

Family Update

20th January 2023



Updates

Hello everyone, we have been busy this week at Saxon Hill; children have been **learning to play 'table top' cricket, the science of melting snow and ice and some have taken mock Entry Level exams in Maths.**

Beech class recently presented an **Online Safety** assembly to show others how to keep themselves safe online. In case you missed it [please click here to see the online safety alert letter](#) I sent to families which came through from Staffordshire Safeguarding Board regarding an abhorrent game called 'A Game' that you must be aware of in order to keep your child safe if they have independent access to the internet.

As more and more **families are experiencing hardship** at the moment with **increasing energy and food costs** we want you to know that we may be able to help. Please call us on 01543 414892 to find out ways in which we can offer support if your family is having a tough time just now as everyone does at sometime in their lives. We are aware of schemes and sources of discreet, practical help, **let us know if you want to know more.**

You may be aware that **certain teaching unions are planning strike action**. Saxon Hill staff are not especially militant however, we will have little notice beforehand if teachers may be taking the strike action on these days. Support staff will be in school so your children will be safe and cared for and we will ensure engaging activities are provided. However, we do understand if you would feel more confident keeping your child at home on the affected days: Wednesday 1 February 2023; Wednesday 1 March 2023; Wednesday 15 March 2023; Thursday 16 March. Naturally school is open as usual on these days.

We wish you a very lovely weekend, from Your Leadership Team

Parents Recommend

We have had a recommendation of an online Makaton course - see page 4.

"We did this course a couple of years ago and it's a great start and introduction for using Makaton and it's fun. Helen is so friendly and helpful, she instantly puts you at ease. I highly recommend the course we did it as a family including grandparents and we all got so much out of it."

Please send recommendations to:

emily.thompson@saxon.set.org

Key Dates



Friday 3rd February - Inset Day (school closed to pupils)

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

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

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

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

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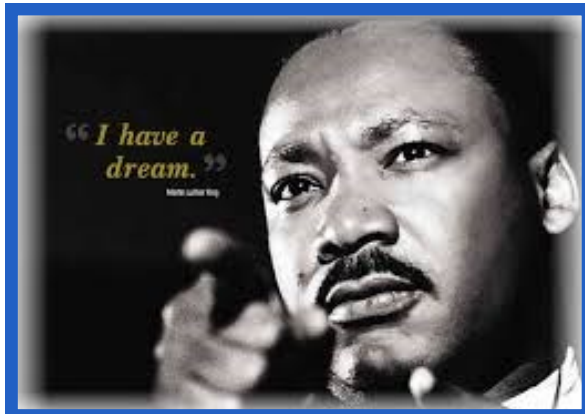
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads: Mel Newbury & Helen Bowers

What we have been up to this week ...



Sleepover Club Highlights

Some of our pupils in Sleepover Club have been learning about Martin Luther King this week, to raise their awareness of racism, especially within American History. In the USA, on the third Monday in January every year, they have a public holiday to mark his birthday.



Other pupils played with scented play-doh to practise their fine motor skills and stimulate their senses through exploration.



Vicky, one of the staff members, brought in her puppy, Betty, to meet the pupils.



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