

# Family Update

2nd December 2022



## Updates

Hi all,

An exciting and festive week has been had by all. I hope you enjoyed the fun of our **12 Days of Christmas Foodbank Special**. [Click the picture to watch the film:](#)

Rehearsals have been underway for the **Christmas production** and Explorers dept. held a **Christmas Workshop** for families this morning, where everyone got very creative with Christmas Crafts.

Alongside these festivities, the challenges remain around the future of our residential **Sleepover Club**. Families will have seen [the letter I sent out yesterday](#) and I urge you to please complete the survey from the Local Authority and if you don't feel that the survey captures your views, please **Have Your Say** and send them to local councillors/MPs or into our dedicated inbox [sos@saxon.set.org](mailto:sos@saxon.set.org) where we can send them off to the people who make decisions that impact on our children and families, so they truly understand the benefit Sleepover makes to the lives of our children and families, and how essential it is that it stays open.

Next week we have our **Sponsored Rudolph Run** to raise money for **St Giles' Hospice**, and then the secondary dept's **German Style Christmas Market** where families are invited to come and join in the workshops with their children to celebrate the festive season in a creative way. Please check through the flyers below so you don't miss any great opportunities.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend, from Your Leadership team



## Parents Recommend

We have had a great recommendation of the Christmas Sensory Survival Guide below:

[Christmas Sensory Survival Kit](#)

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](mailto:emily.thompson@saxon.set.org)

## Key Dates



**Tuesday 6th Dec-** Rudolph Run

**Thursday 8th Dec** - German Christmas Market 9:30-11:30

**Saturday 10th Dec** - Friends of Saxon Hill Christmas Market

**Tuesday 13th Dec** - Primary Christmas Performance 1:00-2:00

**Tuesday 13th Dec Swinfen Hall carol Service** 6:30-9pm

**Thursday 15th Dec** - Christmas Dinners and Parties

**Friday 16th Dec** - Christmas Carols and end of term

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# What we have been up to this week ...





## Sleepover Club Highlights



Pupils at Sleepover Club tell us consistently that they feel safe in our homely setting. They love spending time with peers working on their social skills and playing with their friends in a social setting. This helps prepare our pupils for engaging in the wider community.





## Rudolph Run

We are excited that we will be doing a Rudolph Run, to raise money for St Giles Hospice on Tuesday 6th December, 10-11.30. Pupils will set their own individual walk, run or roll challenge to complete, with indoor, outdoor and Super Sensory routes available. Families are invited to join us and sponsorship forms have been sent home if you are able to complete them. Pupils can wear Christmas jumpers or outfits and each pupil will get a pair of antlers to take home.



## Teachers2Parents App

Please be aware that there have been some issues with the teachers2parents app. The app sometimes doesn't push through all the text messages sent by school. We have been advised by teachers2parents to tell parents to delete the app and then text messages will be sent through normally. Sorry for any inconvenience.

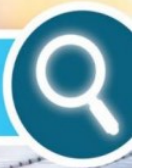


could you help a child  
child feel safe, loved  
and supported?

To find out more come to our  
drop in at our Telford office on  
the 14th December 5-6, or visit  
[nexusfostering.co.uk/oneday](https://nexusfostering.co.uk/oneday)

Call us on 0800 389 0143





**Preparing for Adulthood - online information session for parents/carers of and professionals working with young people with SEND on job seeking support and benefits information – delivered by staff from the Department for Work and Pensions and Social Care service**

**FREE WEBINAR**

**Date/Time: Tues 6<sup>th</sup> December at 10.30am**

This information session aims to inform parents/carers of and professionals working with young people with an Education, Health and Care Plan about the support available from the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) and other agencies to young people with SEND seeking work. Information will also be provided on benefits and appointeeships. There will be an opportunity to ask questions after the webinar where representatives from DWP and the social care service will be present.

Parents are also advised that they can watch recordings of previous webinars on how the social care and travel training services can support in preparing young people for adulthood, the health service's input to preparing for adulthood and post 16 and post 18/19 options and college SEND support via Staffordshire County Council's Local Offer website.

**Please register for the live event here:**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/preparing-for-adulthood-job-seeking-support-and-benefits-information-registration-473331105077>

**To watch previous webinars, please use the following links:**

[Recording of Webinar - Preparing for Adulthood Social Care and Travel Training | Staffordshire Connects](#)

[Recording of Webinar - Preparing for Adulthood, Introduction to Health | Staffordshire Connects](#)

[Recording of Webinar - Preparing for Adulthood Options Post 16 & 18/19+ and College SEND Support | Staffordshire Connects](#)





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**1PM - 4PM**

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



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Sensory

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Time



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Monday & Thursday Afternoons 12.45-  
2.15pm

(Term time only)

£2.00 including a tea/coffee/cold drink

For more information or to book your place please contact -  
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CAROL CONCERT  
*in aid of Saxon Hill Academy*



SWINFEN HALL

13<sup>th</sup> DEC 2022 | 18:30-21:00

Tis the season to be jolly, so make sure you don't miss the concert we are hosting in aid of Saxon Hill Academy!

It will be a joyful evening, full of Christmas entertainment and all ticket sales go directly to the Charity's account.



SWINFEN HALL



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or go to  
<https://bit.ly/3V6gypV>