



A very warm welcome to our new Reception families who joined us this week. It was lovely to welcome the new children to Saxon yesterday and today. On Monday, the children will stay for lunch and then begin full time on Tuesday, and I'm sure they will soon settle into school life.

This week's newsletter contains several messages for families regarding school expectations and some upcoming dates, so please do read it carefully and perhaps save for future reference.

Covid-19

Thank you to everyone who has been responsive to the guidance about booking a PCR test for your child when they display Covid symptoms. It can be frustrating when your child has a temperature that you think is related to something else, however, we cannot be too careful and a PCR test must be booked for any child (or adult) displaying a high temperature. PCR tests should also be booked if your child has a new or continuous cough or a change/loss of their sense of smell/taste.

Other illnesses

We mustn't forget that there are other illnesses and bugs that children may pick up from time to time. Some of these also require children to be absent from school for a given period of time, specifically vomiting and diarrhea. Any child who experiences these symptoms must remain off school for 48 hours from the last bout of vomiting or diarrhea. Attached to the newsletter is a leaflet about school attendance; on the back page you can find details of what to do when your child is unwell with common illnesses.

Thank you for your support with keeping our community as safe and as healthy as possible.

Reception Collection

A reminder to Reception family members collecting from Tuesday 14th September, that this will be from the gates to the Reception playground which can be accessed at the back of the school. If you're unfamiliar with this area of the school, staff will be on hand to direct you. If you have a child in a KS1 class, you can access the Year 1 and 2 classrooms through the Reception playground once you have collected your Reception child. Again, staff will be able to help you find your way on Tuesday. Dismissal time for Reception is 3:15pm.

Collection for All

A reminder that we advise only children over the age of 16 collect your children from school. It is not permitted for children in Year 6 with permission to walk home to also collect their younger sibling.

Reminders from the Office

Emails - Please can you check your spam and junk folders for any emails from info.saxon@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk as we are finding the emails are being sent to those folders and not the recipient's inbox.

Medicine – where possible, the need for medicines to be administered at school should be avoided. Please try to arrange the timing of doses to avoid lesson time and the subsequent impact on your child's learning. We will administer medicines to your child as close as possible between the hours of 12pm and 1pm only.



Medicines prescribed by the GP and needed 3 times per day can be given at home and will not be administered during school hours – unless the child has a long stay at the After School Club.

If your child requires medicine to be administered during the school day, including self-administered medication such as an inhaler; a form available via the school website and the school app must be completed and submitted to the office.

If a child becomes unwell during the school day we are able to administer paracetamol and all families have been given a form to sign regarding this. We only hold a small, emergency supply, so please do provide the medication if you know that your child will need it.

All medicine must be in its original bottle and clearly labelled with your child's name and dosage requirements, and given into the school office by an adult. (Currently given to staff on the gates)

Useful Forms – we have placed some useful forms on the school website that you can use – please follow this link to access them. The medication form is one of these forms:

<https://www.saxonprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Online+Forms&pid=140>

Google Classroom

Home learning will be uploaded on Monday for Years 1-6. If you have any questions or queries regarding the learning, please speak to the class teacher in person at the end of the school day rather than message teachers directly via Google Classroom. There was a technical issue in the set up for some classes this week so if you weren't able to access the One Page Profile this week then please let the class teacher know at pick up.

Year 1 GC log-ins are going to be in the children's Reading Record Books which will come home on Monday. If children in other year groups have misplaced their log in details, please direct them to ask their class teacher.

Learning for Children Isolating

Teachers continue to set learning on Google Classroom, or Tapestry for Reception, for children who are isolating at home due to Covid-19 and are well enough to complete it. Of course, there is no expectation for children to complete the learning if they are too unwell, however, we know from the cases we have had that children are generally feeling better after a couple of days. If you require anything additional to the learning set, please let the teacher know.

Volunteer Training

We will gradually be inviting our volunteers back into school to support in the classroom and with events such as swimming and trips. If you have not completed the Safeguarding or Volunteer Induction Training or you had this training more than 2 years ago, you will not be able to volunteer until the training is completed. I will be running a volunteer training session on Tuesday 21st September at 9am and any family member who would like to attend is welcome. A DBS check will also need to be carried out. Please book your space on the training via this Eventbrite link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/volunteer-training-tickets-170412018936> I look forward to seeing you then.

SSA

The SSA are busy planning the Autumn Term events but are desperate for new members to support them. At the end of last year, our previous Chair stepped down and we are also without a Secretary. The SSA cannot run without family members in these roles so if it's something you would be interested in then please contact Mrs Vaughan (Assistant Head) or Miss Richardson (Vice Chair and parent of a child in Year 4).

We are currently looking into whether or not we can hold our usual Firework Night but with all of the current restrictions this might not be possible. Therefore, we are looking to our other smaller events to be successful in order to raise money for the children. As mentioned in previous newsletters, the focus of the SSA funds is to develop the playground in different ways. The first step this term is to install a stage in one of the playgrounds for the children to play and perform on during break and lunch. The biggest project is the development of a sensory garden at the back of the school which will be used by all of the children in different ways for play and as a learning space. Here are some potential designs to give you an idea of what we're aiming for:



1. Teepee
2. Bee Play Sculpture
3. Oak Leaf Table & Seats
4. Arch Bridge
5. Dragonfly Play Sculpture
6. Horse Shoe Bench
7. Storyteller's Chair
8. Woodland Finger Maze
9. Wildlife Finger Maze

10. Beehive Finger Maze
11. Butterfly Play Sculpture
12. Totems x 5
13. Maple Leaf Table & Seats
14. Rubber Mulch
15. Artificial Grass

As you can imagine, a project of this size does not come cheap and we can only achieve this with support from the SSA. The Go Fund Me page which was set up for our Trek to Tokyo challenge will be re-started as a page for donations towards the Sensory Garden, and all of the funds raised from events for children throughout this term will also be used for this project. Here are the dates of the upcoming events planned so far:

- Thursday 16th September Reception Parents Welcome 3.15-4.15pm on the field with squash, toys and ice cream van
- Thursday 30th September Krispy Kremes sale in the playground and pre-loved uniform 3pm to 3.45pm
- Date TBC for KS1 Cartoon Club years 1 & 2, 3.15 - 4.15pm with snacks in class rooms
- Friday 5th November Fireworks – TBC
- Thursday 16th December Christmas Parties

Mufti Days

- Friday 24th September £1 donation
- Friday 8th October chocolate donation – TBC if fireworks goes ahead

All details to be sent out nearer the time of each event.

Parking

A polite reminder to everyone to please be considerate when parking in the roads outside of school. Please do not park on the yellow lines, across dropped kerbs or driveways. Cars are not permitted into the school car park when collecting from ASC. Thank you.

Messages for Teachers

We are reverting back to taking messages on the gate at drop off in the morning from Monday 20th September. You no longer need to email the office with messages from this date but instead can let the member of SLT on the gate know, and they will pass your message onto the relevant staff member. Please refer to the general information sheet that went out last week regarding collection arrangement messages which change during the school day.

Uniform

Children returned to school last week looking very smart in their new uniform. Please can you ensure the following:

- Children are wearing black school shoes and not trainers
- Children in KS2 are wearing shirts and ties, not polo shirts
- Children whose hair is shoulder length or longer must have it tied up. Hair bands should be green or neutral in colour and discrete. No big bows or clips please
- Earrings must be small studs only, not hoops or sparkly earrings please. These must be removed for PE lessons

The information in the September arrangements letter sent in July explained that all children are expected to have a school specific book bag and not their own rucksack. I understand there was a stock issue at Shepperton Sports & Ski and not all parents were able to purchase one. They are restocking the school book bags and where possible please can all children be provided with one? When your child's rucksack breaks or becomes worn out, please replace it with a school book bag.

Family Engagement Opportunities

We are looking forward to welcoming family members into school again this term. In addition to the events published in the dates last week, we can now share the following opportunities for you to visit your child's class:

- Reception & Year 2 Stay, Play & Learn Sessions – week beginning 15th November 9:00-9:30am each day.
- Year 1 Stay, Play & Learn Sessions – week beginning 22nd November 9:00-9:30am each day.

Booking for these sessions will be available on Eventbrite and links will be sent nearer the time.

- Year 3 – Tuesday 30th November 2:30-3:00pm. Stone Age Museum.
- Year 4 – Thursday 25th November 2:30-3:00pm. An exhibition of South African learning.
- Year 5 – Wednesday 24th November 2:30-3:00pm. Polar Regions Exhibition.
- Year 6 – Thursday 18th November 2:30-3:00pm. WWII Art Gallery

There is no booking necessary for the KS2 sessions but we ask that only one family member attends this time. Please can we ask family members from all year groups to wear a face covering whilst in the school building?

Date Changes

There is a change of date for the Year 4 Rise Up Festival. The children will be on their residential from Monday 16th to Wednesday 18th May. The Year 3 sleepover will now take place on Friday 28th January and not Friday 4th February.

Summer Reading challenge and Maths Factor Summer Adventure

Mrs Vale and Mrs Hartshorn would love to hear from any children who took part in these during the summer holidays. Do email the learning account to tell them all about it.

Rainbows and Brownies

After over a year of virtual and outdoor fun, **1st Halliford Rainbows** and **Brownies** are returning to INDOOR in-person meetings on TUESDAYS and have spaces for new members! Are you a girl aged 5-7 or 7-10? Do you want to join in the adventure of Girlguiding - all Covid-compliant? Please contact Margaret Bennet on [07749-232789](tel:07749232789)/Margaret@tenzone.org.uk. We look forward to hearing from you.

Safeguarding

We have been made aware of two apps/games which our children may be playing on that could have implications on their safety and well-being. These are 'Rocket League' and 'Hoop'. Attached is information to make you aware of what these are and to help you put the appropriate safety measures in place. Also attached is a general online safety information sheet.

Job Opportunity

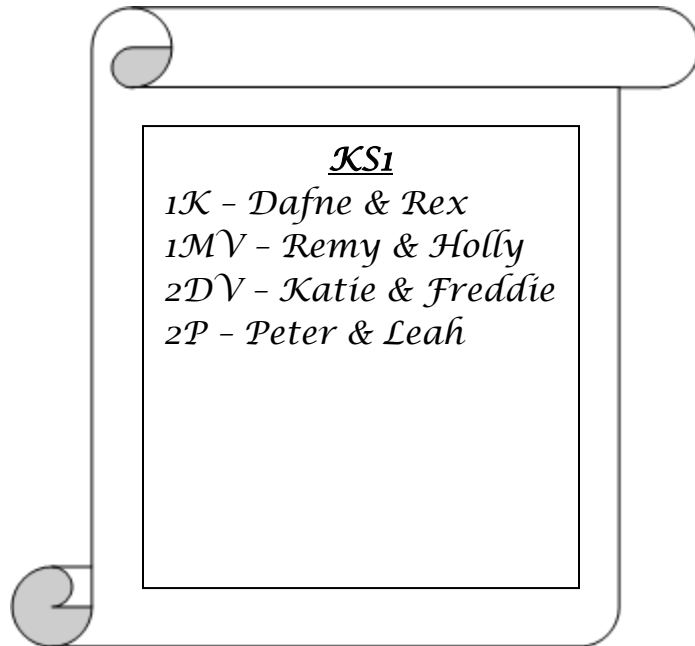
Clarendon Family Centre are looking for a new Outreach Worker. All the details can be found below.

Attachments

Attendance & illness leaflet
'Rocket League' information sheet
'Hoop' information sheet
Online safety information sheet

Golden Learning Celebration

Each week, two children from each class are selected for excellent learning throughout the week. At the moment, this is being celebrated in class assemblies on a Friday but we hope to go back to KS2 assemblies soon.



Reception will join in with this celebration soon.

Stay on Green



Consistently demonstrating green behaviour choices throughout the entire week and therefore receiving a golden leaf this week were: Harry (1K); Josie (1MV); Ruby (2P); Halil (4L); Skye (6D) and Adam, Jessie, Isabella & Tempee (6R) very well done to all of these children!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Miss Morris
Headteacher



FAMILY CENTRE OUTREACH WORKER

Part Time Position-21 Hours per week

Salary: £27991- £30510 (pro-rata)

An excellent opportunity has arisen to be part of our Outreach Team at Clarendon Family Centre. As an outreach worker you will be responsible for ensuring that all families receive the right help at the right time. You will be working directly with families and provide practical interventions through early help and targeted support.

Suitable candidate's will:

- Hold a minimum level 3 qualification in Early Years or Health and Social Care or equivalent.
- Have experience and enthusiasm when working with children and families individually as well as part of a multi professional team.
- Have excellent organisational and communication skills as well as an understanding of role of Surrey Family Centres within the community.
- Promote and facilitate family learning and parenting courses.
- Be up to date with current legislation.
- Be flexible in working the occasional evenings and weekends.
- Have a full driving license and have your own transport.
- Be proactive in reaching groups who do not regularly use services.

We can offer: Clarendon Family Centre can offer a supportive working environment where everyone is valued. You will be provided with training to support you in your new role and opportunities for professional development. You will work across Clarendon, Buckland and Saxon Family Centres to support families with children aged 0-11 years within the community.

If you would like the chance to make a difference to children and families, to apply or for further information please contact: **Sue Burgess, Family Centre Manager, Clarendon Family Centre, Knapp Road, Ashford, Middlesex TW15 2HZ Tel: 01784 424759**

email: clarendoncc@clarendon.surrey.sch.uk

Closing date: **29th September 2021** Interviews: **7th October 2021**. The Family Centre is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and

volunteers to share this. Offer for this post subject to satisfactory references and an enhanced DBS check.