



SAXON SCHOOL ASSOCIATION - SSA

Dear new families,

Welcome to Saxon Primary School!

We'd like to introduce the 'Saxon School Association' and explain a bit about what we do and why. As a start though, the name! The SSA is our 'PTA' (Parent Teacher Association) but we wanted to include everyone who is part of the children's lives ie. wider families and friends rather than just parents.

The SSA is a really important part of the school community. We raise funds to help the school provide more equipment and resources for learning and play. We do this by involving the Saxon community and putting on events all year round. Our aim is for the events to be fun, interesting and enjoyable, for families to participate in as and when they can. We also apply for grants and other funding, eg supermarkets and have had some parents able to 'match' fundraising through work schemes.

The current focus for fundraising is on 'Play' and to enhance the playgrounds and outdoor areas at the school. We have purchased welly boot racks for the younger pupils to use the field in all weathers and we're working towards funding an outdoor performance area and playground markings.

Previous years of fundraising has resulted in the SSA donating:

- Over £20,000 for the Double Decker Library Bus (new in September 2019)
- Playground Trim Trail £12,000
- Playground Playpod £10,000

Those are the big projects but alongside them we fund many other projects, eg. Story Sacks for Reception/ KS1, Reading books (all years) and Junior Choir (KS2) trips to sing at Wembley.

How do we do this? A variety of events for children or for families throughout the school year. The biggest event is Family Fireworks which involves the school and local communities (and raises £4-6k) however we also run Hot Dog (cinema) clubs, Christmas discos, raffles, recycling days, children's Christmas card project, coin race, Easter event, 'after sports day' fun afternoon and we also participate in the Shepperton Village Fair and Parade. (That's not even the full list!) We have Pre-loved uniform sales throughout the year. We also run New Parents' events to welcome you to the school and SSA and meet other new families.



Parents' assistance in school life is so valuable!

As a parent/carer, you're automatically a member of the SSA but we'd love you to become a more active member. We appreciate the demands of family and working life - the Committee and helpers are all volunteers too! In recent years we've introduced more opportunities for families to get involved even if they can't 'donate their time', eg. Donating items, raffles, Christmas card project, recycling days.

So that's one way to support the SSA - however there's more ways if you have any time to spare! Come to our meetings – they last about an hour and are 1-2 per term. Informal preparation meetings take place for each event.

Each event is run by a small team, and every event needs helpers on the day plus the committee is voted in every year. One event or all events, we're truly grateful for any time you can spare.

Details of SSA events are on school noticeboards and in the newsletter but you can also join the WhatsApp group and email list (please fill in the slip below). If you have any questions please email us at ssa.saxon@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk

We look forward to meeting you!

Suzi Freely (Joint Chair – Y6, Y3 parent)

Lucie Kennedy (Treasurer – Y2 parent)

Donna Richardson (Joint Chair – Y3 parent)

*Vice Chair, Secretary - *positions vacant**

FAO - SSA

We are a separate entity from the school so we have to gather our data separately. We only use it for SSA related matters and it is kept securely. Please post through the school letter box and it will be collected and given to the SSA team.

Your Name _____

Child's Name _____ Class _____

Please include me in the SSA WhatsApp group. By giving my mobile number, I allow you to use this:

Please include me in the SSA Email group. By giving my email address, I allow you to use this:

CLASS/YEAR REPS: Each class/year group has a small group (2-4) of parents who kindly set up a WhatsApp group and use it to pass on SSA / school information. If you would be interested in being part of this group, we will pass your details on to them.

I'd like to be included on the Class/Year WhatsApp group and here is my mobile number which I give permission to be used in the group _____

I'm happy to be a Class/Year Rep YES NO (delete as appropriate)