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SAXON HILL ACADEMY WELCOME BACK

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A fabulous Welcome back to Saxon Hill and the start of a new year. It was wonderful to see everyone's happy, smiling faces on the first day of term and a resounding 'Yes' from everyone when I asked them if they were pleased to be back during assembly. As ever it has been incredibly busy settling everyone into their new classes and routines. - Melsa

POINT OF CONTACT

For general inquiries regarding your child, your first point of contact should be with a member of their class team. For further assistance, you can contact the department lead (Helen Fone-Explorers, George Turner-Investigators, Jade Rawlins -Adventurers and Wendy Arnfield-Working towards independence)

Other members of the SLT team you may wish to speak to are:

Principal- Melsa Buxton

Deputy Head - Melanie Newbury

Assistant Head- Margaret Candlish

Safe Guarding Officer - Kim Thomas

NEW STARTERS

We are delighted to welcome 2 new teachers to our staff team. They are Bronwen Moses and George Turner. Bronwen has just qualified as a teacher and joins us from Keele University, and George is a highly experienced Special Needs Teacher joining us from Fountains Primary School.

COFFEE MORNING

Following a suggestion made by parents, the cafe' will now be open from 9am until 11am on a Friday for parents to meet informally. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be made available for self service. If you wish to attend and have a chat with other parents please come along. To access the cafe', you will need to enter from the cafe' door which is located off the small car park to the left of the building. Classes will also be arranging their own coffee mornings or afternoon tea's this term, giving parents an opportunity to meet their child's class team and other parents.

CLASS TEACHERS AND TEAMS ARE LISTED BELOW

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| EXPLORERS | MAPLE | Helen Fone, Karlie Jewell Bolton | Sarah Wootton, Tania Begley, Nettie Barratt, Rachel Hutchinson |
| INVESTIGATORS | OAK | Bronwen Moses | Jo Shelley, Joy Voss, Annie Nicholson |
| | ASH | Joy Ward | Jemma Thacker, Theresa Dean, Sharon Lowe |
| | HAZEL | George Turner | Hilary Cory, James Dodds |
| ADVENTURERS | BEECH | Jo Baker | Mel Miller, Ann Spiers |
| | CHESTNUT | Jade Rawlins | Jill-Cordon-Cole, Charlotte Atkinson |
| TOWARDS INDEPENDENCE | BIRCH | Steve Baker | Laura Aitken, Michelle Jones, Michelle Brock |
| | BLACKTHORN | Isobell Jellyman | Lindsey Waldon, Debbie Springer |
| | PINE | Claire Starling | Rachel Harris, Tracey King, Sarah Armstrong |
| | ELM | Wendy Arnfield | Pam Edwards, Debbie Springer, Sassi Ward, Claire Potts |
| | HAWTHORNE | Dawn Watson-Goode | Paul Gorse, Sarah Marriot |

FUND RAISING

A huge thank you to all pupils, parents and staff for their fund raising efforts towards the £10,000 needed for our Inclusive Roundabout. We are currently up to £4,000 after phase one, but are still looking for more ways to keep the money coming in. We may also be on the look out for some sporty volunteers to take part in next years Staffordshire Iron-man triathlon if we are successful in securing another team place, we will keep you posted.

Sleepover Club have also been successful with their grant application to purchase sensory equipment for their main bathroom. Bath times have never been so much fun.



We are always looking for new ideas and ways to fund raise. If you feel you could help or have any good fund raising ideas, please contact Wes Morris on 01543 414892

BUILDING WORKS

Building works update.

All the ceilings containing asbestos were successfully removed during the summer holidays. This now means that vital repairs to the roof can commence. The construction of the new classrooms at the back of school should be starting around February 2018, with an estimated completion date of November 2018. We are also hoping that the remodeling of the entrance to school, which will provide additional safety measures for pupils, more accessible office space with larger communal areas for parents or visitors to wait or meet, should be completed by September 2018. We will keep you up to date with how this is all progressing.



REVISED ARRANGEMENTS

Thank you very much to all parents who have supported the school with the revised arrangements for the start and end of the school day. Thank you again to the parents who met with us last Friday, offering their much valued suggestions and support. As mentioned at the meeting, if any parent/carer has any new suggestions or individual requirements for the start and end of day, we will gladly meet with you, and together we can work out a way forward without compromising the safety of the children. Thank you - SLT team.

Harvest Festival: Our Harvest Festival will take place in School on 11th October at 2pm. You are all invited to come and join us. This year we are asking for donations of tins and packet food items, which will all be donated to the Food bank.

Christmas: Unfortunately this year we were unable to secure Lichfield Cathedral to host our Christmas celebrations. However, we will be preparing a wonderful Christmas performance in school to which parents, family and friends will be invited in to - Dates to follow.

Dates for the Calendar can be found on the school website: www.saxonhill.staffs.sch.uk