

Family Update

20th October 2023



Updates

Hi everyone,

Greetings from Saxon Hill on this wet and windy autumnal week. Preparations here are underway for our **Harvest Assembly** on Wednesday. **Families of the children in the Explorers department are very welcome to join us in the morning** for this celebration. We would be very appreciative of any donations of tinned or dry foods (see pg.6), as we support the **Lichfield Foodbank**. Our students work closely with the Lichfield Foodbank volunteers who reside on our school site. Students learn how to operate in a real work environment, helping to make collections and sorting and labelling the food ready for the volunteers to distribute to those in great need within our community. **All donations will be gratefully received and can be donated anytime next week to the school office.**

Next week we are also holding our **Halloween Disco** and children may dress in fun, spooky wear on Friday if they wish. The following week is our **half term holiday** and **please notice that children return on the Tuesday 7th November after our Monday inset day.**

As families will be aware it is sometimes a scary time when our students are preparing to leave Saxon Hill at 19. For this reason we have shared some information below about Derwen College a **post-19 specialist college** who are having an Open Day on Monday 20th November. We hope you have a lovely weekend, from Your Leadership Team

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Key Dates



Wednesday 25th October - Harvest Assembly (Explorers only) Please see page 6

Friday 27th October - Halloween Disco

Monday 30th October - Friday 3rd November - **Half Term holiday**

Monday 6th November - **Inset Day (school closed to pupils)**

Monday 13th October - Anti-bullying Week

Friday 17th November—Children in Need—Wear what makes you happy

Tuesday 5th December—Explorers Christmas Craft Workshop for parents @1:45

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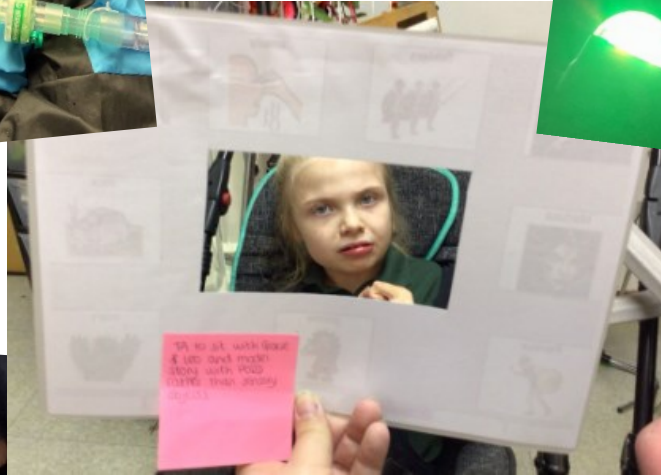
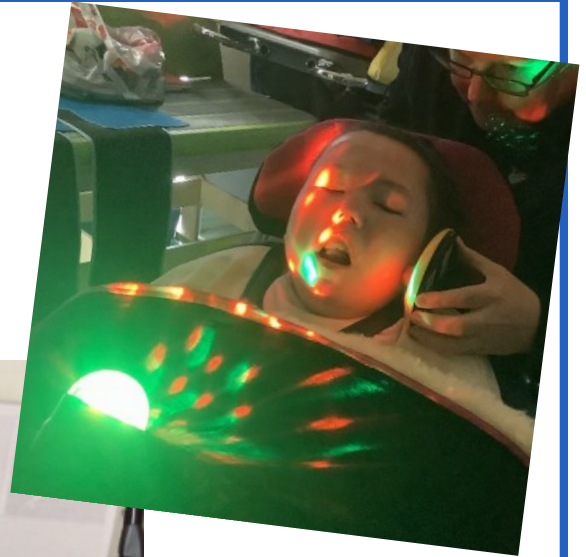


Headteacher: Melanie Newbury

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Kim Thomas

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads: Melanie Newbury & Helen Bowers

What we have been up to this week ...



Parent's Recommend

Please send in any recommendations that you would like to share with other families. This might be about places you have visited, shops that you find useful, services you have used or upcoming events. We would love to hear from you!

