

# Family Update

2nd February 2024



## Updates

Hi everyone,

Firstly I have to make an **announcement** to make; after 31 years of working at Saxon Hill starting here as a Maths teacher in late '92, I have made the **tough decision to retire in August 2024**. Saxon Hill has definitely become my life's work, but maybe it is now time for me to step aside and allow fresh, new ideas to flow into this marvellous school with exceptional children and staff. The magic of a school is not created by just one person and I know that your wonderful children and our brilliant staff teams will continue to bring their best each day and keep that magic alive even through changeable times.

It has been an absolute honour and privilege to lead this school that I love and know so well and I will miss everyone, and everything about it, a massive part of my heart will always be here, but I feel it is time to pursue other ventures while I still have the energy and enthusiasm to make a difference for others. Thank you for your support and trust over the years as we work tirelessly together to support your children to enjoy their best possible life. We will of course, keep you informed of any news of replacement and recruitment process and please be assured I will continue to serve the children and families of Saxon Hill throughout the rest of the school year. With sadness and excitement in equal measure, and with great thanks to all, *Mel Newbury*



Mel Newbury

### Parent Governor Vacancy

We have a thriving, focused group of Governors who currently have a Parent Governor vacancy, if you would like to know more about the role, how much commitment is needed and the types of responsibilities involved, please initially discuss with Wess Morris on the school office no. below.

All the very best for a lovely weekend, from Your Leadership Team.

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Facebook: [Staffordshire Special School Nursing Team](#)

## Key Dates



Friday 2nd—NSPCC Number Day

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

Tuesday 6th - Safer Internet Day (*see below*)

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

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

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

## Contact us



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**Headteacher:** Melanie Newbury

**Designated Safeguarding Lead:** Kim Thomas

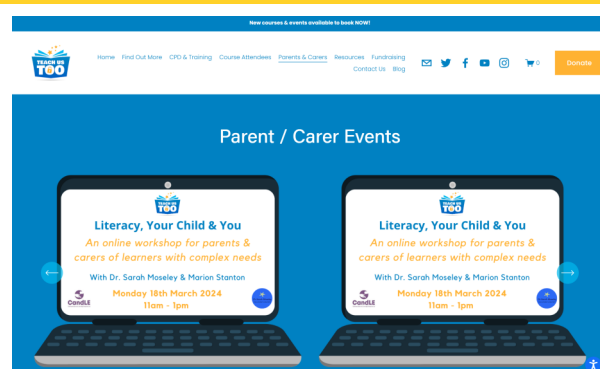
**Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads:** Melanie Newbury & Helen Bowers

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



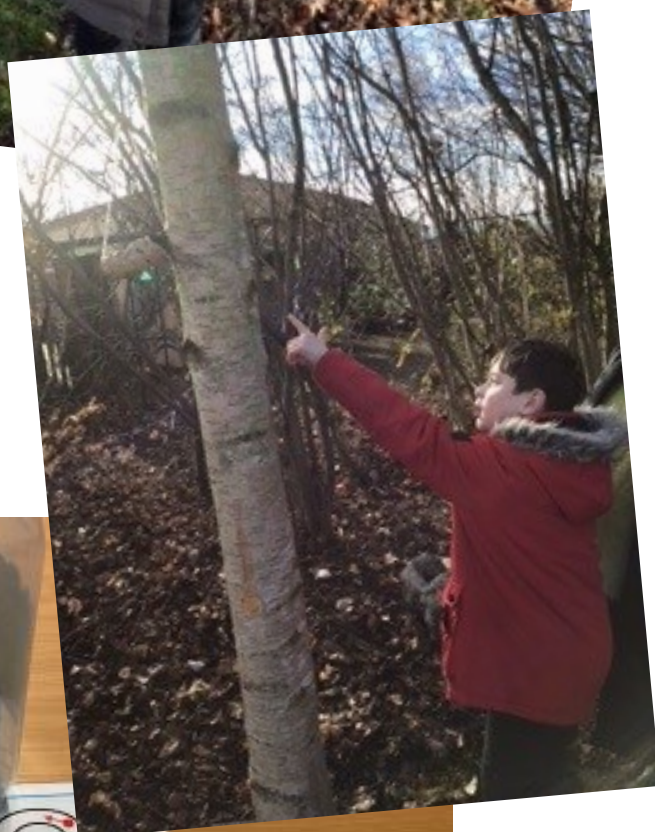
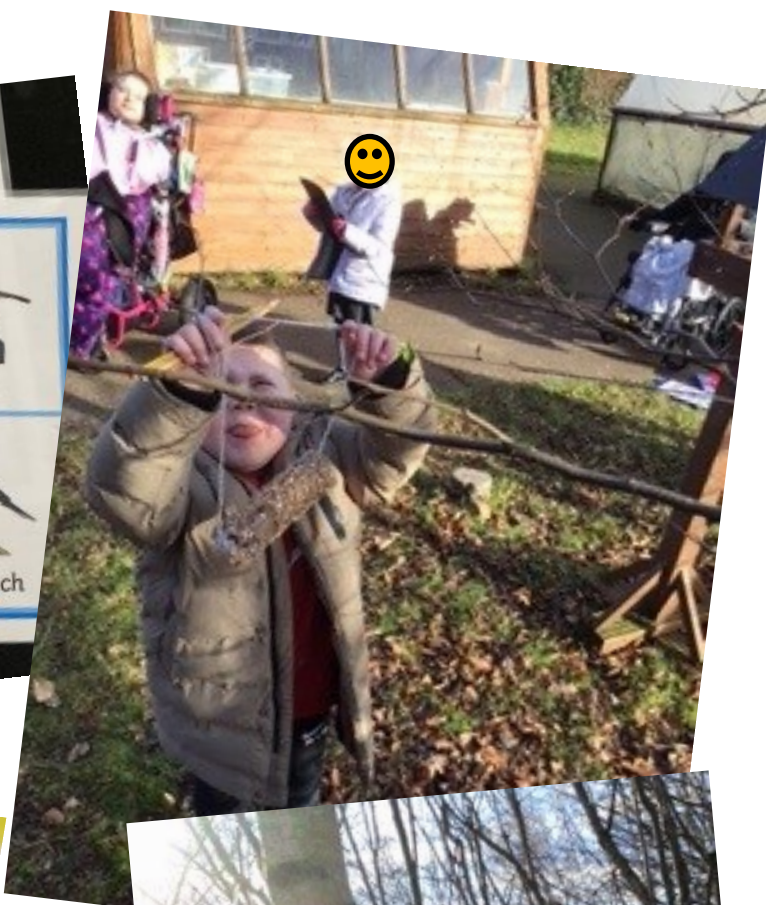
## Parents Recommend

