



As we reach the end of the first half term back since the whole school re-opening, we would like to thank our whole school community for enabling it to be such a success. The parent community have been invaluable in supporting us with putting into practice guidance that requires many school level decisions, and we really do appreciate how parents have understood this challenge. The children have been incredible, as they always are, at adapting to and embracing the changes to school life.

Staff News

Today we say goodbye and good luck to Mrs Cooper. Mrs Cooper is a highly valued member of the team and is going to be sorely missed by children, staff and parents alike. We can't thank Mrs Cooper enough for all she has done for the Saxon community; her work ethic and passion for getting it right for the children in her care is second to none. We wish Mrs Cooper and her family the very best of luck as she returns home to Australia and begins her new role. We look forward to hearing how she gets on!

We have successfully appointed a teacher to work alongside Mrs Vaughan in 1V after half term. Miss Aislinn Kavanagh is an experienced KS1 teacher and is looking forward to meeting the children after half term. We have also appointed Miss Hall, another experienced teacher, who will be working alongside the Reception team supporting children and staff in both classes. We look forward to welcoming them both to Saxon after half term.

Parents whose children worked alongside one of our Teaching Assistants, Mrs Rees, will remember she is currently on maternity leave after the birth of her daughter in January. Mrs Rees has decided that she would like to stay at home with Maeve and therefore won't be returning to her TA role after Christmas. We thank Mrs Rees for all she did for the children in her time here and wish her all the best for the future.

Covid-19

We are confident that the systems and measures we have in place will reduce the spread of infection and allow us to act quickly if there are confirmed cases of Covid-19 amongst the school community. The partnership between school and parents has been key to this – thank you to all the parents who have kept their children off school when needed, arranged tests despite the challenges of doing so, and informed us as soon as they could of test results.

Below are the key actions and approaches that are in place. We hope this will help parents to feel more informed and reassured about how school is managing possible and confirmed cases of Covid-19.

- Parents are keeping their children off school if they have Covid-19 symptoms or a member of the household does and are arranging a test
- Staff are staying at home if they have Covid-19 symptoms or someone in their household does and are arranging a test
- Staff and children are going home if they develop Covid-19 symptoms throughout the day
- School are tracking all staff and pupils who are off due to Covid, maintaining contact with parents and staff whilst awaiting results



- Parents and staff are informing the school of Covid-19 results for anyone in the household that has had symptoms (these can be sent by parents to the info email account at any time, and staff are contacting a member of SLT)
- The school is monitoring the info account out of school hours (evenings and weekends) for test results from parents, and staff are able to contact SLT via phone.

Children remain in their class groups for the school day, this includes break times and lunchtimes (classes each have a zoned area to be in at staggered intervals). Children are supervised when moving around the school to ensure they do not mix with another class. The movement of teaching staff between classes has been reduced and limited. Where staff do work across classes they are wearing face visors. Catering staff are wearing face masks at lunchtime and school staff are wearing face masks when carrying food to the children's tables in the hall or collecting lunches for children in the classroom. Breakfast Club and After School Club has been divided into 3 groups with a total number of 15 members per group (for full details of control measures please refer to the information about the whole school re-opening sent in July).

When school is informed that there is a positive case of Covid-19 (either staff or children) the following actions are taken:

- If the class (bubble) of children are not in school at that time, a text is sent asking them to remain at home.
- The school calls the DfE who advises which staff and children need to isolate. From our experience and that of other primary colleagues, the DfE and PHE are asking for whole bubbles in primary schools to isolate when there is a positive case in that bubble. As we have decided to have class bubbles rather than year group bubbles, including at lunchtime, we are reducing the number of children and staff potentially exposed to the virus and therefore reducing the number needing to self-isolate.
- When speaking to the DfE the school will share the date a child or staff member developed their symptoms, the date of the test and the last day that they were in school (a person is contagious for the 48 hours before their symptoms develop). This information informs whether a bubble needs to self-isolate or not.
- A letter from the DfE is then sent from the school to all parents of the class bubble that is required to self-isolate. If the children or member of staff that tested positive also attends Breakfast Club or After School Club, the group they were in would also be required to self-isolate for 14 days and these parents would also receive this letter.
- A general whole school letter from the DfE is then sent from the school to all parents to inform the community of a positive case.
- The school then informs Surrey of the positive case.
- Siblings of children who are self-isolating can continue to attend school, unless their sibling develops symptoms.

We hope this information provides parents with an insight into the process we will continue to follow next half term.

Remote Learning Offer

Parents may be aware that all schools need to have a Remote Learning Offer in place should classes have to self-isolate due to a positive case of COVID-19 in the school, self-isolation due to possible contact with a positive case and in the event of another school closure. Saxon's approach to this is by implementing Google Classroom which will also be used for regular home learning after half term. For more information about our Remote Learning Offer, please visit our website:

<https://www.saxonprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Remote+learning+offer&pid=149> the document itself can be found at the bottom of the page.

Our School App

Live and ready for you to install, our school app is available free of charge on your mobile device via the App Store, Google Play or the Phone Store. Just search for 'School News', look for the orange logo (right) and install to give you access to the key parts of our website including a quick contact tab and our website school calendar. The app calendar will even allow you to add school events to your own device calendar so you need never miss an important date again. There are also a number of handy extras within the app to connect you to key school parent admin such as online forms which allow busy parents to complete these on the go using any web enabled device.



Maths Updates



The second ever Maths Week England will be from Monday 9th – Friday 14th November and Saxon will be joining the occasion with a fun filled week focusing on money and finances. As well as many role play activities, budget planning and real life problem solving involving money, the children will be learning about the important role money plays in our lives, where it comes from and the difference between something we 'need' in order to survive and something we 'want'. During the week we would love it if parents could support their child in completing a 'My Money Diary', listing when money has been used at home. Details of this, with examples, will be uploaded to your child's Google Classroom account on Friday 6th November.

This year we are holding a Lumen Learning Trust Times Table Rockstars Championship which will involve 'Battles' between Saxon, Riverbridge, Echelford and Walton Oak. The first of these 'Battles' will be during Maths Week England when Saxon will take on Walton Oak. After our amazing success against Echelford during lockdown, we are sure all of the children in Years 2 to 6 will be keen to participate and be victorious again! The battle will begin at 7am on Monday 9th November. If you need any help with login details or any other Times Table Rockstar account issues, please email learning.saxon@lumenlearning.trust.co.uk and Mrs Hartshorn will be able to help you.



And finally, during Maths Week England, we will be launching a new website 'Numbots'. This will initially be for children in Year 1. Numbots is affiliated with Times Table Rockstars and helps children to practise their addition and subtraction number facts. More details to follow.

Year 5 Dictionaries

Thank you to Shepperton Rotary Club who continue to support the school, this time through their generous donation of a beautiful illustrated dictionary for each of our Year 5 children. This is an annual gift from the Rotary Club, which is normally presented in an assembly, and we would like to thank them on behalf of the children in Year 5. See our Facebook page for some photos of the children with their dictionaries.

Secondary School Applications

A reminder to our Year 6 parents that the closing date for you to make an application for your child's place in secondary school must be completed by 31st October 2020 at the latest.

Home School Link Work Virtual Parent Sessions

Our Home School Link Workers have been looking at ways to support our parent community during this challenging time and we would like to introduce our Virtual Parent Sessions.

Each week, one of our schools will take a turn to discuss a topic using Google Meet. We would love you to join us and this support is open to everyone from any of our schools. You can choose to join the week you are interested in, or all 5 of them.

*Please follow this Google Meet link to access one or all of the sessions:
meet.google.com/jtk-nxsg-nhn*

We will be on-line every Thursday from 11am until 11.30am.

Thursday 12th November - Discover how to support your child to be emotionally resilient at school

Thursday 19th November - Managing our digital world

Thursday 26th November - Emotional attachment

Thursday 3rd December - Discuss challenging behaviour and looking at routines

Thursday 10th December - Encouraging healthy choices in school

*We look forward to seeing you — Shelly Lumb, Emma Sutton,
Lyn Lenton-Clark, Jane Hughes, Kate Hobley and Nikki Edwards.*

Attendance

Attached is information about attendance, unauthorised holidays and fixed penalty notices; please ensure you read this carefully.

From the SSA

Happy Bags recycling collection yesterday raised £349. A great amount, thank you to everyone who donated, to Mrs Swartfigure and Mrs Moreton for organising and Mrs Rickman for her help. We aim to arrange another one for next term.

Christmas Wreath Making with Daisy Chain florist:

Monday 30th November – 3 spaces

Monday 7th December – FULL

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 to reserve your place. NB. The cost is non-refundable unless we can fill the space. We will contact everyone after half term regarding payment.

Wet Weather Boxes: Friday 8th November

We want to provide one per class to keep children entertained during wet weather playtimes. There will be collection boxes at the gates on Friday 8th November and we will quarantine all items before preparing them for going into classrooms. Please have a good clear out over half term!

Suggestions are: Jigsaws, 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 cannot 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.

We would like to thank Mrs Cooper for her support for the children at Saxon, for being a wonderful, inspiring teacher and for her help and support at SSA events. We will miss her. We wish her, Mr Cooper and Colette a safe journey and send best wishes for their new life and adventures back in Australia. The school children in Australia are very lucky to have her!

Golden Learning Celebration

This week, the children showing exceptional learning are:

KS1

RG - Hetty & Mischa

RL - Ava & Carla

*1F - Annabella &
Isabelle*

1V - Polly & Ethan

*2DM - Freddie Ca &
Madison*

2P - Rohyn & Grace

KS2

3P - Emily & Noah

3W - Maison & Luke

4B - Frankie & Connie

4L - Tymo & Layla

5C - Harry & Gracie

5N - Thea & AJ

6D - Eesha & Mia

6R - Ceira & George L

Stay on Green



Consistently demonstrating green behaviour choices throughout the entire week and therefore receiving a golden leaf this week were: Daisy, Holly, Raees & Harvey (RG); Maddy (RL); Ivy (1F); Ira & Olivia (2DM); Jake (3W); Jack & Maiya (4L) and Alfie & Tempee (5C) very well done!

Wishing you all an enjoyable half term holiday.

Mrs Davis & Miss Morris
Headteachers