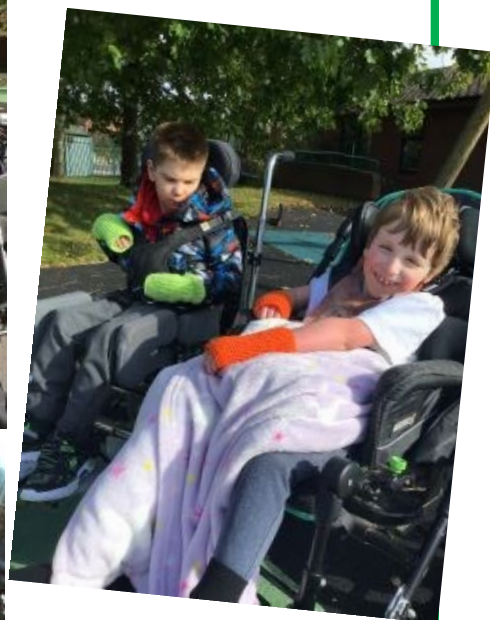
Please email recommendations to:

emily.thompson@saxon.set.org



A Big Thanks to Diane and her 'Crafty Ladies'

A Big Thanks to Diane and her 'Crafty Ladies' for knitting 132 pairs of fingerless gloves. These clever designs enable the children to still carry out their work in forest school, holding and using the tools and equipment needed but also keeping them toasty in this autumn weather.

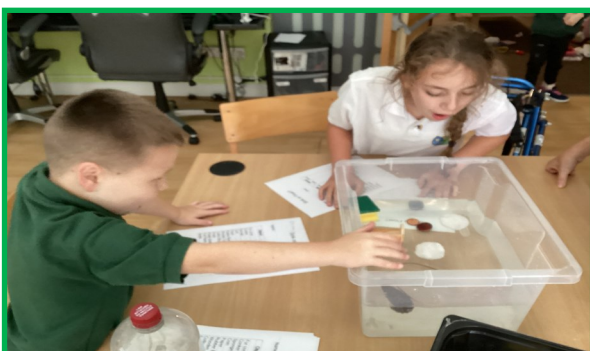


Cooking Club

Cooking club had their first session this week for Adventures and Towards Independence pupils this week. This is being run by one of the Towards Independence pupils. This week, pupils made pizzas and decorated cakes for lunch. Check back next month to see what is on the menu next time.



Sleepover Club Highlights



Explorers Department

Harvest Festival

25th October 2023



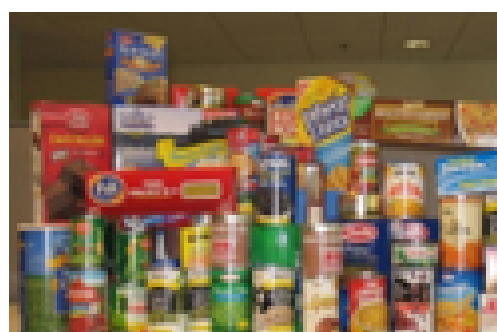
Time: 10:30am

(please arrive 5 minutes early)

After the Assembly there will be opportunity for parents to go through to the café and chat together with refreshments.

Please donate the following suggested items, sending them into school over the next week.

- Peanut butter/Jam
- Canned soup
- Canned fruit
- Canned vegetables
- Canned fish
- Canned beans
- Biscuits/Crisps
- Pasta



**Your donations will be gratefully received
at our Foodbank.**



A BIG thank you to the Maize Maze for kindly donating some pumpkins for next week's Halloween celebrations.



Visit us this October!

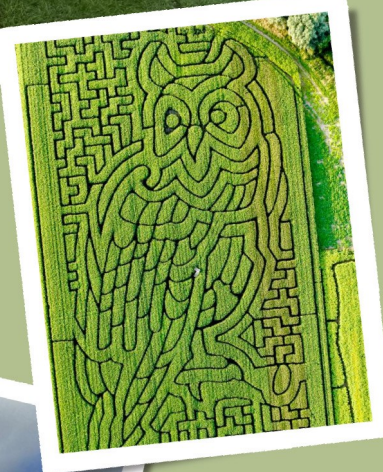
Come and explore our new spooky games in our 'amaizing' 10 acre maze.

Over 3 miles of paths to explore or a mini maze for little legs!

Family friendly pumpkin picking with lots of spooky surprises!

Start your tradition of an annual family photo in our Pumpkin House!

Ticket price includes entry to our main and mini mazes, the pumpkin patch and our picnic and play area as well as a maze map and activity card.



