



Welcome Back

A warm welcome back to all of our staff, children and families! We hope you all had a lovely summer and enjoyed some time spent as a family. It has been so lovely to see how enthusiastic the children have been in returning to school and hearing their positive comments about their first few days has been great. Our new Reception cohort also began their school journey with us yesterday and we know these children and families will soon feel a part of the Saxon community.

We understand there has been lots of information and new routines for everyone to become familiar with and we thank parents for making sure they've read all the documentation we've sent home. From our point of view, the first few days have gone very smoothly and we hope parents have thought so too.

Staff News

This week we welcomed several new staff members to Saxon. Our new teachers, Miss Leney and Miss Plummer, and our new office assistant, Mrs Titheridge. We are also delighted to welcome back Mrs Cooper full time from her maternity leave and we will certainly be making the most of the time we have with Mrs Cooper until she leaves Saxon at the end of Autumn I.

Teacher-Parent Communication

We are mindful that parents' contact with their child's teacher is restricted at the moment and we are currently devising processes to ensure any essential meetings can take place, as we are unable to hold meetings just yet. To support the home-school relationship, over the next two weeks, teachers will be making short phone calls home to speak to parents to introduce themselves. This will also be an opportunity for parents to share any key messages with their child/ren's class teachers. Whilst during the summer term we were able to give parents a date the phone calls home would take place, we are unable to do this for these phone calls as teachers will be finding pockets of time when they aren't teaching to call. If you miss the call, please don't worry, they will try again at another time. Before these calls take place, parents will be sent information about the curriculum for the Autumn Term which may answer some of the questions you have. Please remember any messages or information you would like to share with the teacher can be emailed to info.saxon@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk this is a confidential method of communication which will only be shared with the relevant staff members.

Dates 2020-2021

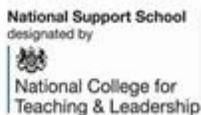
Usually, at the start of term we send home the list of key dates parents need to be aware of, however, as we have been unable to plan our usual Autumn Term events, here are the key dates for the term so far:

Wk beg 28th Sept – Healthy Eating Week

5th & 6th Oct – Individual Photos

Wk beg 9th Nov – Maths Week England

We plan to hold Parent-Teacher Consultations in Autumn II if the guidance allows this. As the term goes on, and more guidance about events such as Harvest and Christmas performances is released, we will make



decisions about how these celebrations can take place and be shared with parents. We will keep parents updated via the newsletter.

General Information

A reminder of lots of key information is attached to the newsletter. Please note, the new pedestrian gate is not yet connected to the intercom and therefore parents can let themselves in if they are dropping children late or picking up early.

Reading Books & Home Learning

Children's reading books will be sent home from the week beginning 14th September. More information about this will be sent next week and in the meantime parents can continue to read with children from their own collection of books at home or use the Oxford Owl reading website. If anyone has misplaced their child's log in details you can find them on our website in the Summer 2020 learning section. Home Learning will also be set from the week beginning 14th September. Initially, this will be uploaded to the website but we are looking at other methods of sharing home learning electronically with parents.

Maths Updates

Saxon Maths Website updated – Mrs Hartshorn has been very busy during the summer holidays updating the Saxon Maths website <https://saxonmaths.weebly.com/> with lots of new content. There are lots of new resources, website links, games and songs and videos on each key stage page, so do spend some time with your child and explore the new things that are on there. A reminder that there is also a parent page with useful information, including the Saxon Progression in Calculations documents for each year group, which show how we teach addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. There are some new 'How to...' videos as well.

Times Table Rockstars – A reminder that all children in KS2 have logins for Times Table Rockstars <https://trockstars.com/> A parent information letter about Times Table Rockstars is on the parent page of the Saxon Maths website in the 'other downloads' section. The children in 2P and 2DM will have been introduced to the website today and parents should have received usernames and passwords via the learning account email. If there are any issues with this or you haven't received your login details, please email Mrs Hartshorn via the learning account: learning.saxon@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk

Bikes & Scooters

Children are still able to ride or scoot to school if they wish and use our bike racks to store their bike/scooter during the school day. Children will be asked to walk their bike or scooter through the playgrounds to the bike racks and then will take themselves to class.

Birthday Sweets

Traditionally, children have brought in sweets for the children in their class to celebrate their birthday. If parents wish to provide sweets for the class they can, and to do this safely we ask that the sweets are individually wrapped and in a bag that is sealed (from when it is purchased). School staff will wipe down the bag and the birthday child will wash their hands before handing them out. The children will then eat their sweets at home.

Golden Learning Celebration

Each week, teachers choose two children whose learning will be celebrated in their in-class Golden Learning Assembly. This can be for any subject and the children's names will also be published in the newsletter each week. This week, the children have shown exceptional learning in English, Maths and PSHE – well done, everyone!

KS1

*1F - Ivy & Jordan
1V - Kush & Jacob
2DM - Ira, Mae & Isabelle
2P - Delilah & Daniel*

KS2

*3P - Alicia & Mason
3W - Albert & George V
4B - Matthew & Freddie
4L - Tommy & Deyaan
5C - Kaiden & Aiden
5N - Henry & Isabel
6D - Brook & RJ
6R - Oliver A & Roxanna*

Stay on Green



At the moment, whilst assemblies are paused, children are celebrating their leaf with a member of SLT in their classroom and staff in the class will support them in putting it on the tree.

Consistently demonstrating green behaviour choices throughout the entire week and therefore receiving a golden leaf this week was: Freddie Ca (2DM) very well done!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Mrs Davis & Miss Morris
Headteachers