



Happy New Year and welcome back to the start of the Spring Term. As is often the case at the start of term, the newsletter is a rather full one with important messages and reminders. We begin this new year and term with a new vision for our school. A vision is a statement that describes what a school is trying to achieve. In a school that is always striving to make progress, we believe it is important to have a vision that reflects where we are as a school and what we want for all children who attend Saxon. Our updated vision is:

Saxon Primary School puts the children at the heart of its provision. We are dedicated to fostering an inclusive culture that respects, values and celebrates the contributions of all of our children. Our whole school community is committed to nurturing and enabling all children to thrive and become successful lifelong learners. Through our mindful approach to learning, all individuals are empowered to be resilient, confident and informed global citizens.

We hope you feel it reflects us as a school as much as we do.

Staff News

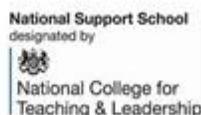
This week we welcomed three new members of staff to the team. Mrs Sohail & Miss Johnson will be working in Year 2 and Reception respectively, supporting children on an individual basis. Mrs Greenhead has been appointed as a HLTA and will be leading classes across the school to release teachers for their PPA time. We are delighted to welcome them to the team and know they will soon begin to feel a part of our school community.

Attendance & Exceptional Leave

The start of a new school term is always a good time to remind parents of our policy and expectations of children's attendance in school. Saxon believes that even one day away from school can have detrimental effects on a child's learning and therefore absence will not be authorised unless it is for exceptional circumstances. The Education (Pupil Registration)(England)(Amendment) Regulations 2013, which became law on 1st September 2013 states that Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are "exceptional circumstances". The Headteacher is also required to determine the number of school days a child can be away from school if such leave is granted.

In accordance with the above Regulations, requests for leave of absence are treated sympathetically, but only in exceptional circumstances can they be approved. The issuing of a penalty notice for unauthorised leave of absence may be considered appropriate in the following circumstances:

- Unauthorised leave of absence in term time (5 days/10 sessions or more within a three-month period – this need not be consecutive) without the authorisation of the school. Penalty Notices will be issued by the Local Authority.
- Unauthorised absences or late arrival after the close of registration, on 7 occasions in any six-week period (not including school closures). The liable parent/carer will receive a written warning from the Education Welfare Service of the possibility of a Penalty Notice being issued and given a maximum of 15 school days to effect an improvement. During this period the pupil is not expected to incur any further unauthorised absence.



- Pupils, identified by Police and Education Welfare Officers engaged on Truancy Patrols, who have incurred unauthorised absence. The liable parent/carer will receive a written warning from the Education Welfare Service of the possibility of a Penalty Notice being issued and given a maximum of 15 school days to effect an improvement. During this period the pupil is not expected to incur any further unauthorised absence.

The amount payable on issue of a Penalty Notice is:

- £60 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice
- This rises to £120 if paid after 21 days but within 28 days of receipt of the notice.
- If the penalty is not paid in full by the end of the 28-day period the Local Authority must prosecute the recipient for failing to ensure regular school attendance under section 444 Education Act 1996.

The policy of Surrey County Council, to which this school has agreed, states each parent will be liable to receive a penalty notice for each child who incurs unauthorised absences. For example, if there are two parents and one child, each parent will receive one Penalty Notice. If there are two parents and two children incurring unauthorised absences, each parent will receive two Penalty Notices, which in this case would amount to £120 each if paid within 21 days.

Parents will receive a letter attached to their exceptional leave form explaining that, should they go ahead with an absence that has been unauthorised, they will be liable for a Fixed Penalty Notice.

General Info & School App

Information attached as a reminder on how to access our school app which gives you updates to events etc. in the school year. Also attached is another copy of the 'General Info' sheet which gives parents all the useful info they need.

Data Collection Sheets

Over the next few weeks, you will receive a copy of the Data Collection Sheet for your child. This shows the current information that we hold on our system. It is used if we need to contact you in an emergency and therefore it is important that it is correct. It is also important that we have any special dietary needs, allergies or medical conditions that your child may have. Please take time to read this information and make any amendments necessary. Please then sign and return to the school office so that we can amend our systems accordingly. Thank you

Special Lunch Menu

Next Thursday, 16th January, we would like to invite all children who normally have a home packed lunch to join in with our special dinner to celebrate the birthday of the legendary Winnie the Pooh Author, AA Milne, born 18/01/1882. Menu options are Ham Pizza or Cheese Pasta Bake, served with delicious sides and Jelly & Ice cream. If you would like to place an order please fill in the special meal request form on our website: <https://www.saxonprimary.co.uk/form/?pid=168&form=265> and make a £2.35 payment in the dinner money section of Scopay. If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 no payment is needed as they are entitled to free school meals.

PLEASE NOTE: All children who normally have school dinners will automatically be provided with this menu on the day. DEADLINE FOR ORDERING is Monday 13th January.