We have had a parent recommend some online information and courses about teaching children and young people to read and write with disabilities. The online course is presented by Dr Sarah Moseley, who has also provided training for staff in school. For more information, please click [here](#).





## Events this week: RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch and Number Day



## Together for a better internet



### [Resources - Safer Internet Day](#)

Lots of useful information and resources available here

#### Guidance for Parents/Carers

- It is vital that parents/carers and the school work together to ensure that all pupils are aware of the serious consequences of getting involved in anything that might be seen to be cyber-bullying. Parents/carers must play their role and take responsibility for monitoring their child's online life.
- Parents/carers can help by making sure their child understands the school's policy and, above all, how seriously the school takes incidents of cyber-bullying.
- Parents/carers should also explain to their children legal issues relating to cyber-bullying.
- If parents/carers believe their child is the victim of cyber-bullying, they should save the offending material (if need be by saving the offensive text on their computer or on their child's mobile phone) and make sure they have all relevant information before deleting anything.
- Parents/carers should contact the school as soon as possible.

#### E-Safety at Home

Several sites offer helpful advice to parents/carers, particularly with respect to how they can best monitor their child's use of the computer at home. Here are some parents/carers might like to try:

- [www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents)
- [www.saferinternet.org.uk](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk)
- [www.childnet.com](http://www.childnet.com)
- [www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk](http://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk)
- [www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk)
- Digizen

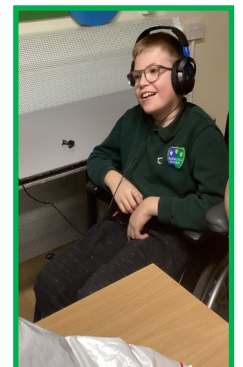
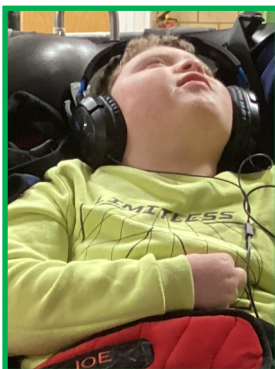
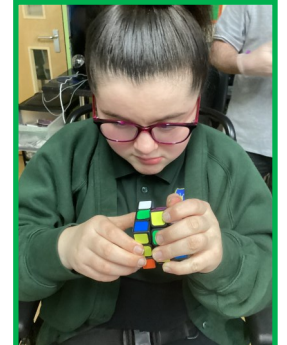
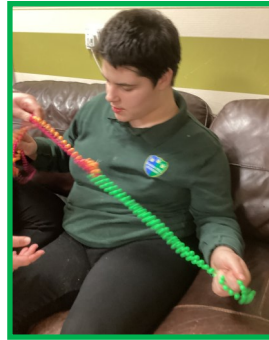
The following useful publications are on our website:

- [DfE Advice for Parents on Cyberbullying](#)
- [Childnet Cyberbullying Leaflets](#)
- [DfE The use of social media for on-line radicalisation](#)



# Sleepover Club Highlights

We've gone 'retro' this week with pupils experiencing life in the 80s! They've listened to vinyl records and music from a cassette played on a Walkman, played with a Rubik cube and had their photos taken with a Polaroid camera. And of course, - they trended the infamous 80s moustache!





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Oct 5, 19 | Nov 2, 16, 30  
Jan 11, 25 | Feb 8, 22 | Mar 7

**WHERE:**

King Edward VI Sports Centre  
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# SEN DISCO

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6.30 - 8.30 PM

**FRIDAY 9TH FEBRUARY**

COME ALONG AND ENJOY...

**MUSIC | TABLE TOP GAMES | FOOTBALL**

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CARERS MUST ATTEND IF REQUIRED  
2 EXPERIENCED SEN VOLUNTEERS WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE