



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Attendance

The target for our whole school attendance figure is 95% or above – obviously, 100% is the dream but we have to be realistic! In the Autumn Term, we were at 96% which is great, however, for the Spring Term so far, this has dropped to 94%. Naturally, the winter months are lower due to the rise in illness in the children, but we need to strive together to get this back above 95% by the end of the term.

Whilst attendance at school is not the responsibility of the children, we do believe it's important the children have an understanding of good attendance too. Therefore, we are introducing half termly incentives for the year group with the highest attendance e.g. additional green time and green points.

Congratulations to Year 3, who have the highest attendance this half term at 96%!

Please note, where there are genuine attendance difficulties for some children, this will be taken into account so these year groups won't be adversely affected.

Spring Term Progress Meetings

These meetings take place on Tues 20th and Weds 21st February. To make an appointment, please logon to Scopay to book your slot. 4P families, when booking on Scopay, please note the slight change in times on the 20th. It's really important that family members come along and hear how their child/ren are progressing this term, and what you can be doing at home to support them. The online system closes at 12pm on Thursday 8th February.

Maths Week

We've had a wonderful Maths Week with all the children immersing themselves in lots of open-ended

problems and maths games. We have also shared a few maths jokes too – do check out Facebook for some of these!

Developing resilience and problem solving skills has been our main focus this week and Mrs Hartshorn has a couple of useful videos that you might like to look at. The children watched the following video by Rachel Riley in assembly called 'Number Confidence Tips for Children.'

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pSThlSaipaM&t=120s&ab_channel=SeanStudy

There is also the following very useful video for parents and carers called 'Top Tips for Supporting Children to Develop Positive Attitudes to Maths' You can watch it here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NzINDQFM7bs>

Mrs Hartshorn highly recommends the National Numeracy website if you would like any more information to support your child or support your own maths knowledge. The website link is as follows:

<https://www.nationalnumeracy.org.uk/>

These videos have also been uploaded to the Saxon Maths website

<https://saxonmaths.weebly.com/>

where you can find many games, useful online tools, information and videos, including some of Mrs Hartshorn and other teachers teaching maths.

Thank you to all the Saxon families who were able to join us on Wednesday afternoon to play a maths game with their child. We hope you had fun and that it has inspired you to play more maths games at home together. And finally, it has also been fabulous today to see so many children dressed up as digits to raise money for the NSPCC. We have raised £272. Photos will be posted on Facebook later. Thank you to all the staff for their hardwork and to Mrs

KEY DATES

February

w/b 5th

9:00-10:00am Reception Stay, Play & Learn Sessions

Tues 6th

Safer Internet Day

Fri 9th

3:15/20 End of Spring I

12th – 16th

Half Term

Mon 19th

Children return to school

Tues 20th

4:00-7:00pm Progress Meetings

Weds 21st

3:40-6:30pm Progress Meetings

Thurs 22nd

Thinking Day – children to wear Brownies/Cubs uniforms etc.

March

Fri 8th

World Book Day

Hartshorn for leading us in such a successful week.

Year 4 Lumen Times Table Rockstars Battle

It has been Year 4's turn this week to battle for the Lumen cup and they have fought hard against the other schools. Final scores will be posted on Facebook later. Thank you to all the Year 4 families for your support.

Request for Items for Eat it up Café

Shelly Lumb (HSLW) is in need of cooking utensils for the Eat it up Café. Any donations of:

weighing scales
wooden spoons
rolling pins,
small vegetable cutting knives
frying spatula
baking spatula
meat knife
bread knife
cutlery (doesn't matter if it is odd)

would be greatly appreciated. Please give directly to the office, or member of staff on the gate.

Netball Tournament

Last Friday, our girls' netball team played their first tournament, held at Buckland Primary School. After winning three out of their six games, and demonstrating fantastic resilience as they applied formal rules for the first time with umpires, they were proud to bring home bronze medals! Miss Kavanagh and Miss Parsons were impressed by the girls' respect towards all of the other players and their responsive approach as they changed positions and improved throughout the tournament. Well done!

Safer Internet Day: Tuesday 6th February 2024.

A reminder that we will be participating in the annual celebration of Internet Safety Day. Throughout the day of Tuesday 6th February, we will take part in learning based around this year's theme: Inspiring change, making a difference, managing influence and negative change online. The children will work together to develop their understanding of what we need to be a good online citizen and how influence and influencers can have a positive or negative impact.

We plan to film the children in their classes, sharing the fantastic learning videos that they have completed with class teachers across our Lumen schools, via Lumen's secure file sharing platform. We will then be watching what different classes have created to celebrate Internet Safety day not only as a school, but also as a trust.

If you have previously given permission for your child's image or name to be included in school online permissions there is nothing further you need to do and your child may be included in any filming. If you have previously declined permission for your child to be included in school online publications this means your child will not be included in class videos. If you wish to change your consent we ask that you visit our school website at Parents > Online Forms and complete our Photographic Consent online form as soon as possible, and before the 5th February.

Job Opportunity

We are seeking to appoint a highly motivated, proactive, flexible and reliable individual for the role of 1:1 SEND Teaching Assistant. This is an opportunity for an individual who is patient and resilient to join our friendly, inclusive and aspirational team of teaching and support staff. For more information please see: <https://www.eteach.com/job/send-teaching-assistant-1399607>

Walton Oak Primary School is recruiting:

We are looking to appoint two enthusiastic Teaching Assistants who can bring high quality support to children in our Early Years Foundation Stage. We are looking for individuals who are not afraid to make mud pies and, if asked to be a zoo keeper, can jump into role and be immersed in the children's play. For more information please see: <https://www.eteach.com/job/early-years-teaching-assistant-1399591>

Darley Dene Primary School in Addlestone is recruiting:

Are you ambitious and keen to make a difference? We are seeking to appoint a highly enthusiastic, proactive, flexible and reliable individual for the role of Teaching Assistant. This is an opportunity for an individual who is patient and emotionally resilient to join our friendly, inclusive and inspirational team of teaching and support staff. For more information please see: <https://www.eteach.com/job/teaching-assistant-1396659>

Darley Dene Primary School in Addlestone is recruiting:

We are looking to appoint a nursery teaching assistant who has a passion for creating life long learners, is committed to inclusion and equality and has high expectations of themselves and every child. If you would like to become a part of our friendly and inclusive support staff team and for more information please see: <https://www.eteach.com/job/nursery-teaching-assistant-1400225>

Oracy Question of the Week

'Would you rather be a dog or a cat?'

Family Learning Courses

The Family Learning Spring course offer is now live on their website

www.surreycc.gov.uk/familylearning

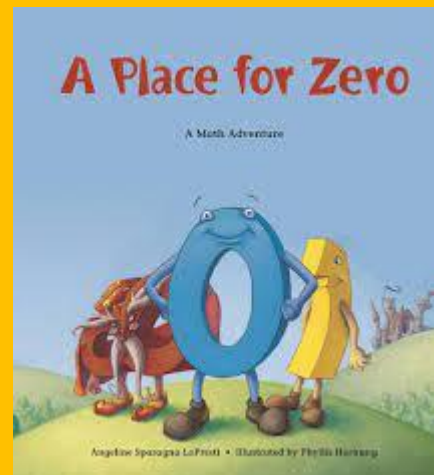
Courses are free and include topics such as:

- Parenting – help understand your children and teenagers' behaviour, anxiety and mental health.
- English as an Additional Language – support for you and your child with English and how education in England works.
- Maths & English – how they're taught today
- Cookery

Reading

As it's Maths Week, this week's recommendation is from Mrs Hartshorn and is called 'A Place for Zero' by Angeline Sparagna LoPresti.

Join Zero on his maths adventure as he discovers his place through multiplication. Zero is lonely in Digitaria. He can't play Addemup with the other numbers because he has nothing to add. All the other numbers seem to belong and they all have a place, but when zero discovers multiplication he thinks he might have a place there. He sets out to find King Multiplus who is also curious about what will happen when Zero gets thrown in the mix. With maths and wordplay 'A Place for Zero' is the perfect introduction to multiplication and number placement. A playful way to make maths less intimidating and more fun to explore.



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR SCHOOL'S PRAYER GROUP

We hope this finds everyone keeping warm – and dry! What challenging times so many are facing - for a huge variety of reasons - and it is our privilege to be praying for you, your families and all the staff at Saxon School. If you would like more information about the group - and maybe wish to share something for prayer or something you simply want to give thanks for - we'd love to hear from you (details below). Our next meeting is Friday 9th February. Please be assured that anything shared is treated in the strictest confidence.