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Pre book your tickets

**Derwen
College
Telford**

**Monday
20 November
2023**

Parent/Carer Open Evening

- Day placements
- Tour the campus
- ▲ Meet staff and students

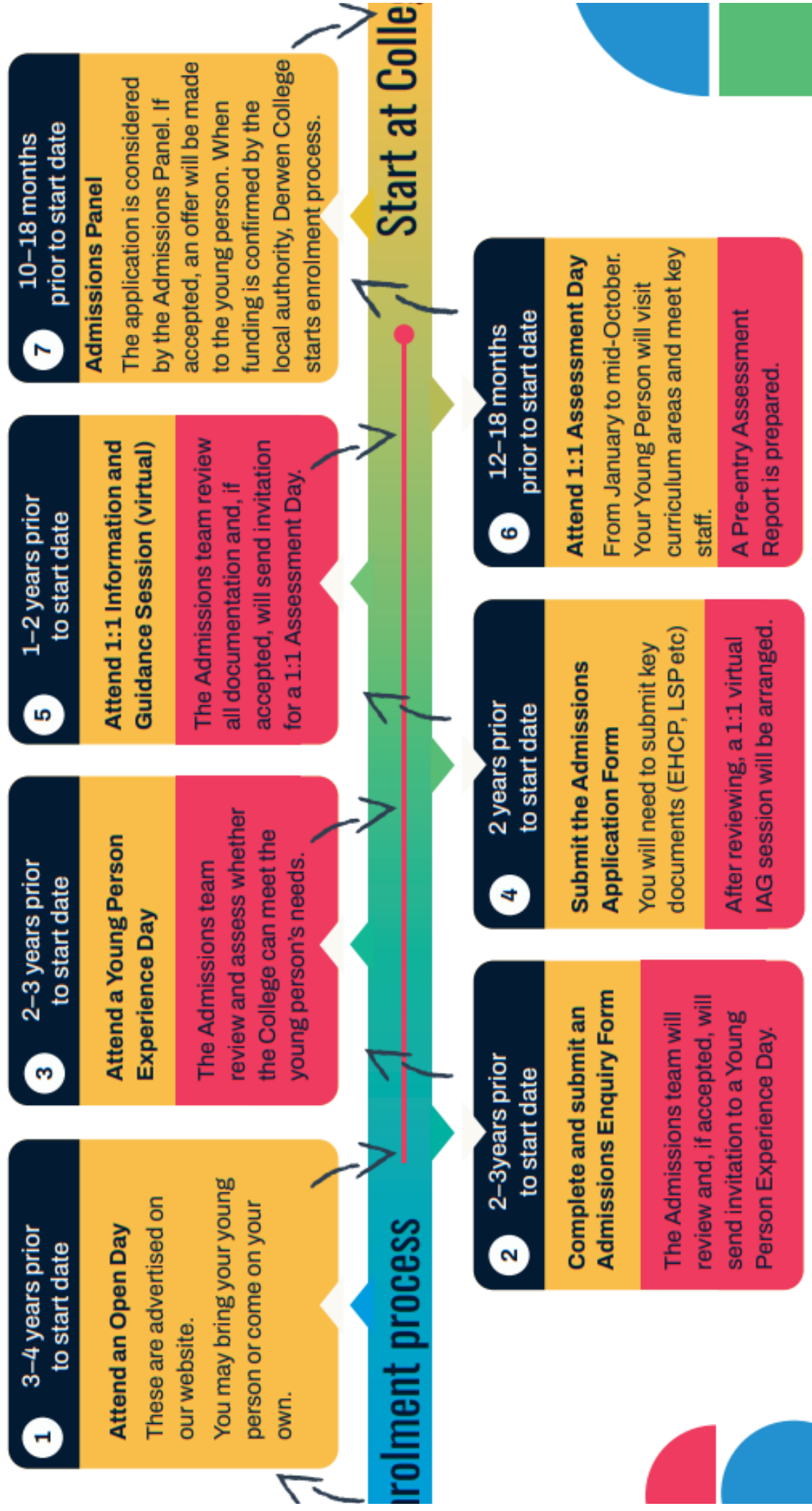


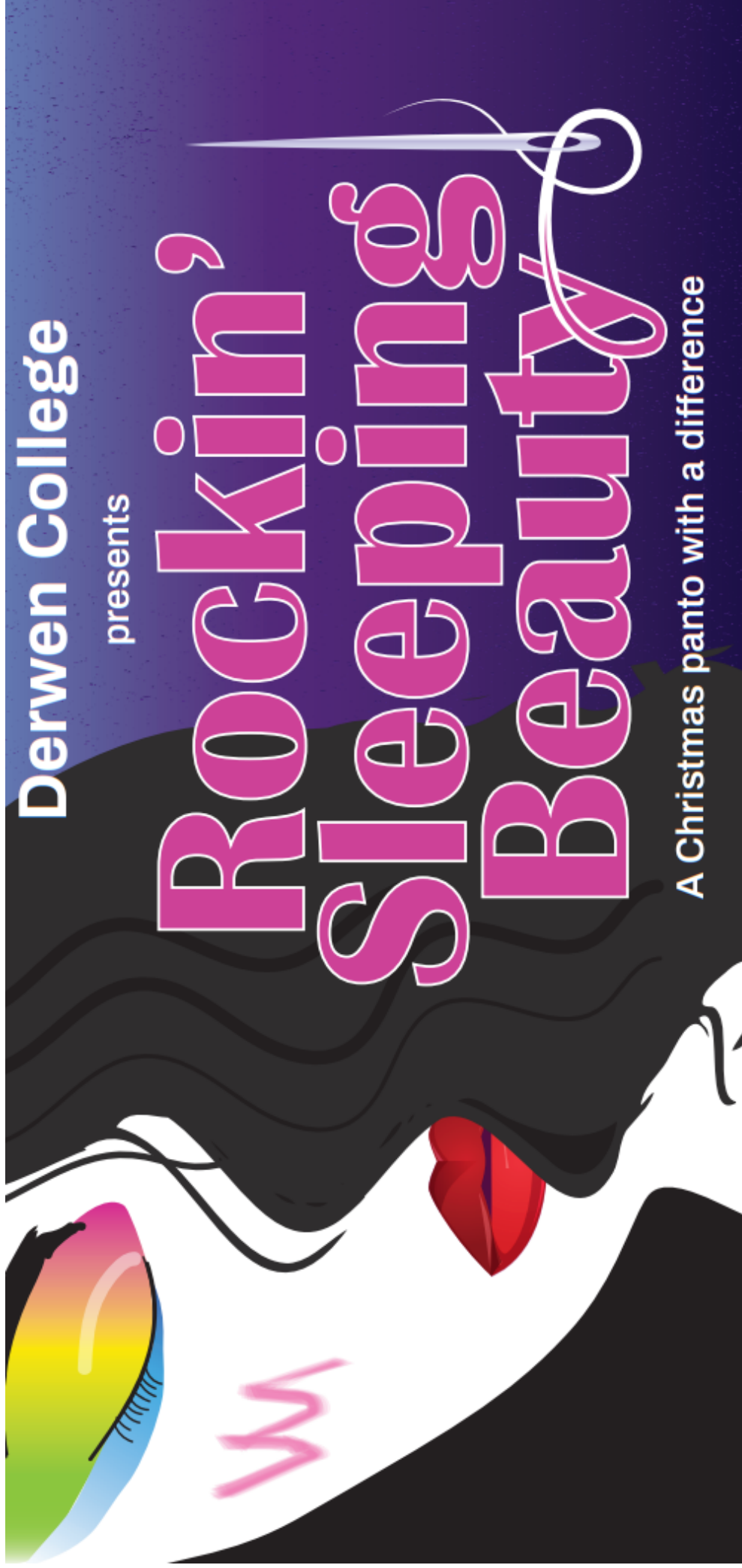
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The Admissions Journey





Derwen College

presents

ROCKIN', SLEEPING BEAUTY

A Christmas panto with a difference

Date
Friday
8 December

Time
2pm
(doors 1pm)

Venue



THE
HOLROYD
COMMUNITY
THEATRE

COTON GREEN FC PRESENTS...



SEN DISCO

ENTRY FEE
£2

7-9 PM

FRIDAY 10TH NOVEMBER

COME ALONG AND ENJOY...

MUSIC | TABLE TOP GAMES | FOOTBALL

SNACKS &
DRINKS
AVAILABLE
TO
PURCHASE

AGE
12+

NEW MILL LANE, FAZELEY, B78 3RX

CARERS MUST ATTEND IF REQUIRED
2 EXPERIENCED SEN VOLUNTEERS WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE