

Sauncey Wood Primary Newsletter

Friday, 17th January 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Well what a great start to 2020! It has been wonderful to welcome all of the children back to an exciting new calendar year!

The year has started at a great pace with so much great learning already taking place. With just two weeks gone we have already had our Spring Visit from our Hertfordshire Improvement Partner and have had some wonderful feedback about the day she spent here with our children and teachers.

We looked in detail at Reading and the teaching of Religious Education. She spent time talking to children, meeting with teachers and visiting classrooms.

The whole experience was an extremely positive one and it was a pleasure to receive her recent report. Here are just a sample of some of the hugely positive comments from her report.

“Over recent years, senior leaders have ensured the profile of Reading has been raised considerably.”

“During the visit some examples of exemplar teaching were observed.”

“Children in KS2 spoke about their teachers’ high expectations in terms of Reading for pleasure.”

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mr Lloyd

School News

First Aid

Sauncey Wood staff all undertook their First Aid update training last week and as a result we wanted to ensure that our practice remains the best it can be right across the school.

One of the actions we are going to implement to ensure that all messages and communication gets through to all children’s parents about their child/children if they have bumped their head is giving each child who has a head injury a wristband.

We will continue to inform via accident note and phone call home but by having the wristband it will ensure that the message is passed on to the person collecting the child or if the child is attending APEX after school club, we will have a clear sign showing that a child has bumped their head and extra care needs to be taken.



Letters gone out this Term:

08.01.20 - Online Safety News

08.01.20 - Term Dates 2020 - 2021

08.01.20 - Year 6 SATS Breakfast Club

08.01.20 - Australia Wild Fires

09.01.20 - Extra Curricular Clubs

10.01.20 - Anne Frank +YOU Exhibition (Year 6)

14.01.20 - Reception Online Health Assessment

15.01.20 - Arrangements for collecting children from Extra Curricular Clubs

15.01.20 - Headteacher for the Day!

Upcoming Dates

20 th Jan	Headteacher for the Day!
20 - 24 th Jan	Curiosity Week
28 th Jan	Year 5 Sharing Assembly
28 th Jan	Year 3 & 4 Speedstacking Competition
28 th Jan	Year 6 Trip to Anne Frank +YOU Exhibition

Governor Corner

Happy New Year from the Governing Body, we hope you had a restful break.

In December, we held our first Full Governing Body meeting of this academic year. As Governors are now expected to have a much deeper understanding of the wider curriculum we started off by hearing from our History Curriculum Leader (Miss Photiades) about how History is taught throughout the school; how topics are chosen, the skills the children are expected to acquire, and how we meet the requirements of the National Curriculum and the Ofsted Framework.

We then went on to review the Head's Report that covered the highlights from the term, the strengths of the school, areas for development and how those are being tackled, information about behaviour, and targets for learning. We received the annual Safeguarding Report, Sub-committee Reports (Resources and School improvement), Pupil Premium Grant Strategy and Health and Safety update.

Finally, we reviewed the School Development Plan and Risk Register.

This was a busy meeting, by the end of which we were fully up to date on life at Sauncey Wood, so ensuring the school is meeting the needs of all its pupils and is also delivering on its strategic objectives.

Bridgett Pymm (Co-Chair of Governors)

Friends of Sauncey Wood News

Happy New Year to you all!

We start with some fantastic news, we now have the totals in and our Christmas Events raised a whopping £2700! This means that both Ms Harkness and Mr Lloyd can start prioritising what is needed for the school.

As usual, these events cannot take place without the support and help from all of you, so a massive thank you. A huge thank you also to our Father Christmas who turned up with his entire family very shortly after welcoming a brand new son!

Although this is a short term it looks like we will squeeze an event in and that will be on Valentine's Day and will be held by Year 1 parents - so keep that date in your diary!

Then shortly after Half Term there is the much anticipated Dis-Glow, so keep an eye out for announcements on that shortly - you shouldn't miss them!!

Finally, as mentioned before, we welcome any ideas for events/ fundraisers for your school, there are no silly ideas!! We have had some wonderful suggestions and we look forward to many, many more!

Look forward to seeing you all in 2020!

FOSW x

Local Offer website launch event

We're launching the new special educational needs and disabilities Local Offer website, designed with parents and families. You are invited to our drop in event where we are bringing the Local Offer to life, and you can let us know what you think.

- chat to professionals for advice and support
- meet other parents and carers
- discover 20+ Hertfordshire SEND organisations and support groups
- attend free workshops to support your family

Tuesday 21 January | 12pm - 7pm
The Stanborough Centre, Watford, WD25 9JL
No need to book, just drop by

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0-25 years
Hertfordshire's Local Offer


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Organisations in attendance:

