# Family Update

3rd February 2023



## **Updates**

Hello everyone,

We hope you are keeping well. Children have been busy learning this week: Explorers have been learning that some of their favourite toys also have 3D shape names; Investigators have been learning to 'Squiggle While They Wiggle' and make marks which show early writing skills and have been role playing characters from the book Charlie and the Chocolate Factory; Adventurers have been learning about planes and experimenting to see how far their own paper aeroplanes fly; Towards Independence students have been working in the Foodbank unpacking and sorting donations, labelling and packing up food bags ready for distribution, others have been sitting mock exams for their Entry Level qualifications in Maths and English.

Please note that we have begun to have a couple of incidences of Covid again this week so please take care to check for any symptoms of Covid in your children. We recommend that any staff with Covid stay away for 5 days in order to protect your vulnerable children from the disease. Please be considerate of the vulnerable nature of the other pupils when deciding whether to send in your child with any contagious diseases.

During our Whole Staff Training Day today, teams have skilled up in Supporting Children to Read; Diabetes Management; Reach & Rescue for the hydro pool; Preparation for Ofsted; Safeguarding Children and several other Development Sprints. Thank you for your support and understanding as we need these sessions to ensure we educate and care for your children in the best possible way.

We hope you have an enjoyable weekend. From Your Leadership Team

#### Parents Recommend

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

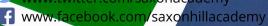
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We will aim to include these in future newsletters to help share all your expert knowledge.



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### **Key Dates**

**Monday 6th February - 10th February -** Children's Mental Health Week

**Monday 6th February** - Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Investigators Department Day

**Tuesday 7th February**—Ex-Staff and Ex-Students' Coffee Morning 10am

**Thursday 9th February** - Explorers Department Family Story Time 9:30-11:00

**Thursday 9th February** - Face to Face meeting for Residential Review, LA invitation only 12:30-14:30

Thursday 9th February - Wheelchair Clinic in school

Monday 13th February - Mid-year reports home

Friday 17th February - break up for half-term

Monday 6th March - Friday 10th March - Explorers Learning Conference

Tuesday 28th March - Explorers Easter Egg-Stravaganza

**Headteacher:** Melanie Newbury

**Designated Safeguarding Lead: Kim Thomas** 

**Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads: Melanie** 

Newbury & Helen Bowers



## Sleepover Club Highlights





These young people were applauded for independently helping to prepare the table for our meal, and clearing away afterwards without any prompt.







Some pupils were developing their communication using PODD and symbols, while one young lady was able to copy the dance moves shown on the games console.







This week, the pupils have learnt about flight and the Wright brothers. They listened carefully and followed instructions to fold a piece of paper to make a plane, and then decorated it.

They had great fun seeing whose would fly the furthest.



