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Newsletter



Well what an exciting week we have had!



Gills half time penalty shoot-out! - Six children represented the school to compete in a half-time penalty shoot-out against Canterbury Road Primary school at the Gillingham/Peterborough match on Saturday 23rd November. It was a nail biting event with our opponents just shading the penalties by winning 4 - 3. The children were fantastic role models and conducted themselves very professionally displaying excellent school values throughout. Well done, Tobie, Cameron, Zack, Ali, Melissa and Ben B, plus a big thank you to Mr Scott for training the children and organising the event.



Mini Youth Games – Athletics - On Thursday some of our year 3 and 4 children attended an athletics competition as part of the Medway Primary Youth games. They all gave their best effort and represented Saxon Way by displaying good sporting behaviour. Saxon Way came 14th and we would like to thank the children for taking part and showing excellent school values. They played very well. Let's say a big well done to them.



Yr 6 Booster Breakfast Club - Started on Monday the 1st February at 8am. All year 6 children are invited to come. Cereal and toast will be provided along with a healthy helping of learning booster activities to support children to improve their learning over the next few months through to SATs.



Social Networking - We realise that Social Networking is a way of sharing information for many, however it can also be used in a derogatory way to circulate and escalate bad feeling.



We would ask that if any of our parents have concerns or issues that you request a meeting with a member of the Senior Leadership Team to allow us the opportunity to address these concerns rather than use social networking sites to express your displeasure.



We are all working together for your children and we would like you and them to be proud to attend Saxon Way.





Laura C, Harry B, Tyler W of Year 4 and Eloise C, Phoebe C and Rea P-H Year 3 had the great opportunity to attend an Able Writers' Day hosted by St Mary's Catholic Primary School and Authors Abroad. The children and Miss Smart, who accompanied them, all had an enjoyable and rewarding day working with the brilliant fiction writer, Ciaran Murtagh who has been running author visits in schools for many years.



They took part in a range of writing activities alongside children from other Medway schools. Ciaran the author of several books aimed at children between the ages of 6 and 12 years old. He also writes TV shows and has recently been involved with scripting The Amazing World of Gumball, Mr Bean, Shaun the Sheep, Dennis & Gnasher, The Slammer, Tickety Toc, The Legend of Dick and Dom and many others. The children and Miss Smart learnt a lot about writing and how to gain amazing skills to equip them to be authors in their own right. We look forward to reading some of their work very soon.



FAST Programme - Thank you very much to everyone who attended the first FAST session of the FAST programme. It was great to see everyone involved in all the different roles. We hope you all enjoyed it and saw the benefit of it to you and your families and we look forward to seeing you at the sessions which are on Mondays at 3.30pm.



Entry into Breakfast Club must be by 8:15 am via the Library door only.

All Breakfast Club places must be reapplied for to allow all children equal opportunity to access this provision. Some families have been on the waiting list for places for a considerable time. Application forms will be available from main reception.

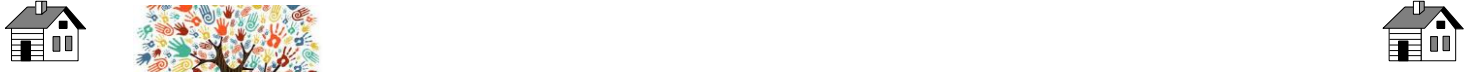
Access to Breakfast Club will be from 8.00am and will be through the Library entrance. Children will need to be signed in by a member of staff.

There will be no entry to Breakfast Club after 8.15am as staff will be required in the hall supporting those children attending.

Any parent/carer wishing to accompany their child into Breakfast Club will only be able to do so if this has been pre-arranged with a member of the Senior Leadership Team, and should be signed in as a visitor to the school.

If a child is unsettled and needs time to calm down before accessing Breakfast Club or school, the Out of Hours Room can be used if available. Please do not take children directly into the main school or office areas. Please also note that the main school reception is not open until 8.30am each morning.





Inclusion Team - If you wish to speak to a member of the Inclusion Team, you may call or text the Team's mobile on 07415 273306 during working hours of 8.00am and 4.00pm. Staff will be unavailable outside of these hours.