Val Edwards, info@spelthorneschoolsprayergroup.org

Golden Learning Celebration

Well done to all our Learners of the Week!

KS1

RB	Grace & Harley
RGM	George & Ben
1JK	Wilson & Siena
1K	Alex & Clark
2B	Joshua & Scott
2DM	Grace & Mark-Jacob

KS2

3C	Ruby & Ava Qua
3W	Mischä & Logan B
4K	Elena & Sayuni
4P	Ivy & Christina
5A	Etta & Cody
5P	Daniel & Blake
6L	Zulaykha & Suhith
6R	Jessie & Finn

Outside Achievements

This week, we said well done to:

- Micha (4K) who has successfully completed her Stage 7 swimming, water safety 3 and 100m rainbow awards
- Will (3C) for achieving Player of the Match for the second time in a month for his football team
- Daisy (3C) who has been offered a role in the production of Annie Jr with the British Theatre Academy



Stay on Green

Consistently demonstrating green behaviour choices throughout the entire week and therefore receiving a golden leaf this week were: Ruby (RB); Noah & Clark (RGM); George R (1K); Scott (2B); Mark-Jacob & Jasmine (2DM); Felicity, Remy & Isaac (3W); Theo, Ethan D, Alyssa, John-Dean, Kush, Honey, Jackson & Thomas (4K); Ryder (4P); Freddie Ca (5A); Goran (6L) and William (6R) very well done to all of these children!

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend,

Miss Morris
Headteacher

Scroll down for more info

Cheese and Onion Pasties {Greggs Style}

These homemade **Cheese and Onion Pasties** are the perfect answer to a picnic treat, a quick lunch or a buffet side. So easy and totally comforting and delicious, this recipe is inspired by our favourite British high street bakery classic.

Prep Time 5minutes
Cook Time 40minutes
Total Time 45minutes

Servings: 4

Ingredients

- 400g potatoes peeled and cut into small cubes
- 30g Salted butter
- 2 large onions peeled and finely chopped
- 125g strong cheddar, grated
- 375g puff pastry
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper



Instructions

1. Boil the potatoes in a large pan of salted water for 15-20 minutes until soft.
2. While the potatoes are cooking, melt the butter in a small frying pan and gently fry the onions for 5-10 minutes until soft and transparent. Try not to let them get too much brown colour.
3. Preheat the oven to 200c.
4. When the potatoes are cooked, drain them and add the onions (and any butter left in the bottom of the pan), along with the cheese and plenty of salt and pepper. Mash well and allow to cool.
5. Roll out the puff pastry and cut into 8 rectangles.
6. Share the potato mixture across 4 of them. Brush around the edges with beaten egg and sit the other 4 'lids' on top.
7. Seal the edges using a fork and brush the top with the remaining egg.
8. Place on a baking sheet lined with baking paper/parchment (or use the sheet that the puff pastry came on).
9. Bake for 15-20 minutes until very golden.

Notes

Pastry: Remove this from the fridge at least 10 minutes before you want to use it so it doesn't crack.

Allow filling to cool: Give yourself a little extra time to allow the mash filling to cool down well before you try to handle it. If it's too hot, the pastry may melt and be tricky to handle.

Seal pastry parcels firmly: Make sure you really press down that fork to seal the pasties so they don't open up in the oven.

Baking paper: Be sure to use this and NOT greaseproof. They're different and greaseproof sticks. You can use the sheet that the pastry is wrapped in.

Nutrition

Calories: 797kcal | Carbohydrates: 66g | Protein: 17g | Fat: 53g | Saturated Fat: 19g | Polyunsaturated Fat: 5g | Monounsaturated Fat: 24g | Trans Fat: 0.2g | Cholesterol: 47mg | Sodium: 494mg | Potassium: 584mg | Fiber: 5g | Sugar: 4g | Vitamin A: 505IU | Vitamin C: 24mg | Calcium: 257mg | Iron: 3mg

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**HALF TERM
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Contact Mark for more info:
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Multi Activity Half Term Camp



12th - 16th February
9:00-15:00

Littleton Infant School
Rectory Close
Shepperton
TW17 0QE

£20 / Day
£85 / Week

AGES 4+



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www.mindworks-surrey.org**





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