

Family Update

30th September 2022



News

Hello lovely families, I hope you are all well and keeping safe from Hurricane Ian.

I have sent you some links today to request your help in our campaign to SAVE OUR SLEEPOVER! We would love your support and ask that you either [send your own questions](#), or use [our template questions](#) to send to email address: educationprovisionreview@staffordshire.gov.uk so that we can ensure the best possible provision for our children with very complex needs to develop their independence, communication and social skills at the same time as supporting our struggling families. Your support is vital to maintain this service so please help if you can.

I also want to share with you an announcement from our Executive Principal Melsa Buxton:

'Following the extension of my appointment as Specialist Sector Lead in the Shaw Education Trust I will be leaving my role as Executive Principal of Saxon Hill Academy. It is therefore, with great pleasure that I am able to announce that Mel Newbury has been appointed as the substantive Headteacher from her role as Head of School. Even though my role at Saxon Hill reduced to 1 day per week in 2020 it has still been an absolute joy and privilege to lead such a wonderful school for the last 5 ½ years. Saxon Hill is an amazing place to be it is a school full of happiness, fun and laughter. I have had a fantastic opportunity to work with amazing staff, fabulous families and most of all the most wonderful children and young people. However I will have the benefit of visiting the school on a regular basis in my role as the Sector Lead. I'm sure you will join me in wishing Mel the very best in her new role and we know she will take the school from strength to strength. With my very best wishes to everyone at Saxon Hill, Melsa Buxton.'

I am particularly delighted to be offered the role of Headteacher at Saxon Hill this September as it is exactly 30 years since I started here as Head of Maths in 1992; (and yes, I know that some of you possibly weren't even born then!). With each progressing role, I have consistently given my 'all' to ensure that the children and families get the best possible education and experience during their time here at Saxon Hill. When I took on the role of Head of School in January 2020 it was almost immediately before the onset of the pandemic and I'll be honest, I didn't think *that* was a great omen! So my first challenge was to navigate us safely and calmly through that time of unprecedented difficulties. In many ways these times are no easier but the joy that our children bring to school each and every day makes this job a delight. There will be many more challenges ahead as you can imagine, with the global and national economic picture being what it is, however I promise you that with a clear direction, great teamwork and persistence, we shall face each challenge, head on, and do our very best to get the greatest outcome for our children and families in every situation. I would like to thank Melsa for her wisdom and guidance over these past years and thank the Trust for giving me this fantastic opportunity to lead the best school in the land.

Melanie Newbury, Headteacher ;)

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Help for Households

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Please click this link to find information on the Help for Households hub and the range of help available in relation to the cost of living.

[Help for Households - Get government cost of living support](#)



Parents Recommend

Please see this week's recommendation on wheelchair skills training on page 6.

If you have any recommendations for activities, places or groups that you think other parents and /or pupils would enjoy, please email it to:

emily.thompson@saxon.set.org

We will aim to include these in future newsletters to help share all your expert knowledge.



Key Dates

Weds 5th Oct - Imms team in, whole school flu vaccinations

Wednesday 12th October - 2pm Harvest Assembly led by the Explorers Department.

Monday 10th October - Inset Day, school closed to children

Thursday 20th October - Halloween Monster Mash

Monday 24th - Friday 28th October - Half Term

Monday 31st October - Pupils return to school

Monday 14th - Friday 18th November - Anti-bullying Week



Sleepover Club Highlights



This week at Sleepover Club, the young people have been developing their daily living skills. Perhaps they could help at home with some of the tasks they have been practising?



A collection of various food items including Barilla Rotini, Libby's Fruit Cocktail, Campbell's Soup, Cheerios cereal, Del Monte beans, and others, arranged on a yellow background.

**DRESS AS A
MONSTER FOR
THE DAY!**



**SAXON HILL ACADEMY
PRESENTS**

MONSTER MASH

**FEATURING
DISCO, GAMES, TROLL HUNTING, STORM IN THE DARK**

THURSDAY 20TH OCTOBER 2022

**ALL PROCEEDS TO GO TO THE 6TH
FORM SENSORY GARDEN PROJECT**





**FREE
ENTRY**



THE GRINCH THAT STOLE SAXON HILL ACADEMY CHRISTMAS FAYRE

SATURDAY 10TH DECEMBER 2022

1PM - 4PM

**MARKET STALLS | FUN GAMES & ACTIVITIES | £3 TO VISIT
SANTA INC GIFT | MEET THE GRINCH**

SAXON HILL ACADEMY, KING'S HILL ROAD, LICHFIELD, WS14 9DE

GO KIDS GO

WHEELCHAIR SKILLS TRAINING

Free, fun and inclusive sessions for 2-18 year olds. Extra wheelchairs provided so the whole family can join in!



- Manual or powered wheelchairs
- Propulsion & manoeuvring
- Slopes and rough ground,
- Back wheel balancing,
- Road safety
- Emergency evacuation techniques
- Wheelchair sports & dance

Saturday 15th October
11am-3pm

Clayton Hall Academy Sports Hall
Clayton Lane
Newcastle-Under-Lyme
Staffordshire
ST5 3DN

(Please bring a packed lunch)
To book a free place email:
emily@gokidsgo.org.uk

