



## COVID-19 Update

Parents will be aware from the information sent this morning that we have closed a class due to a confirmed case of COVID-19. Please ensure you have read that letter carefully. We are aware, as there often is, that speculation and mis-information on Whatsapp groups is fueling parents' concerns and worries; this causes unnecessary alarm and panic. Children and staff will be absent from school for all sorts of reasons and we ask parents to trust the communication from the school; where absence is related to Coronavirus we will tell you if it affects your child/ren.

In addition, it was announced yesterday that the borough of Elmbridge will move into Tier 2 of the Government's new three-tier system for England, meaning they are now deemed an area of HIGH risk. The change will be implemented from 00:01hrs on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October. The new restrictions for Elmbridge Borough will include:

- no socialising with people you don't live with, or who aren't in your support bubble, in any indoor setting
- the rule of 6 still applies outdoors, including private gardens, beaches or parks

This is in addition to national restrictions already in place on wearing face coverings, social distancing, and working from home when possible. If you can't work from home you should walk or cycle where possible, or try to avoid busy times on public transport. Children should still attend school unless they present with symptoms or otherwise unwell.

## Social Distancing on School Grounds

Drop off: From Monday, parents will be asked to form a queue from 8:30am around the path outside the front gate to support the children in keeping their distance from each other when coming through the gate.

Pick up: Please can we remind parents to remember to queue and remain socially distanced from other parents when collecting their child at the front gate? It is particularly helpful if parents do not arrive earlier than their allotted collection time to reduce waiting time and congestion at the entrance to school.

We kindly ask parents who wish to speak to the member of staff on either gate to maintain a 2m distance. Currently, whilst it is not mandatory to wear a mask outside, it is parental choice should you choose to wear a face covering during drop off and pick up times.

## Harvest Festival

Very well done to our Year 5 classes who performed their Harvest celebration to us on Wednesday! It was so lovely to see the children enjoying singing and they shared some very important messages with us about what we should be thankful for right now. Our huge thanks to Mrs Stewart for preparing the children so brilliantly, and congratulations to her on her first successful event as our Music Teacher! Our thanks also to Mr Keady who recorded the children's performances for parents. We are just finalising the recording and it will be sent out to you very soon.



Thank you to everyone who brought in a donation for our Harvest collection this week. We have a very healthy pile of tins, cans and packaged food which will be gratefully received by members of our local community!

### **Alternative Collection Arrangements**

A reminder that we cannot change children's collection times or pick up points on an ad-hoc basis, therefore, if your child is going home with a friend, it is the responsibility of the parent to liaise with the adult collecting and inform them of the arrangements. Please make sure any adult collecting your child is aware of their time and pick up point and also ensure the office are made aware of the change.

### **From the SSA**

Mufti Day 2 is on Friday 23rd October, again for £1 donation.

Happy Bags recycling collection is this Thursday 22nd October, 8.30-9.00am. A collection van will be parked near the front gate and there will be a collection point near the back gate of school too. You can use any bag for items, please tie it securely and we'll ask you to place it into the van. There is a collection point at the Red Lion pub car park between 8-10am. Please ensure all items are clean, dry and undamaged.

They accept: Reusable clean and dry clothes, reusable paired footwear, fashion accessories – handbags, belts, scarves, hats – console games, souvenirs.

They do NOT accept: Single shoes, mats, carpets, pillows, duvets, bedlinen, blankets, curtains, bric-a-brac, old fashioned clothing, books, branded uniform, soft toys.

Christmas Wreath Making with Daisy Chain florist:

Monday 30th November – 3 spaces

Monday 7th December – 1 space

7.30-9.00pm at the florist shop, near Shepperton Station. Cost is £40 and includes everything you need to make a fabulous festive wreath. This is the same cost as the other wreath making evenings advertised by Daisy Chain, but Jo is kindly donating the profits to Saxon School for these two nights. Places are limited to 6 per evening due to covid restrictions. To book, please email [ssa.saxon@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk](mailto:ssa.saxon@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk) to reserve your place with choice of date. This will be first come, first served. NB. The cost is non-refundable unless we can fill the space.

Wet Weather Boxes for each class:

After half term, we'd like to provide a box of wet weather games and activities for each classroom. Please have a look in toy cupboards and shelves over half term and see if you can part with a game or two! Collection will be into a box at the gate on Friday 8th November and we will quarantine all items before preparing them for going into classrooms.

Suggestions are: Junior Scrabble, Scrabble, Monopoly, Junior Monopoly, Dice games, Boggle, word games, packs of cards, card games e.g. Uno, Dobble, Chess, Draughts, Ludo, Frustration, Pop up Pirates, Shut the box, Yahtzee, Guess Who, Dominoes, Marble Run, Domino rally....

NB: We can't accept any games involving batteries, water, 'splatting' e.g. Pie Face, food e.g. lolly makers or putting things in mouths e.g. speaking games.

### **Parent & Visitor Code of Conduct Launched**

We are very proud and fortunate to have a dedicated and supportive community at our school. Staff, governors and parents all recognise that educating children is a process that involves partnership between home and school. There is an understanding of the importance of a good working relationship to equip children with the necessary skills for adulthood. How we behave as adults has a direct effect on a child's understanding of society and their own role within it. We welcome and encourage parents (and other visitors such as external agencies, volunteers and extended family members) to participate fully in the life of their child's school. Many schools have a code in place as a reminder to the wider community about expected conduct so that we can *all* work together to ensure safe and positive environments for our children. We felt it would be helpful to formalise and publish our own expectations for the home school relationship and you can now find these on our website under our School Info tab or by clicking on this link:

<https://www.saxonprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Parent+%26amp%3B+Visitor+Code+of+Conduct&pid=148>

## **Individual Photos**

Children will be bringing home their school photo today. All the information you need is on the proof. The online deadline to purchase is the 13<sup>th</sup> November.

## **Spare Shoes**

Thank you to everyone who has come in with spare shoes or wellies this week. It is already making a difference in keeping our school clean and tidy. If you haven't sent your child in with alternative shoes yet, then please try and arrange this for Monday.

## **Family Centre – new contact number**

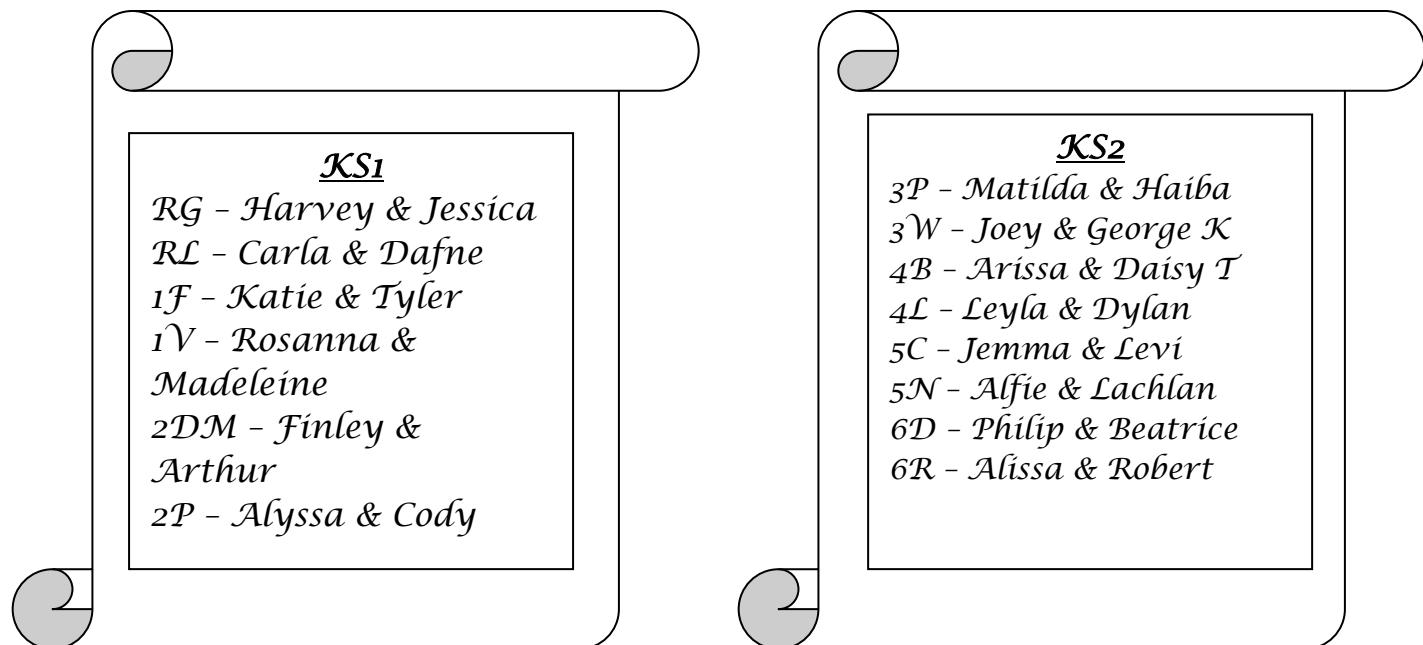
Clarendon Family Centre have a new contact number and can be reached on 07585 658690. Surrey Family Centres offer targeted services, support and advice for families with children aged from 0 to 11 years. Families with concerns may contact Clarendon and Stanwell Family Centres directly for advice and support.

## **Attachments**

Attached this week is a document for parents about developing positive behaviour through Emotion Coaching. Emotion Coaching is an approach we use in school for parents and carers to use with children and young people (aged 3-18 years).

## **Golden Learning Celebration**

This week, the children showing exceptional learning are:



## **Stay on Green**



Consistently demonstrating green behaviour choices throughout the entire week and therefore receiving a golden leaf this week were: Polly, Finn, Ellie, Kyra, Leah & Esme (1V); Louis, Anoush, Madison, Havana & Aria (2DM); George V & Nathaniel (3W); Connie & Isaac (4B); Leon (4L); Daisey & Amaury (5C); AJ, Henry, Aren & Reggie (5N); Kareem (6D) and George Wh, Lilibet & Jack (6R) very well done!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mrs Davis & Miss Morris  
Headteachers