

# Family Update

1st March 2024



## Updates

Hello everyone, I hope you've had a lovely week. We have been busy with drumming workshops; piano sessions; train trips to Birmingham; swimming at Burntwood Baths; table-top cricket sessions; working at Dobbie's, The Craft Barn, Beaudesert Farm and a visit to Burton College for our older students. Our Towards Independence dept. have held their Learning Conference this week, which entails conducting and analysing lesson observations, learning walks and a work and data scrutiny, and concludes with a summary report of strengths and areas for improvement to help us move forwards.

Our Whole School Staff Training this Wednesday was presented by Sara our Speech and Language Therapist who emphasised the need for using communication charts and books all the time, as well as higher tech AAC devices.

I also have big news to share today:

I am delighted to announce that following rigorous interviews from a Shaw Education Trust panel of Directors, followed by our Saxon Hill Academy Council of Governors, our very own Deputy Head **Maggie Candlish** has been the successful candidate **to become the Headteacher of Saxon Hill Academy** from September 1st 2024. I'm sure that you would join me in congratulating her on this great achievement, and indeed on all her achievements to date as a long-standing member of staff here at Saxon Hill who has worked her way up through several of the school roles to make this great accolade today. **Well done Maggie!**

Wishing you a lovely weekend, from Your Leadership Team



Maggie Candlish

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## Key Dates



Monday 4th—Friday 8th March—Careers Week

**Tuesday 5th March—come dressed as what you want to be when you're older**

Thursday 7th March—World Book Day **come dressed in PJs or your favourite book character**

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

Friday 15th March—Red Nose Day

Monday 25th March—Friday 5th April—Easter Holidays

**Monday 8th April—Inset Day (school closed to pupils)**

**Headteacher:** Melanie Newbury

**Designated Safeguarding Lead:** Kim Thomas

**Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads:** Melanie Newbury & Helen Bowers



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



## Reading Winners

A big congratulations to this half-term's reading for pleasure winners! Pupils who read three times a week at home are then put into a raffle and get to pick out a book from our prize bag. We hope this half-term's winners enjoy their books.





# Sleepover Club Highlights







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Did you know that accessible crockery and cutlery is available in our cafés?

It can be seen below taking pride of place at Cliveden, and can be found in all of the places in our care that use crockery.

We're striving to improve, so that you can relax and enjoy your time in the places that you love. Everyone deserves to be truly welcomed and included.

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