



**Elliott Park School**  
**Newsletter**

Class:	Saxon	Term:	1
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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you all had a wonderful and restful holiday.

In English, we will be focussing on writing sentences with capital letters and full stops. We will be looking at some of the works of Julia Donaldson, with emphasis on using capital letters, full stops and finger spaces. We will be recapping some early phase 3/4/ phonics, and working hard to apply our phonic knowledge to our writing. We will be introducing handwriting books, and will be practising this daily.

In maths, we are starting to look at place value. The goal is to help the children understand the value of each digit in a 2-digit number. For this, we will be looking at tens and units, and using 'sticks' to represent 10's and 'dots' to represent units. As we progress with this, we will be moving on to look at 2d and 3d shapes and data handling.

In science the children will learn fascinating things about their bodies and senses and look at how they change over time.

In RE this term, the children will begin to look at Christianity. They will start this topic exploring the meaning of creation and the values and beliefs of a Christian.

In geography we are looking at what countries make up the British Isles. We will be looking at famous landmarks of these countries, and identifying the things which we associate with these countries.

In Computing students will be looking at the importance of e-safety. Pupils will also start the coding app Box Island and use this to learn about further programming ideas such as loops.

PE will be on a Tuesday and Thursday afternoon. Please ensure that the children are fully equipped for their PE sessions, as it can get quite chilly.

A polite reminder that school starts at 8.45. Children are expected to be in the playground and lined up at this time. Children who come into school after this time will be given a late mark.

No nut policy- Last term a number of children throughout the school had items in their lunch which contained/may have contained nuts. Our no nut policy has been put in place to protect the wellbeing of two of our pupils who have severe nut allergies. Please where possible, double check that cereal bars/chocolate spreads do not contain nuts.

There will be a phonics information session on Thursday 12th September at 3.20. All are welcome. There will be a crèche available for the children to attend whilst the meeting is taking place.

Mrs Mahony

Below are some dates for your diary.

Sept	
12 <sup>th</sup>	Kent Test 11+ - Year 6 only
12 <sup>th</sup>	3.20 11+ info session – Year 5 only
12 <sup>th</sup>	3.20 Phonics information session for Nursery, Reception & Year 1 & 2 only
24 <sup>th</sup>	Kent Messenger First Class photo – Reception only
Oct	
18 <sup>th</sup>	Harvest Festival food collection
18 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term 1
29 <sup>th</sup>	Term 2 begins – Winter uniform only
29 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evening – Yr 1, Yr 4, Yr5 & Yr 6
30 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evening – Nursery, Yr2, Reception, & Yr 3
Nov	
4 <sup>th</sup>	Individual and Class Photographs
15 <sup>th</sup>	Orchard Theatre Trip (Dartford) - Key Stage 2 only
Dec	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Flu vaccinations to include Reception & Years 1,2,3,4 & 5
11 <sup>th</sup>	Gulbenkian Theatre Trip (Canterbury) - Reception & Key Stage 1 only
12 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas present wrapping room & Christmas party
13 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas performance – whole school except Nursery