

Family Update

17th November 2023



Updates

Hi everyone, we hope you are well and have had a lovely week. It has been busy here as usual, with educational visits from a team of paramedics, showing the children the **ambulance features** and how everything works to help keep people safe. Today we also had a **Fire Engine** arrive and we carried out a fire evacuation after one of our alarms was raised. All went well and it was a false alarm in the end but a very useful **practice opportunity**.

Please could I remind families that **morning registers close at 9:30am** and that children arriving after this time will receive a late mark. We do have to report these figures regularly to the DfE and must justify to Ofsted where you have shared legitimate reasons with us.

Today is **Children in Need Day**, thank you to all the families supporting their children to dress up in 'Whatever Makes them Happy'. We have managed to raise money and learn more about children who are struggling the most.

Take a look at the **alternative communication app** on pg.5 **Proloquo** and **Proloquo Coach** which is currently free for families with children who need an additional way to communicate. We use this in school and for some children it is a perfect way to access a voice output communication aid. On Wednesday we are holding a **non-uniform day** to ask that you please send in a **bottle or some chocolate ready for our tombola stalls at our Christmas fair and Market on Saturday Dec 2nd**. Thank you for all your support, Your Leadership Team



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Key Dates



Wednesday 22nd November - non-uniform day to bring in chocolate or a bottle for our Christmas Fair Tombola

Saturday 2nd December—Friends of Saxon Hill Christmas Fair & Market

Tuesday 5th December—Pupil photos day

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

Thursday 7th December—Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 14th December—Secondary Festive Markets from around the World

Tuesday 19th December—Primary Nativity with a Twist

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

We have been made aware of a card that offers discounts to fostered and special needs children across the UK. To learn more, please click here:

[Discounts for fostered and disabled children – MaxCardMaxCard](#)

Please email recommendations to:

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Paramedic Visit



Sleepover Club Highlights



A parent of a Saxon Hill pupil, recently visited Sleepover Club to play his guitar and sing some songs with the pupils. They had a wonderful time!



Proloquo2go now have a coaching app aimed and supporting parents of non-speaking children and young people. For more information on the app, which is used across school, and the coaching app, please click below.



Proloquo and Proloquo Coach

Getting started with Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) can be overwhelming. We know the journey is not easy. That is why we developed Proloquo and Proloquo Coach. With step-by-step guidance and the support you need, you can make communication with AAC a part of your everyday life.



[See pricing](#)



What are Proloquo and Proloquo Coach?

Proloquo and Proloquo Coach are a pair of iPad and iPhone apps designed to meet the communication needs of nonspeaking people, their families and educators.

Proloquo is a new, groundbreaking AAC app designed for nonspeaking children and adults learning language through AAC.

Proloquo Coach equips families and educators with the tools and knowledge needed to support children and students in their journey of learning to communicate using AAC.



CHRISTMAS

FAIR & MARKET

Vendors, Games,
Meet Santa & more

Saturday 2nd
December 1 - 4pm

Saxon Hill Academy, Kings Hill Road,
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