



Staff News

Mrs Ctverackova will be leaving Saxon at the end of term to explore opportunities outside of the Trust. We would like to thank Mrs C for all her support in her time here and wish her all the very best for the future. We are working hard to appoint a teacher before the start of the Spring Term and will keep 5C parents informed.

Mrs Laws, 3W's class TA, will also be leaving Saxon towards the end of January. Mrs Laws has been offered the opportunity to take up a place on a funded PHD course in an area of study she is very passionate about. The Arts is a sector Mrs Laws worked in prior to joining Saxon and this is a very exciting opportunity for her. We wish Mrs Laws the very best of luck with her studies.

Governor Update

This morning, Miss Morris met with two members of the Governing Body for our annual Safeguarding Monitoring visit. The purpose of this visit is for Governors to ensure that the safeguarding procedures in school are being implemented effectively. This morning's conversation included an update on all of the training the staff have received this term; how we report and record concerns about a child's well-being; what we are doing in school to support children's mental health & well-being and feeding back the children's points of view about life in school for them at the moment. These can be seen below. Mrs Sedgwick and Mrs Crawford were both encouraged and reassured by the work going on in school in relation to safeguarding and we thank them for their time.

Our Chair of Governors, Wendy Sedgwick, has reached the end of her term of office and has now stepped down as the Chair of our governing body. Mrs Sedgwick has been a Governor at Saxon for the last 7 years and we're incredibly grateful for all of her support. A new Chair has been elected. Stewart Crook has many years' experience as a Governor in another local school and joined Saxon's governing body in the Spring of this year. We look forward to working with Mr Crook in this new role.

School Council

This week, the school council members who have continued in their role from last year, met with Mrs Vaughan to share their thoughts about the current changes to school life and what it means for them. Here are some of their responses:

We like eating our lunch in the classroom.

We are keeping ourselves and others safe.

We miss assemblies.



We miss the clubs after school.

We are building stronger friendships with the children in our class.

We miss our parents coming into school.

It's important to us that we have the children's feedback about all that we're doing in school for them. Whilst we can't do anything about assemblies and clubs just yet, it's lovely to hear that they are building the relationships with their classmates and understand that the reason for all the changes is to keep everyone safe.

Christmas Jumper Day

It was lovely to see the children looking so festive this week! Thank you to everyone who made their £1 donation to the Save the Children charity on Wednesday, the recognised charity of Christmas Jumper Day. Don't worry if you forgot, the children are able to wear their jumpers again next Wednesday for our second Christmas Jumper Day and KS2 Christmas Lunch. Please note, if you donated this week there is no expectation for you to make a second donation. Thank you to our stand-in catering team from ABM who made sure KS1 had a delicious Christmas dinner on Wednesday and everything ran smoothly.

Christmas Performances

We have enjoyed all of the KS1 Christmas Performances this week immensely. The children performed so well and even with a smaller, socially-distanced audience they still gave it their all; particularly in the recorded shows for parents. You will get a notification from your class teacher on Google Classroom once your child's class performance has been uploaded. Well done and thank you to all the staff for preparing the children so well and to parents for supporting the children with lines at home and providing costumes. We look forward to watching KS2 in their shows next week.

We have updated our Image Consent Form

Google Classroom is being used increasingly to share aspects of school life with parents during the Covid pandemic. This is to ensure you do not have to miss out on those lovely milestones in your child's educational career such as Christmas plays. In order to make our Image Consent Form as clear as possible so you can make an informed choice on where you consent to your child's image and/or name being used, we have included Google Classroom as an example of a School Online Publication. Following this change, if you wish to reconsider your consent against this criteria please visit our school website where you can complete a new consent form for your child/ren. The form can be found by clicking on Parents > Online Forms.

Swimming Update

We are delighted to share that children in Years 3, 4 & 5 will be swimming next term. Letters have gone out to these parents with the relevant information. All being well, children in Years 1 & 2 will swim in the Summer Term.

Attachments

Newsletter from our caterers, ABM

Golden Learning Celebration

This week, the children showing exceptional learning are:

KS1

RG - Madison & Frankie
RL - Logan T & Lyra
1F - Marien & Amelie
1V - Leah & Kush
2DM - Madison & Oskar
2P - Sofia & Aria

KS2

3P - Blake & Suhith
3W - Jack & Dolcie
4B - Luke & Isaac
4L - Mason & Harrison
5C - Jessica & Halle
5N - Lanna & Samuel
6D - Eesha & Dylan
6R - Lena & George

Stay on Green



Consistently demonstrating green behaviour choices throughout the entire week and therefore receiving a golden leaf this week were: Sidney (RG); Lilah-Mae, Wyli & Carla (RL); Seamus & Freddie (1F); Hope (2DM); Luke (3W); Lucas (4L); Nate & Kareem (6D) and Lena, George Wo & Charlotte (6R) very well done!

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend.

Mrs Davis & Miss Morris
Headteachers



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THURSDAY 17TH DECEMBER 11.00-11.30AM

MEET.GOOGLE.COM/ZYB-ZKCO-MPA

A virtual Christmas Coffee invite

The Lumen Learning Trust has five schools in the Trust. Each school has its own dedicated Home School Link Worker who can offer support and advice. Shelly Lumb from Saxon, Emma Sutton from Echelford and Jane Wallace from the Lumen Learning Trust would like to invite parents from all schools to a virtual coffee event. We would like to take the opportunity to talk about how different Christmas may look this year for everyone.

