

Sauncey Wood Primary Newsletter

Friday, 6th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

How have we already got through two weeks after half term? What a busy couple of weeks it has been.

Monday of this week saw all classes take part in our Science Day. Each classroom was the base for some intriguing Science learning, from studying finger prints to investigating a crime scene using DNA. It was brilliant to see so many of our children be brilliant scientists for the day.

We have also seen World Book Day sweep across the school this week with the children dressing up in some of the most amazing costumes we have seen. We have had characters such as Denis the Menace, Moon Face, Dobbie to name but a few. It was finished off with our yearly Bedtime Stories Event, which was really well attended. A massive **Thank you to Katie Clark and the FoSW** for putting on hot chocolate and biscuits for all of our children.

World Book Day is a great way to encourage children to think about their favourite books and characters. Please do take the time to talk to your children about the day and again, the importance of reading.

Remember - *Reading is a great way to expand the mind, open your eyes and fill up your heart...*

Have a great weekend.

Mr Lloyd

School News

Coronavirus

Just a quick update from us here at Sauncey Wood. I led a whole school assembly this week for the children to hopefully reassure them about where we currently stand with Coronavirus. I think that it is important that children are involved in our discussions and are kept in the loop about these type of things.

I am hoping that my assembly reassured the children and also shared some of the key facts about the virus. One of my key messages was about the need for good hygiene and good hand washing. ***Don't forget to sing 'happy birthday' or recite your ABCs...***

Sport

Netball

A massive well done to our girl's netball teams this week. The girls A and B teams went over to Kimpton to play in two matches. Yet again, we have seen huge progress with both our teams and we are delighted to report that both teams came away with strong victories.

The A team won 8 - 1 and the B team won 4 - 1. "Great results girls"! We are immensely proud of you!

Football

Sadly, the football matches for this week were cancelled. I know our boys are keen to keep the unbeaten run going for as long as possible.

Letters gone out this fortnight:

14.02.2020 - Whole School Half Term Home Learning

14.02.2020 - Trip to Verulamium Museum (Year 3)

14.02.2020 - Trip to Highfield Oval (Year 5)

25.02.2020 - SRE (Year 3)

26.02.2020 - Coronavirus Advice Letter

27.02.2020 - Parents' Consultations (Spring Term)

28.02.2020 - World Book Day

02.03.2020 - Easter Egg Decorating/Rolling Competition

02.03.2020 - Trip to Science Museum, London (Year 5)

03.03.2020 - Sport Relief 2020

04.03.2020 - SRE (Year 4)

05.03.2020 - Trip to the Tower of London Year 4

Upcoming Dates

9 th March	Parent Workshop - Social Media staying safe online
9 th March	Year 5 Trip to Highfield Oval
10 th March	Year 2 Sharing Assembly 9.00 am
10 th March	Parents' Consultations (3.30 p.m. - 6.30 p.m.)
11 th March	Sport Relief Day - Sport Outfit can be worn to school
11 th March	Parents' Consultations (4.00 p.m. - 7.00 p.m.)
12 th March	Football Tournament
18 th March	Spring Music Festival
23 rd - 27 th March	Outdoor Learning Week

Governor Corner

Traffic outside the school

Dear Parents and Carers

We are very concerned about the daily incidents of vehicles mounting the pavement outside the school. The situation was especially bad this week with the huge amount of traffic that chose to use Milford/Pickford Hill due to the closure of the Lower Luton Road.

We wish to assure you that the School is continuing in attempts to engage robustly with councillors to address the issue, which we believe constitutes significant danger, not only to our children on their walk to school, but to all pedestrians using the pavement. Recently, Councillor Pip Liver witnessed many incidents of cars mounting the pavement right beside children walking to school; she agreed that this was not acceptable and has assured the School that she will be seeking solutions on our behalf for the safety of our pupils.

We realise that this situation has been on-going for a considerable amount of time and is due to several factors. However, we will continue to pursue solutions to the problem and thank you for your vigilance.

Bim Afolami will be meeting with Mr Lloyd on Monday, 9th March at 8:30 a.m. If you would like to support our ambition to make outside the school a safer place, then we would be happy for you to join us on Monday outside the main car park gate - anyone is welcome to come and meet with him, and we look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Governing Body

FRIEND'S NEWS

Hello Everyone!

At the time of publishing the kids should be gearing up for Sauncey Wood's inaugural Neon Disco which we're hoping is a huge success - a big thank you to all the carers, parents and grandparents that have volunteered too.

We also wanted to thank Year 1 for putting on the Valentine's Cake Sale - thanks to all your generosity they raised a whopping £159 - Ms Photiades will be pleased with her 10% going towards school trips.

We wanted to list the events the FoSW and the School will be running - some dates may be subject to change and we are still happy for people to offer their ideas for events - the more the merrier!

23rd March - FoSW Meeting at 8.00 p.m. (Location - 56 Lower Luton Rd)

March (date TBC) - Sauncey Social (Location TBC - ideas welcome)

1st/2nd April - Yr 2 Easter Event (details TBC)

16th May - Yr 4 Adult Quiz Event with Bar

June (date TBC) - School 5-a-side tournament for parents v other school parents

13th June - School Car Boot Sale (details to follow)

19th June - School Summer Disco (TBC)

5th July - Larks in the Park

12th July - Colour Run and BBQ.

Looking forward to seeing you at many events this year. Have a great weekend!

Bex, Sam and Katie (FoSW)



CELEBRATE STORIES.

LOVE READING.