Absent: If your child is unable to attend school please can you ring in by 9:00 am and every morning they are off, if not this absence will be recorded as unauthorised.



Treatment: There seems to be a continued break out of head lice in the classes. Please can you check and treat if necessary including changing bedding. Also if you child has long hair please can this tied up. You are able to get free treatment/medication which is available from any local chemist including Boots in Gillingham High Street after completing a form. Please do and go and have a word with your Pharmacist who will be able to advice what is available.



Parking on Gillingham Green: We have been asked by the Residents of Gillingham Green that all parents are more considerate and understanding when parking on Gillingham Green, over the last few weeks they have been unable to park on their drives as cars are blocking the driveways to collect children from school, many residents on this road are elderly there are 3 marked bays in the middle of the road and a few spaces on the left as you drive into the green.



Urgently Required: Have you any spare, clean girls and boys underwear, tights or socks that we can have please?



Reminder of where parents should stand: This is a gentle reminder that parents are to kindly wait a small distance away from the queues of classes in the 'drop off' courtyard to avoid congestion. For safeguarding and health and safety reasons please avoid standing in the thoroughfare between the library and the class teachers.

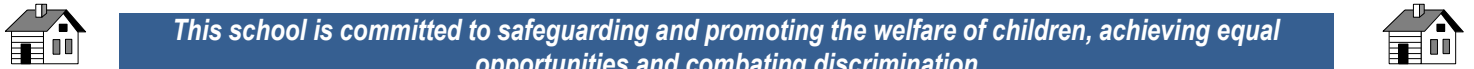
Messages can be given to a member of the Inclusions Team or a Senior Leader so that your child's learning is not delayed.

Children in the courtyard must be supervised by parents before lining up time and are not the responsibility of the school. Our lovely school is growing which means there are more children waiting, running around and playing games etc put everyone waiting at risk of being hurt.



Childrens Centre Information - Tumble Time - "Come and see our new equipment" Every Tuesday 1.30pm – 2.45pm at the Parochial Hall (Ingram Road, between Grange Road and Bon Bon's the shop)



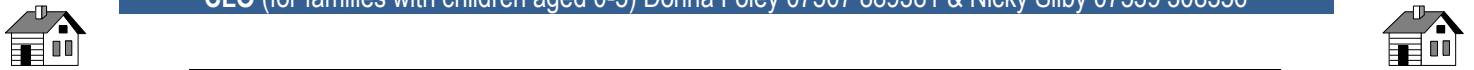
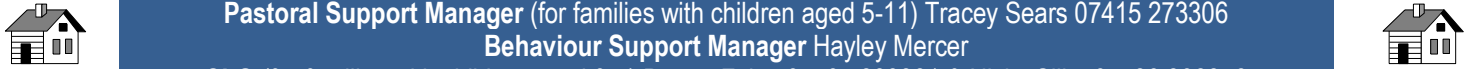


This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, achieving equal opportunities and combating discrimination

Pastoral Support Manager (for families with children aged 5-11) Tracey Sears 07415 273306

Behaviour Support Manager Hayley Mercer

CLO (for families with children aged 0-5) Donna Foley 07507 889381 & Nicky Silby 07539 308356



SAXON WAY
PRIMARY SCHOOL
AND CHILDREN'S CENTRE

2016

Term 3

Monday 4th January 2016 - Friday 12th February 2016

School Close Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February 2016

Term 4

Monday 22nd February - Friday 1st April

School Close Friday 11th March 2016 is a staff development day

Year 6 Trip to Kingswood
21st – 23rd March

Good Friday - Bank Holiday
Friday 25th March

Easter Monday - Bank Holiday
Monday 28th March

School Close Monday 4th April to Friday 15th April 2016

Term 5

Monday 18th April - to Friday 27th May

Monday 2nd May - Bank Holiday

School Close Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June 2016

Term 6

Monday 6th June - to Friday 22nd July

All dates are subject to change

2 further staff training days to be arranged

