

# Family Update

3rd December 2021



## Updates

Hi everyone,

It's been a festive week for us here at Saxon Hill, starting with some early snow and a donated Christmas tree on Monday, and the week will end with a bang as it is our **Christmas Fayre** here in school tomorrow from 1 - 4pm. **Friends of Saxon Hill** have worked very hard on preparations for a fantastic family day out for all our school community. We hope you can join us, please wear a mask indoors so that everyone can feel confident they are helping to keep themselves and others safe. We currently have LFT positive Covid cases who are isolating at home as a precaution, but as yet are unconfirmed with PCR tests. Clearly this virus spreads well given the chance; if your child or anyone in the family has Covid symptoms, please could I ask that you keep your child off school for the 10 days or at least until a negative PCR result is obtained?

**Mainstream Secondary schools have been asked to test pupils on-site during the first week back in January**, taking 1 test on-site and another 3 to 4 days later [[Schools Week](#)]. Due to the additional complex needs of our pupils, we shall not be testing pupils on-site but we can offer LFT testing devices to families who are willing to test their children before they return in January and during their first week back. Also please let us know if you would like our support with a room and LFT devices if you would prefer to test your own child here in school.

This week we have welcomed the wonderful bundle that is ARLO, our new school puppy, (see the photos below). Please choose from our beautifully festive Christmas Cards, designed by pupils too. Have a marvellous weekend, from Your Leadership Team

## Photos from the Week



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## Arlo—School Dog

Arlo has had his first few days in school this week and has been settling in amazingly well! He has visited a few classes, seen lots of pupils up and down the corridors and even attended a meeting or two.

Pupils have been learning that when he is wearing red, he needs some space and when he is wearing green, they can give lots of strokes and cuddles.

It's been great to see all the smiles and giggles he is already getting.



## Christmas Cards

This year, Hornbeam Hub are running a little Christmas card enterprise. They will be using Christmas card designs from some pupils, editing and formatting them to turn into Christmas cards to sell. Pupils have also been researching price of cards, ordering supplies needed and creating a budget.

If you would be interested in purchasing some cards, please fill in the order form sent home tonight and return to school.

The Hornbeam elves will get busy printing and assembling them.



## Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 10th December, we are inviting all pupils (and staff) to take part in Save the Children's UK Christmas Jumper Day, if they feel comfortable to do so.

We are asking everyone to wear their silliest, sparkliest or cosiest Christmas woollies and make a donation of £1, or whatever they can give, to help save children's lives around the world. There is no need to buy a new jumper—you can dig out an older jumper and decorate it with tinsel, baubles or whatever you like. Pupils could also come with their wheelchairs or walking frames decorated. Feel free to be as creative as you like!

You can visit the event website at: [Christmas Jumper Day 2021 | Save the Children UK](#) and learn more about Save the Children at: [Save the Children UK | International Children's Charity](#).





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**CHRISTMAS FAYRE &  
SANTA'S WORKSHOP**

**FREE ENTRY**

**SATURDAY 4TH DECEMBER, 2021**  
**1.00PM TIL 4.00PM**

£3 TO VISIT SANTA AND A PRESENT,  
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FUN GAMES & ACTIVITIES!



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