Family Update 10th December 2021



Updates

Hello everyone,

What an interesting 'mixed week' we have had. There have been some wonderful Christmassy events for the children to join in, beginning with our fabulous Christmas Fayre on Saturday. Our wonderful **Friends of Saxon Hill** team worked incredibly hard to put on an exciting fayre with Christmas stalls, games, fun rides, tasty goodies, a beautiful Shetland pony and, of course, Santa and the elves thems*Elves*! They raised an amazing £1250 towards school projects that will make life more fun for all your children in school.

This week we have also had to manage some positive Covid cases in school and a national increase in restrictions. In school we had already imposed these greater restrictions; wearing masks in corridors and communal areas and when working closely with the children. We cannot insist, however we strongly advise that people who are contacts of someone who is Covid positive, stay at home and only return when they receive a negative PCR test result. Also we advise contacts that if possible, a lateral flow test is taken daily for the following 10 days. Please let us know if you require any LFT devices for pupils' use at home. This way we can work together to keep Covid out of school as well as possible. Children have been working really hard on Christmas presentations, sadly we are having to make our Christmas Production and Carol Service virtual events. We would much rather get together with families at this special time of year but to keep us all safer, these events will be recorded and shared with you via our newsletters and social media next week. Look out for these 'special treats' so you can join in the celebration with us. Best wishes from Your Leadership Team





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Christmas Production

Filming has got well under way this week for the Christmas production—Christmas Throughout Time. The pupils have been doing brilliantly and have loved showing off their favourite parts of Christmas in their own ways.

Pupils will be watching the Christmas production on Thursday 16th December in school and it will be available for families on YouTube from that day.

Pupils are invited to come into school on Thursday for the premier of the production dressed up from their favourite decade. We will be taking lots of pictures to celebrate the



Christmas Pop- Up Shop

Pupils from the Towards Independence Department have been organising a pop-up shop to sell all of their creations from enterprise sessions this year. The money raised will be going towards the end of year prom.

The shop will be open to pupils and staff on Tuesday 14th December in the Hub.

Items on offer are:

- Christmas crafts
- Chocolate reindeer
- Reindeer food
- Mug sweets
- Parcel labels
- Cakes
- Gift boxes
- Cakes
- Plants
- Wheelchair/bag charms

Prices for items are between 20p and £1. Any support will be greatly appreciated.

Elves Up To No Good

There seems to be some mischief and strange goings-on happening at Saxon Hill at the moment. Some elf visitors seem to have been getting up to no good each night ...



A massive thank you to our wonderful Friends of Saxon Hill for putting on such an exciting Christmas Fayre and raising £1250 towards school projects.

Upcoming Diary Dates Dec 2021 Jan 2022

Friday 10th Dec - Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 14th Dec - 40th Anniversary Tree installation at front of school

Tuesday 14th Dec—Christmas Pop-Up Shop in the Hub for staff and pupils

Wednesday 15th Dec pm- Christmas Dinner and Class Parties - wearing party clothes

Thursday 16th Dec - Christmas Performance video showing - dressing as a character from your favourite decade

Friday 17th December 2021 8:45am- Staff Band playing to welcome pupils into school

Friday 17th December 2021 9:00am - Students serving mince pies in 'fresh air' café for transport and later for delivering to staff.

Friday 17th December 2021 1:45pm - 'Virtual' Christmas Story and Carol Service

Friday 17th December 2021 - Last day of Autumn Term

Winter holiday: Monday 20th December 2021 – Tuesday 4th January 2022

First day of Spring Term - Wednesday 5th January 2022

Merry Christmas and we hope you have a lovely winter break

