

Sauncey Wood Primary Newsletter

Friday, 21st May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

We have been working hard recently on ensuring that every child is ready to learn. It seems that there have been a few things playing on the minds of certain children and some low level behaviour being presented in the classrooms.

As a team, we are determined to ensure that all pupils are ready to learn. We have a number of systems in place to ensure that all children feel supported and that all children can access the learning. Every child has a right to learn.

As a result of these low level behaviour incidents, and various distractions seeming to be playing a negative part in children's learning time, we have decided to launch a new approach here at Sauncey Wood which really focuses on spotting the children being good.

Introduced just this week, we have a new 'Spot Sticker' system that we are using that relates to our School Values/Learning Powers beautifully. This system works from the MSAs right through to the Senior Leadership Team. A new, fresh and consistent approach to this right across the school will help children re-focus and keep them on track in their learning across the school day. The focus here is on the **POSITIVE** things that children do, each and every day.

Please do talk to the children about this and also see if you can **'SPOT'** them being good at home!

Mr Lloyd

Letters gone out this fortnight:

17.05.2021 - Behaviour Letter

17.05.2021 - Dedication to Sport

17.05.2021 - Year 6 PGL (Sept 2021)

19.05.2021 – Year 6 Leavers Hoodies (Sept 2021)

School News

The Big Ask

The new Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, recently launched The Big Ask. We are now asking you to get involved!

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/>

This is the largest ever consultation with children aged 4 to 17 in England. It aims to find out children's concerns and aspirations about the future, so that we can put children at the heart of our country's recovery from the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

All schools are encouraged to support their pupils to [complete this survey](#). A range of [teaching resources](#) have also been produced, including lesson plans and activity packs, to help teachers incorporate this into their lessons.

Parents, carers and those working with children are also invited to [complete the adult survey](#) to share their views about the future for children and young people today and what they think is holding young people back.

The results from this survey will help the Children's Commissioner identify the barriers preventing children from reaching their potential, put forward solutions and set ambitious goals for the country to achieve.



Upcoming Dates	
26.05.2021	Wheellie Wednesday
27.05.2021	Larch Class - History Off the Page (Life in Tudor England)
28.05.2021	Celebration Assembly at 2.30 p.m. via Zoom
28.05.2021	Finish for Half Term at normal time

Governor Corner

As you may know, the Governing Body is comprised of Parent Governors and non-Parent Governors (also known as Co-opted or Community Governors). We are currently looking for two new Co-opted Governors and hope you might be able to help! Although parents at the school are not eligible for these roles, do you know someone else who might be interested? We welcome applications from people with all skill sets, but currently we are particularly looking for those with experience in Finance/Internal Audit and HR. No prior Governance experience is required, and plenty of training and support are provided. Please see our website pages for more information about the role of a Governor (<https://www.sauceywood.herts.sch.uk/governing-body>) and feel free to contact us if you know of anyone who might be interested or would like to find out more.

The Resources Committee met this week to review various items but the main subject discussed was the budget for the next year. In general terms, school finances are in a fairly healthy position, however as we had not received notification of any additional funds from Government for Covid 19 Educational Recovery next year, we have had to use our limited contingency fund to provide for vital additional teaching resources. The Governing Body will be doing all it can to make sure the school obtains its fair share of any additional Government funding that does become available.

Stay safe and well.

Bridgett Pymm and Colin Noakes. Governing Body Co-Chairs

FRIEND'S NEWS

It's been a busy week with all the doughnut orders coming in. Thank you to all those who have ordered. They will be available to pick up from your youngest child's entrance after school on Friday, 28th May. If you are at a club after school, please let us know so we can arrange delivery of them to you.



We hope all the sunflowers that were bought are growing nicely! Ours have grown little shoots now.

Please do sign up to Amazon smile when you get a chance. It's very easy to do and will make a huge difference. There are instructions on the FoSW Facebook page.

And finally, we have plans for a summer event and will be having a raffle. We've had some donations from local companies already but would welcome more if anyone has any connections or donations!

Best wishes,

Clare and Gemma