KS1 Lunchtime

We are extending the available play space at lunchtimes for KS1 children to include the field this term. Given the condition of the field during the winter months, children wishing to play in this space must be able to change into different shoes and trousers. Therefore, if your child would like the opportunity to play on the field, please send them in with some old tracksuit bottoms that they can slip on over their school trousers/tights and an old pair of trainers. Please make sure everything is named and in a named bag.

Parent-Teacher Consultations

The parent-teacher consultations for the Spring Term are booked for Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th March. Following a review of the organisation and the challenging logistics of arranging cover for class teachers to release them for a 1:30 start, we have decided to change the timings of the meetings. Slots will be available for parents to sign up to on the Wednesday from 3:30 – 6:30pm and on the Thursday from 4:30 – 7:30pm. Parents will be informed when booking on Scopay is open later in the term.

Aprons for Art Lessons

Please could children in Years 1 - 6 bring in old or unwanted t-shirts or shirts by Friday 24th January? These will be kept in each classroom cupboard and to be used as aprons for Art lessons throughout the school year.

Swimming Donations

If anyone has any of the following to top up our swimming spares box, please drop them into the office: Towels in good condition/Swimming Trunks in various sizes/Swimming Costumes in various sizes. Thank you

Maths Updates

Mrs Hartshorn has now produced an updated version of Saxon's 'Progression in Calculations'. This is a useful document showing the way we teach addition, subtraction, multiplication and division across all of the year groups. These can be found on the Saxon Primary School website: <https://www.saxonprimary.co.uk/learning/curriculum/mathematics/progression-in-calculations> and on the Saxon Maths website <https://saxonmaths.weebly.com/parents.html> A reminder that there is other useful information on the Saxon Maths website, including many videos of Mrs Hartshorn showing how we teach different aspects of the Maths curriculum.

Date for your diary – following feedback from the Maths drop in sessions in November, Mrs Hartshorn will be running a drop in session on Thursday 6th February to show how Numicon can be used to enhance your child's learning. Details to follow soon but save the date.

Clubs

A reminder that clubs start next week. We ask that if a child is due to attend an after school activity club and there has been a change of plan which means that that they will be collected straight from school instead, that the parent let the school office know by email, phone or in person. Each person leading a club takes a register of all the children that they expect to be there. If a child is not going to be there, we need to account for them. The school office will let each club leader know in advance if there is a child not attending that day.

Coffee Mornings

Shelly's coffee mornings will begin again next week, with the first one of the term at 8:50 on Friday 17th. The remaining dates will be added to the dates list which will be sent out next on the 31st January. All welcome.

Smoking on School Premises

A reminder that it is illegal to smoke or vape on the school premises. We would also politely request that parents move away from the school gates when smoking in consideration of the children and adults coming in or out of the school. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Parenting Course

Our Riverbridge Home School Link Workers, Lyn Lenton Clark and Jane Hughes, are running a 123 Magic Parenting Course. This is a 5-week course running weekly for two hours on a Thursday from 9.30 a.m. starting on 27th February. This course looks at ways to stop poor behaviour choices, encourage positive behaviour, manage testing/manipulative behaviours and establish a peaceful, enjoyable family atmosphere. Parents attending previous groups have reported that as well as looking at parenting from a different perspective, it has also been really helpful sharing ideas with other parents. A school venue will be decided once we have an idea of the interest from each school. If you are interested in attending this course can you please contact Lyn on 07825 742508 / Jane on 07766 385113, or alternatively leave your expression of interest with your school office.

Young Carers

Do you have a child who provides a caring role to a parent, grandparent or sibling (physical or behavioural disability)? This role can include supporting personal care (e.g. bathing, dressing), giving or prompting medication/injections, shopping, housework or looking after siblings. Even if your child provides emotional support only, there is support in school that your child can access. For further information, please contact the school office and leave a message for Shelly, or contact Shelly directly on 07825 742564.

We need you! Tesco Bags of Help voting now open for our 2020 Summer Camp



We have received the fantastic news that our 2020 Lumen Summer Camp has been shortlisted for the Tesco Bags of Help scheme. We will be able to achieve a grant of between £500 and £2,000 depending on how many votes we receive in store. The public vote is now open until Wednesday 31st March at Tesco Express, Staines Road West and Tesco Extra, Sunbury so please make sure you ask for token each time you make a purchase in these stores and drop it in the box marked Lumen Summer Camp. The grant we are awarded will be used to ensure our Summer Camp is full of interesting and stimulating resources for your children to enjoy and we would be immensely grateful for your help in supporting our bid whenever you or your family members visit the stores.

Book Tokens – A Reminder

There is one more week to collect the book tokens from The Sun newspaper. Please bring in any tokens you have from Monday 20th January.

Job Opportunity

The Cycle Training Team at Surrey County Council are recruiting for Bikeability Cycling Instructors. If this is a role you might be interested in you can find more information here: <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/jobs>; search for "Cycling Instructor".

NHS Public Consultation Events

This Spring, the NHS are holding a public consultation regarding the future of walk-in centres and welcome the views of the community. At the bottom of the newsletter you will find all the information you need to be able to contribute.

Published Writers

Each week we celebrate two children's writing from each class with parents, which can be found on our website; just follow this link:

<https://www.saxonprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Published+Writers&pid=1580>

KS1

*RC - Leo & Leyla
RF - Theo & Katie
1DM - River & Louis
1P - Alyssa & Madison
2G - Airlie & Alicia
2V - George K & Tabitha*

KS2

*3B - Bobby & Connie
3W - Avanthi & Layla F
4H - Anyah & Skye S
4R - Adam & Albert
5D - Louisa & Mia
5N - George L & John-William
6K - Amy & Ollie
6R - Lily & Kendra*

Stay on Green



Consistently demonstrating green behaviour choices throughout the entire week and therefore receiving a golden leaf this week were: Siena-Marie (RF); Isabelle (1DM); Zac (3W) and Bethany (5D) very well done to all of these children.

Mrs Davis & Miss Morris

Give your views on possible changes to NHS walk-in services in North West Surrey

Local doctors and healthcare professionals are asking for feedback on proposals to change and develop urgent care and walk-in services in North West Surrey.

Residents can attend a series of public events to give their views on a shortlist of options for future services and discuss how a greater range of support could also be offered in the community.

NHS North West Surrey Clinical Commissioning Group, alongside our partner organisations that make up North West Surrey Integrated Care Partnership, have been reviewing out of hospital services as part of [The Big Picture](#) programme. This looks at how to address the pressure on healthcare services from a growing and aging population, the changing needs of people with long term conditions like diabetes and heart disease and the ever increasing challenge of recruiting the right healthcare staff.

Recent improvements in out of hospital care in North West Surrey include:

- better support for people with mental health needs - extended appointments with mental health experts to connect them to support from a wide range of services including therapies, physical health checks, social care and third sector organisations
- easier access to GP services with additional appointments in the evenings and at weekends, including video consultations via the LIVI app
- a redesigned NHS 111 service offering faster support from a wider range of healthcare professionals and direct appointments

Building on engagement with the local community last year, healthcare leaders now want to ask people for other ideas on how to reshape community based services to offer the most appropriate care for their needs now and in the future.

In addition, a new set of national standards has been introduced for [Urgent Treatment Centres](#) (UTCs - the new name for all walk-in centre type facilities). These centres will all offer the same level of service so patients know where to go for urgent care wherever they are in the country. There are significant differences between existing walk-in facilities and the new specification and decisions need to be made on the best way to bridge this gap.

Following a period of public engagement last year, a shortlist of seven possible options has been developed working with local clinicians. It includes different configurations for UTCs across Woking, Weybridge and Ashford as well as how best to provide timely, high quality urgent care at St Peter's hospital, working with our established Emergency Department

At this stage no decisions on these options have been made.

The public events are a chance for people to have their say on the future design of urgent care services, where key centres should be and what other services might be needed in the community to support local people in the best way.

Public feedback will be used to shape the clinical model for urgent care services and to reach a preferred option or options. If that leads to a substantial change to any services that are currently provided, a full public consultation would take place before any final decisions are made.

This shortlist has been reached following a detailed process involving clinicians, health and social care organisations, voluntary and community sector organisations and members of the public.

Shortlist of options

UTC = Urgent Treatment Centre

Number	St Peter's	Weybridge	Ashford	Woking
1.	UTC	UTC	UTC	UTC
2.	UTC	No	UTC	UTC
3.	UTC	UTC	No	UTC
4.	UTC	UTC	UTC	No
5.	UTC	No	UTC	No
6.	UTC	No	No	UTC
7.	UTC	No	No	No

Community workshops 2020

We are inviting local people to participate in a range of activities and discussions. Please register in advance so we know how many people to expect.

When	Where	Register attendance
Wednesday 22 January 10.30am – 12.30pm	Whiteley Village Hall 3A Octagon Road, KT12 4EG	Register here
Wednesday 29 January 6.30pm – 8.30pm	H.G. Wells Conference Centre Church Street East, Woking, GU21 6HJ	Register here
Wednesday 5 February 10am – 12pm	Hythe Centre 36 Thorpe Road, Staines, TW18 3HD	Register here

The NHS is seeking views from all members of the community including minority groups whose voices are often not heard.

If you have any information, communications or accessibility needs please confirm these in advance by emailing nwscg.bigpictureprogramme@nhs.net or call 01372 232450.

If you cannot attend an event but want to share your views – get in touch using the details below. If you would like us to attend a local meeting of an individual group or association, please also contact us using the details below.

Email nwscg.bigpictureprogramme@nhs.net **Call** 01372 232450 **Text** 07880 091328