



A warm welcome back to the second half of the Spring Term, we hope all of our families enjoyed their half term break. The lovely sunny weather this week has also really helped it to feel like Spring is on the way.

We are delighted that the school will fully re-open to all pupils on Monday 8th March. As shared in information earlier this week, we have adjusted some aspects of our Risk Assessment to ensure we keep our infection control measures as robust as we can. We understand there will be mixed feelings amongst the children and parents about returning to school, if you would like to talk to someone about your concerns then please contact the office via the info.saxon account and a member of the team will be in touch.

Staff News

This week, we welcomed our new School Business Manager, Rhona Richards, to Saxon. Mrs Richards is already settling into her role and feeling like a part of the team. On Tuesday, we welcome Mrs Vale back from her maternity leave. We are all excited to have Mrs Vale back in school.

Book Week

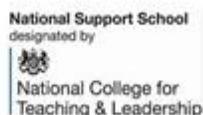
Next week for all children is Book Week. This has been Mrs Vale's first task as she returns as our English Subject Leader and she has been very excited to plan some lovely activities for children as a celebration of books and reading. Attached is a document for children at home. The class teachers will also be sharing more information with you via Google Classroom. At the bottom of this newsletter you will find a book token you can use to purchase a book online. This is in place of the usual paper book token the children bring home.

Times Table Rockstars Battle – Saxon Vs Riverbridge!

We are also looking forward to another 'Times Table Rockstars' battle against Riverbridge next week. This is for all children in years 2 to 6. We will be keeping an eye on the whole school total as well as the average user score, so we need as many children as possible to take part. There will be certificates for the top players across the school, as well as the top 3 in each class. The competition will be open from 7am - 7pm from Monday to Friday and there will be updates posted on Facebook throughout the week. If you need any help with login details please email Mrs Hartshorn at learning.saxon@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk Good luck, everyone!

SSA AGM

Each year, we hold an AGM for the SSA where the year is reviewed and new committee members are decided. The AGM for this year will take place on the 30th March at 6pm and will be a virtual meeting. A meeting link will be shared in the newsletter nearer the time and all parents are welcome. If any of our parents are interested in taking on a committee role, please contact our current chair, Mrs Freely, via the SSA email address ssa.saxon@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk This year has been a difficult one for fundraising and we're really hoping to move forward with our events next year and all help, support and ideas are welcomed. The SSA plays a huge part in supporting opportunities for the children at school and we know they'll be keen to make up for the lost fundraising opportunities this year.



Theatre Visit

One of the events the SSA supports is our annual theatre visit from M&M Productions. In the past couple of years, the children have loved watching the pantomime the company put on and it is a lovely treat to come back to in January after the Christmas break. Due to the school's partial closure in January, we postponed this year's show and it has now been rescheduled to the 29th & 30th April – this will also be an Arts Week in school. Due to restrictions on space and social distancing, the performance of 'The Wizard of Oz' will only be for children in Years 1-6 this year. We know the children will really enjoy it and hope it gives them something to look forward to. Thank you to the SSA for supporting this event which means there is no cost to parents.

Family Learning

Family Learning provides free online parenting courses for parents and carers, including grandparents, who lack confidence or are struggling to support their children with school, homework or behaviour issues.

Free courses and workshops include:

- English for EAL parents
- Phonics for EAL parents
- Maths for key stage 1 and 2
- Maths - how to be a times table rock star
- Help your child manage anxiety
- Exploring behaviour strategies
- Phonics workshops
- Skills for encouraging mini scientists
- How to access support and services for children
- Understanding children's behaviour
- Parents guides to primary maths

www.surreycc.gov.uk/familylearning email Family.Learning@surreycc.gov.uk for more information

Parking

A further reminder please to all parents to park appropriately when dropping your children off at school without blocking our neighbours' driveways and to not park on the double yellow lines. There is a more than adequate window of opportunity in the mornings to arrive at the school, park a little further away and walk to the gate. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

KS2 Reading Challenge

Here are the total books read so far, well done everyone, you're doing a great job of keeping up your reading! As the children are returning to school on the 8th, next week will be the last week of this challenge. Let's see how many more books you can all read before then!

<u><i>Class</i></u>	<u><i>Total Books Read</i></u>
<i>3P</i>	<i>340</i>
<i>3W</i>	<i>306</i>
<i>4B</i>	<i>217</i>
<i>4L</i>	<i>218</i>
<i>5G</i>	<i>459</i>
<i>5N</i>	<i>508</i>
<i>6D</i>	<i>215</i>
<i>6R</i>	<i>265</i>

Mental Health Support

Mind Matters is part of the NHS' mental health support provision and can accept referrals for anyone over the age of 17. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more, please see the flyer attached or visit www.mindmattersnhs.co.uk

Attachments

Book Week Information

TTRS Battle Poster

With our best wishes to you all,

Mrs Davis & Miss Morris

Headteachers

£1 Book Token

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