



SAUNCEY WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents and Carers

I have seen some wonderful learning taking place across the school this week, both inside and outside of the classroom. Children in Year 1 were making healthy kebabs, Year 6 were learning algebra and our dance and art clubs had so many happy faces taking part during lunch times. All were demonstrating our learning behaviour of co-operation and working together to achieve.

Staffing

There have been many staffing changes here at Sauncey Wood recently. It is imperative that we have the best Teachers and Teaching Assistants to support our children and I thank you for supporting the school through the changes that we have made. The following table shows which Teachers and Teaching Assistants are deployed across the school, and the additional adults that we have to provide cover where needed, or work in small groups, in addition to the interventions taking place in each year group.

| Class | Teacher | Teaching Assistant |
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| Reception - Ash | Miss S Hamit | Miss J Atkinson Mrs T Mackness |
| Year 1 - Chestnut | Mrs V Down (Mon - Thu) Mrs A Wheatley (Thu - Fri) | Miss A Humphries Mrs K Jackson |
| Year 2 - Beech | Mrs E Clarke | Miss A Joyner |
| Year 3 - Rowan | Miss E Brooks (Mon - Tues & Thu - Fri) Mrs T Vass (Wed & Thu) | Miss E Burr Mrs S Khani |
| Year 4 - Maple | Miss A Flint | Miss R Fox |
| Year 5 - Larch | Mr A Wilson (Mon - Thurs) Mrs T Vass (Fri) | Mrs B Ramdami |
| Year 6 - Oak | Mrs J Belizaire | Miss M Mottley Miss E Andrews |
| SRP Willow | Mrs N Parks | Miss S Cobb Mrs E Pierides Miss R Lee |

Additional cover and small group work Mrs A Henderson, Mrs A Goodridge and Mrs T Vass

Essential Lockdown Alarm

One day next week we will be doing a practice of our lockdown procedures. Although it is a rare event that we would ever expect to have to follow the practice for real; it is important that the whole school community knows what to do in an emergency so that we are best prepared for keeping everyone safe.

We have followed the guidance provided by the Local Education Authority and worked hard to ensure that we are able to respond quickly if there ever was a real critical incident. As pupils are well practiced of how to evacuate the school for a fire practice; they need to know how they need to stay inside the building in an emergency.

We do not want to distress the children unnecessarily; we will therefore be explaining that we are keeping safe inside the school building because a big cat escaped from Whipsnade Zoo. They will know that there is not a big cat loose, but that we are pretending that there is, so we know how to keep safe in the future. We will explain this in our Assembly on Monday and will also share instructions on what they need to do after hearing the special alarm. Please do speak to your child about this and explain that it is similar to the fire alarm and we need to practice so that we can be safe in the future.

Donations/ Support

We are in the process of buying new resources for our playgrounds. If you have any large toys or sporting equipment which is in good working order, please let us know. We are also in need of computing equipment. If anyone has any old computer hardware that our technician may be able to refurbish or has any links with businesses that might be able to support us in these areas, please do email me through the office or catch me on the playground.



We have a school Amazon wish list [Sauncey Wood Amazon Wishlist](#) and we would be most grateful if you are able to purchase something from the list for the school - this gift would be most appreciated.

Mental Health Support Team

We are fortunate to welcome Sarah Rattee from the Mental Health Support Team; who will be working with us each Friday. She will be working with pupils and parents/carers on a wide range of needs. Please see attachment for full details.

Have a great weekend.

Yours sincerely



Mr Brewis
Headteacher

PLEASE REMEMBER TO LET THE SCHOOL OFFICE KNOW IF THERE ARE ANY CHANGES TO YOUR PERSONAL DETAILS SO THAT WE HAVE THE CORRECT TELEPHONE NUMBERS FOR AN EMERGENCY. (INCLUDING YOUR SECOND CONTACTS)



