen – including parents.
- The chat function is only to be used if you are unable to speak verbally due to technical issues, such as not having microphone access on your device or if you are asked to by the adult leading the session.
- Please don't try to join the session before the allotted time and when the session has been completed, we ask that you leave immediately.
- Whilst this is a session for the children, adults will need to be nearby to ensure their child is able to access the meeting. Please ensure parents or other siblings are not visible on the camera.

KS2 Epic Reading Challenge!

All of our KS2 children can have access to a website called Get Epic. This is an online reading resource which allows teachers to monitor the children's reading and share books with them that they think each child might enjoy. Some classes have already had children sign up and we have seen an increase in the children's reading which is fantastic – well done, everyone! If your child/ren hasn't explored the website yet, please create and verify their account this weekend. To enable your child to take part, you need to create them an account by following the instructions below:

- Type into your internet browser www.getepic.com
- In the top right hand corner click 'Get started'
- Log in – Choose for student and educators
- Student Login – type in your child's class code

Class	Class code	Class	Class Code
Year 3P	dix0404	Year 5G	wyg2518
Year 3W	jqp9071	Year 5N	vvv0255
Year 4B	pim5886	Year 6D	rjz8961
Year 4L	sen1136	Year 6R	ijj5963

- Click on your child's name
- You will then need to sign up with a parent or carer email address. This email address needs to be valid as you will have to verify the email
- Once fully logged on, your child will be able to access all of the books on the website. Your child's class teacher will assign reading texts but your child can choose to read from any of the stories.
- Any issues, please contact your child's class teacher via the learning.saxon email address

Reading is the most important skill which gives children access to all other aspects of the curriculum, and we would urge parents to make sure this is the main thing that you really try to do regularly whilst the children are at home.

To support this, we will be tapping into the children's competitiveness and introducing an 'Epic Reading Challenge', from Monday. We want to see which class can read the most during this lockdown! Whether your child reads a little or a lot, everyone can contribute to their class' attempt to be the class that reads the most during lockdown. Children in school can of course take part too.

Each week, we will share the amount of reading that each class has completed in the newsletter – good luck!

Dropping Children Off at the Beginning of the Day

Just a reminder that the gates are open from 8.30am – 8.45am. If you are running late, please ensure you accompany your child to the school office. Please do not let them walk down the path on their own. Thank you.

February INSET Day

Our INSET training day on Friday 12th February will go ahead as planned and therefore the school will be closed to all pupils on this day.

Morrisons Food Boxes

Morrisons supermarket are now offering food boxes with recipe cards which will enable you to make 5 meals a week for a family of 4 at an approx. cost of £1.50 per portion. The cost of the box is £30. The meals are healthy and easy to make, and include cupboard staples as well as fresh produce. Items include sausages, minced beef, mushrooms, tinned tomatoes and potatoes to name a few. Morrisons are also a part of the Free School Meal Voucher offer.

Surrey Family Help Hub

[Surrey's Family Help Hub](#) is now live. It is a brand new service to help support behaviour. You will find useful information, advice and support for those times when you need it.

Perform – Online Drama, Dance and Singing Classes

Perform are offering a free trial session to all children during lockdown. If you think it might be of interest, you can read all about the classes here: <https://www.perform.org.uk/free-drama-class>

Attachments

Information about fraudulent vaccine emails & texts
Letter from Surrey Police Covid-19 and the law

With our best wishes to you all,

Mrs Davis & Miss Morris
Headteachers