

Family Update

12th January 2024



Updates

Hi everyone, welcome back to Saxon Hill 2024! It's fabulous to see the children and staff return to school looking refreshed and happy to be back. We've started the year with the **usual weekly trips** out that help our children and young people to effectively manage themselves within their communities and to **learn how to work or volunteer in local businesses**. Monday a group work at **Dobbies Garden Centre and Sainsburys** at Shenstone. Tuesdays one group work in the **Lichfield Foodbank** and another go shopping to buy useful things for cookery projects later in the week and they learn to communicate with wider public and to socialise safely in **cafes** or on trips to the **Cathedral**. On Wednesdays Beech class swimmers head off to **Burntwood Leisure Centre** and another work at the **Lichfield Craft Barn**. Thursdays a group work at **Beaudesert Farm**, feeding and caring for the animals and sometimes helping make some animal products and in spring they will help with **lambling**, and on Fridays one group run our **Tuck Shop** and another prep, cook and sell meals in our **Community Café**. We pride ourselves on our range of opportunities for children to get out and about in their community and learn about the world of work, this is the best way we can help families to **prepare their children for their adult lives whether that is for paid employment or some voluntary role which gives young people that all-important sense of belonging and community involvement**.

Please could I remind families that if their child is going to absent on a given day, to call the school office to let us know why, otherwise this triggers Tiers 1 to 5 of our **Attendance Management Policy** - **see next page for details**.
All the very best, from Your Leadership Team

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Key Dates



Friday 26th January—**Inset Day (school closed to pupils)**

Monday 5th—Friday 9th February—Children's Mental Health Week

Friday 9th February—Valentines Disco

Monday 12th February—Friday 16th February—Half Term

Monday 11th March—Friday 15th March—British Science Week

Friday 15th March—Red Nose Day

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What we have been up to this week ...



Tiers 1 - 5 of Attendance Policy

1. All parents/carers of pupils absent without notification will receive a phone call as soon as possible after 9.30am to find reason for absence.
2. If families do not respond to the call, we move to texting them requesting a reply that all is well.
3. If families do not respond to the text by mid-afternoon, a member of SLT/DSL will text alerting the family that they will:
 - A, Contact another family member to make a home check
 - B, Make a visit to the home to check all is well and the reason for non- attendance.
 - C, Contact their social worker if there is reason to believe their involvement might be necessary.
4. Weekly (5 school days) safe and well checks undertaken either by FSW, delegated internal professional or contact with trusted external professionals working with the family e.g Continuing Care Team or Social Care Team via email confirmation, or a member of school staff to meet and/or have 'sight of' child on Teams.
5. After 21 days of absence we may contact the LA for their support to encourage attendance.

Sleepover Club Highlights



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EEAC Update issue 1

EEAC updates are published every Friday, during term time.

FREE-When couples become carers-parental relationships where children have SEND

Half day course via Zoom 17th January 2024 9:30-1:00pm

This half day online workshop is aimed at anyone who works directly with children & young people who have special educational needs, disabilities, long-term illness or are neurodiverse and their parents / families. It will explore how having a child with additional needs or disabilities may impact on the couple / co-parent relationship and consider what we as professionals can do to support effectively.

During the workshop you will:-

- Consider the range of stressors on a co-parent relationship
- Explore the research around parental relationships and SEND
- Reflect upon the impact on relationships of having a child with SEND
- Consider what parents need from us and how we can acknowledge their relationship pressures.

To book a place email children.families.training@staffordshire.gov.uk with the delegate name, email address, and name and date of the course.

Co n t a c t S t a f f o r d s h i r e C o u n t y C o u n c i l t o b o o k a
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**LIBERTY JAMBOREE IS AN INCLUSIVE YOUTH
SERVICE FOR 8 TO 35 YEAR-OLDS
WHICH OFFERS A WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG
PEOPLE WITH SEND/SEMH AND NEURODIVERSE BARRIERS.**

Liberty Jamboree is committed to providing after-school and evening & weekend youth clubs which allows participants to engage in enriching experiences outside of school hours.

Working the youth clubs Liberty also offers physical activities, team sports and Inclusive Performing arts programmes.

The dedication of Liberty Jamboree's staff team is to ensure that all barriers are removed for our Members by providing personal care, administration of medication, and emergency medication, creating a safe and supportive environment for everyone

Liberty Jamboree drive is to develop an environment where everyone is respected, included, and given equal opportunities to participate and thrive.

**TRY US
OUT!**

YOUTH CLUBS

Contact the youth work team via email:

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Alternatively

The general enquiries contact

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Or follow Liberty

using Social Media:

www.libertyjamboree.co.uk

Facebook: Libertyjamboree

Instagram: Liberty Staffs

Charity Number 1185819

MONDAY	3:30-5:30pm	Liberty Inclusive Arts (Aged 11 upwards) - Performing arts activities including Open Theatre, That's Dance, Inclusive Makaton pop choir, and more.
	5:30-7pm	That's Dance and the Critical Mass Collective (Aged 14 upwards).
TUESDAY	3:30-5:30 pm	Nex Gen Youth Group (Aged 12-15) - Offering various activities and a chance to make new friends.
	3:30-5:30 pm	Targeted Youth Session (Aged 14-upwards) - Weekly meetings and drop-ins for older members, including DofE (Duke of Edinburgh) sessions, Liberty Loverock Voice Forum, and Liberty Dragon activities.
	5-6pm	Liberty Striders (Aged 13 upwards) - Walking and Running club.
	6-6.30pm	Liberty Fitness Class (Aged 13 upwards) - An inclusive HIIT (High-Intensity Interval Training) Class.
	6:30-8:30 pm	#Jump into Jamboree (Year 9 upwards) - An open-access youth group for socialising and youth work opportunities.
WEDNESDAY	4-6 pm	Liberty Football Training - Sessions for different age groups.
	4-5pm	Ages 16 and under open to boys and girls
	4:30-5:30pm	Liberty Ladies over 16
	5-6pm	Open age over 16
	6-8 pm	Boyz r US (Aged 13 upwards) - A boys-only youth group with various activities and sports.
THURSDAY	3:30-5:30 pm	Liber-Teens (Aged 8-12) - A safe space for young children to enjoy activities and make friends.
	5-6 pm	Liberty Inclusive Rugby (Aged 12-upwards) - Inclusive rugby sessions in partnership with Lichfield Tigers and Liberty.
	5-6 pm	Liberty Boxing (Aged 13 upwards) - Inclusive boxing sessions in partnership with Progressive Sport.
	6:30-8:30 pm	Liberty Angels (Girls only, aged 13 upwards) - A safe space for young ladies to socialize and explore exciting opportunities.
FRIDAY	1:30-3:30 pm	Bespoke Youth Group for Queens Croft School (Aged Year 7 upwards) - Catering to the needs of Queens Croft School students.
	3:30-5pm	After School Junior Jump (Aged 8-15) - An after-school youth group for fun and socializing.
WEEKENDS		Jamboree Over 18 Social Events - Opportunities for socialising and experiencing various activities with friends, such as concerts, festivals, meals out, holidays, and more.



NEW YOUTH GROUP Safe Space

Providing support and advice for LGBTQ young people.