

# Sauncey Wood Primary Newsletter

Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

It was great to see so many of you at our recent parent consultations and I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for taking the time to complete the Ofsted Parent View whilst you visited the school for the consultations. By sharing your view on the school, this enables us to look at any areas we can improve upon and also take on board the things that are going well. As ever, your continuous feedback is important as we want to ensure that we are doing all we can to make both yours and your child's experience the best it can possibly be.

We have seen another two weeks fly by with so many great things going on at school. We were visited by Mr Phillips just this week, who told us all about his Astronomy club that will be starting after the half term.

The club will run on Friday evenings from 5pm - 6pm. There are limited spaces, so please do speak to the office should you want a place for your child.

It was great to see so many children at the Halloween Disco last week and I know the Friends of Sauncey Wood put on two great discos for our children. Please do take the time to speak to Katie Clark, Bex Tolson or Sam Howarth if you would like to help at events or have any other ideas for the FoSW. They do a truly amazing job providing much needed funds for our children!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Lloyd

## Letters gone out this fortnight:

03.10.2019 - Parent Consultations (15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> October)

09.10.2019 - Trip to Welwyn Garden City Synagogue -  
Years 1 & 5

10.10.2019 - Harvest Festival Service

14.10.2019 - The Big Draw

16.10.2019 - Trip to RAF Museum, London - Year 6

## School News

### The Big Draw

Thank you to all our children, staff and families for taking part in the Big Draw today. The event was very kindly put on by one of the School Governors, Susan Dean. Susan is passionate about Art and the positive impact it can have on everyone in the school community.

The event gave every child the opportunity to add to the Sauncey Wood Art Trail. A large number of parents and families also joined us at 2.45 p.m. to add even more to it. The enjoyment and engagement that we had from everyone was a pleasure to be part of.

### Year 6 (Oak) Class News

Just a gentle reminder that the **application deadline** for secondary school applications for September 2020 start is **Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> October**. You still have time to make your applications but please ensure that you do not miss the deadline. The school office is happy to support if you need any help or have any questions. To apply online please follow this link

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/school-admissions/secondary-and-upper-schools/secondary-and-upper-school-places.aspx> .

### Remembrance Day

The school will be collecting money for the Royal British Legion from Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> November. If your child wishes to bring in a donation of £1 they will have the opportunity to get various poppy items. This will run for the first week back after half term.

Upcoming Dates	
21.10.2019	Harvest Festival Service at 9.15 a.m. - everyone welcome!
21.10.2019	Parent Workshop – Aspirations 3.30 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.
22.10.2019	Year 4 Sharing Assembly
22.10.2019	Prospective Parents Morning at 9.30 a.m.
24.10.2019	Prospective Parents Evening at 7.00 p.m.
25.10.2019	Whole School Writing Day
25.10.2019	Finish for Half Term - 3.15 p.m.

## Governor Corner

This week we're continuing with the profiles that we started last term, with an introduction to **Bridgett Pymm** (Parent Governor and Co-Chair):

I feel very strongly that every child, regardless of background or situation, should have access to the same educational and extra-curricular opportunities.

I became a governor in 2016 having seen how hard everyone at Sauncey Wood works to make sure that every child has this chance. I felt I could support the school in continuing to deliver an excellent and well-rounded education in a caring, supportive and inclusive environment.

My professional background is in project management, training and documentation in the legal technology industry. I'm currently taking a break to spend more time with my family (my daughters are in years 4 and 6), but being a governor, my other volunteer role with Harpenden Helping Hand, and a very energetic dog also keep me busy!

## Local News



## FRIEND'S NEWS

Hello everyone!

This is our first newsletter as a new committee so wanted to give a big thanks to everyone that attended the AGM and elected our new committee chairs and members. We really appreciate the big turn out and done at the very last minute! We're all very excited for the new school year and we've already kicked off with our much anticipated and popular Halloween disco which raised an astonishing amount of just under £1000! As mentioned on social media, we are raising money this year not only to support the school with swimming lessons, attendance prizes, panto trips, books and computers but we are hoping to purchase a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA). This will mean the school can not only benefit from this state of the art equipment but we can raise more money by renting it out outside our school hours. With this big goal in mind we've had lots of people come forward offering events.

So please take a note of the dates below for your diaries:

**Spooky Donuts - 24th October** will be available in both playgrounds (Year 4 event)

**Firework Colours Mufti Day - 5th November** Bring a £1 for own bright clothes (Year 1 event)

**Sauncey Social - 14th November at The Gibraltar.** A chance for parents and carers to meet and socialise. Everyone welcome!

**Bring a bottle - 28th November** for Christmas Fair bottle tombola

**Decorate a class tree - 30th November**

**Christmas Fair and Reindeer Run - 1st December:** As ever we'd love as many people to be involved.

Any ideas for events, socials and fundraisers, please get in touch! We can do anything but we can't do everything



Have a great week - FOSW Committee



### Sauncey Wood Pupil Leadership Team

We are pleased to announce that this year's Pupil Leadership Team (PLT) members are: Amelie, Grace, Izzy and Lydia.

Thank you to ALL the year 6 children who put themselves forward for interviews for the important position of a member of the PLT.

A total of 12 children stepped out of their comfort zones and showed a real strength of character as they talked passionately about our school and their aspirations, skills and ideas.

Thank you also to Colin Noakes (Co-Chair of Governors) for coming in and helping me to interview the candidates. We were both truly amazed by the children's courage, preparation, communication and maturity.

Well done to all 12 of you - We are proud of you and you should be very proud of yourselves.

Miss Photiades



### Willow Class Shop – opening next week!

On **Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October** during Break time and lunchtime, Willow Class will be starting a new enterprise. We are launching a class shop selling pocket money toys, stationary, baked goods and Halloween crafts.

Prices will range from 20p to £1. Should your child wish to visit us, please send them to school with no more than £2.

All money raised will go towards school activities or a charity chosen by the children.

The shop will run on an ad hoc basis throughout the school year. We will keep you informed of the future dates.

Thank you for your support!