

SSA Newsletter

Autumn 2018



It's hard to believe it's half way through the Autumn Term already but we hope you and your children have had a great start to the school year! Welcome to new families joining Saxon in Reception and throughout the school.

Mrs Vaughan is our School Liaison and has confirmed that the new focus of fundraising will be on 'PLAY' and the playgrounds and field. More details to follow.

This term's focus is on the **Family Fireworks Event** (the biggest fundraiser of the year) but we have more things planned.

An aim of the SSA is to include some **'low effort, high return'** events and fundraising. We realise that many parents can't attend meetings or physically volunteer but we want to make it easy for everyone to support Saxon – but within the context of busy, working 21st century lives! See below.

Contacting school: Please email ssa.saxon@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk anytime about ideas you have and we will discuss with school on your behalf. Please title emails 'SSA - Event name/idea' so emails can be spotted easily. The SSA aim to send emails to the office on a **Tuesday evening/Wednesday** Thank you!

At a Glance – Dates for your diary!

OCTOBER

Mon 29 SSA Fireworks Meeting 1.30pm
Wed 31 Christmas Card DEADLINE

NOVEMBER

Fri 2 Family Fireworks from 5.30pm
Wed 7 Preloved uniform sale
Wed 14 Thank you tea for Fireworks helpers
Thurs 15 Y1 Cake sale
Wed 21 Preloved uniform sale
Thurs 22 Happy Bags Recycling
Thurs 22 SSA Meeting 1.30pm

DECEMBER

Wed 5 Christmas Discos
Wed 12 Preloved uniform sale
Wed 19 END OF TERM!

SSA Success Stories

Over **£20,000** raised for Library Bus!

The Library Bus should be in school after Christmas. We are very excited to see this new addition to the children's education and thank all families who helped to raise this AMAZING amount of £20,000 over the last few years.

The **Co-Op in Shepperton** has raised over **£1,250** (and counting) over the course of the year through customers using their loyalty card and choosing Saxon to support. What an easy way for us to make money – we're looking into other supermarket schemes to build on this success!

Easy ways to fundraise this term...

Happy Bags Recycling will be coming home in book bags soon. This is a **'win win win'** scenario - you can de-clutter your cupboards, encourage the children to recycle AND raise funds for school. We raised **£340** last term and are planning one per term from now on. *****Next date - Thurs 22 Nov*****

We're doing **Children's Christmas Cards** again this year. You can order cards and tags printed with your children's artwork. Children do their design at school and bring this home with an order form. Simply send your order and money back by Wednesday 31 October. Your cards will magically arrive back in your child's book bag in time for the Christmas posting dates!

Pre-Loved Uniform Sales

Sales will take place every other Wednesday in the playground near the kitchen area/Y4 and Y6 door. All items cost just £1. This is a great way to buy clean, presentable uniform and help to save the environment and your pocket! Donations accepted at this time too!

- **7, 21 November**
- **12 December**

***** 'Winter PE Kit' sweatshirts and tracksuit trousers available! *****

Fireworks 2018



This is our biggest fundraiser and can raise £6,000+ in one evening. It is also the 10th year of Saxon's fireworks so let's make it a huge success! The Fireworks team (Sharon J, Shellie W and Hollie M) are working incredibly hard. Here's a few ways you can help...

Buy raffle tickets - sent home in book bags

Buy your tickets - £4 in advance from Team sitting in Reception 8.30-9am (£5 on gate)
Or buy from the High Street (Bazely, Quality Fruit, Co-op, Daines & Gray, Best One newsagent).
Spread the word and ask friends and family!

Mon 29 Oct – Final Fireworks Meeting 1.30pm

Fri 2 Nov - Help during the day

Involves putting up gazebos, lighting, signage, setting up stalls.... "Many hands make light work!"
Sign-up sheet in reception - for 30mins or all day!

Fri 2 Nov - Help on the Class Stall

Your class reps will be asking you to sign up to help with the stall. Please be nice and volunteer (yourselves/partners/grandparents) for just 30 minutes. Children can stay with you and help too!
Sign-up sheets in reception as well.

NB. No volunteers will miss fireworks to be on a stall.

SAVE THE DATE!

Christmas Discos

Save the date - **Wed 5 Dec**. Reception event will be during the school day with the rest of the school split into two further events after school. More details will follow after half term!

Who's who:

Chair	Tori Buitanaseva
Vice Chair	Suzi Freely
Secretary	Shellie Williams
Treasurer	Nicky Small
Posters/Publicity	Julia N, Charlie H, Joanna M

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More easy ways to fundraise....



Sand Art

A fabulous craft for kids of all ages! Order through Alannah Collins (mum of Tabitha in 1DS) and help the school too!
07546 857311
alannah_collins@hotmail.co.uk

www.stamptastic.co.uk – these absolute genius stamps make naming uniform and equipment SO easy! Leaflets at Reception - use the school postcode **TW17 0JB for a 10% discount**. And we've earned £18.34 commission!

www.easyfundraising.org.uk – by simply going through this portal before spending online, Saxon receive a % of the total spend. Search for 'Saxon School Association'. There are currently 51 subscribers who have raised over **£650**.

Recycling – In Reception there's a bin for recycling ink cartridges, mobile phones, biscuit wrappers, plastic inserts from cleaning trigger bottles etc etc... the more that's in there, the more £ the school gets. Posters on SSA noticeboards have more details about what can be recycled.

WhatsApp groups

If you're in a WhatsApp group, there are some general requests to keep the communication running well. Try to keep to info sharing (not lots of chat and banter!) and don't message too early or too late. This will be discussed at next meeting too.

SSA Meetings

We know it's hard for many of you to get to meetings, but email ssa.saxon@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk with ideas, suggestions, comments and we'll discuss with Mrs Vaughan and at the meeting. Meetings take place in the After School Club Room, 1.30-3pm. Refreshments provided and small children welcome to come in prams/buggies or to play.

Mon 29 Oct Fireworks Final Meeting
Thurs 22 Nov SSA Meeting