



## MESSAGES FOR PARENTS/CARERS

### Telephone Numbers

School Office	01543 414892
Nurses	01543 250402
Physio	01543 258219
Sleepover	01543 417178

### Forthcoming Training Days

Thursday 7th April 2016  
Friday 8th April 2016

### May Day Holiday

School will be closed on Monday 2nd May 2016.

### Student Sickness/Medical Appointments

Could we please request that you contact school by 10am with the reason for your child's absence. Also, if your child is suffering with sickness and/or diarrhoea then they must be kept off school for 48 hours following the last episode.

### Parent Support Group

Forthcoming coffee mornings are as follows and will be held from 10.30am-12.30pm.

27 January 2016  
24 February 2016  
23 March 2016  
27 April 2016  
25 May 2016  
29 June 2016  
28 September 2016  
19 October 2016  
30 November 201

For further information please email [cindy.foster@virgin.net](mailto:cindy.foster@virgin.net) or contact the school office.

### Free Tickets -Circus Starr Panto

We have a limited number of free tickets for the performance which will be taking place at Darlaston Town Hall on Monday 18th January 2016 starting at 7pm. Please contact the school office if you are interested.

### Free School Meals

Parents claiming some benefits could be eligible for free school meals. Even if you don't want your children to have meals, claiming enables school to get more funding! From September 2014 if you have an infant age child (those in reception, year 1 & 2) they receive free school meals even if parents don't meet the entitlement criteria and without having to complete an application form. However, for every child registered with the council as eligible under the entitlement criteria, then school will receive additional funding called Pupil Premium. Please could we ask you to apply for free school meals to enable Saxon Hill to receive the additional funding. Applications can be made at the following website:- [www.staffordshire.gov.uk](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk) and follow the free school meal link

## Dates for Your Diary

12/02/16	School breaks up
15/02/16}	
19/02/16	Half-Term
24/03/16	School breaks up for Easter
25/03/16}	
08/04/16	Easter Holiday
11/04/16	School re-opens
02/05/16	May Day
27/05/16	School breaks up for Half Term
30/05/16}	
03/06/16	Half Term
22/07/16	School breaks up for Summer Holidays



# Saxon Hill Community School

and Physical Disability Support Service

TAKING PRIDE IN SUCCESS

## Volunteers Required!

We are looking for volunteers who would like to work in either our Community Café (based at Saxon Hill School and/or Lichfield Scrap Barn which is located at Chasewater Country Park, Brownhills. The Café is open on a Wednesday and Friday so the hours we would need covering are between 11am-2pm. We require cover in the Scrap Barn on a Wednesday, Friday and Saturday between 10am-2pm. If you are interested or would like more information then please contact Wes Morris directly at the school on 01543 414892.

## Personal Wellbeing Budget formerly known as

### Carers Health Respite Break Fund

The above fund has now changed and is not being provided by the Carers Association anymore. It will now be known as the Personal Wellbeing Budget and carers need an assessment before they are able to access it. The carers assessment is done by one of the Carers Hub Advisors. If you would like an assessment then please let Helen Bowers (Family Support Worker) know and she can make the referral.

## Special Effect

The above charity aim to put the fun, inclusion and confidence back into the lives of people with disabilities by helping them to play video games. They look at a person's specific needs and abilities before recommending, matching, modifying or lending any equipment. For further information please visit [www.specialeffect.org.uk](http://www.specialeffect.org.uk)

## Autism Friendly Screenings

### Odeon

For one Sunday every month catch the latest releases on the big screen but with slight changes to the cinema settings including lights being kept on a low level, lower sound levels, no trailers or advertisements. Please visit [odeon.co.uk/accessibility](http://odeon.co.uk/accessibility)

## Changing Places

Just a reminder that Lichfield has its own changing places toilet which is situated in the Friary car park (opposite Lichfield College and near to the Premier Inn Hotel).

Please visit [www.changing-places.org](http://www.changing-places.org) for more information.

## Aiming High Activity Guide

### January—March 2016

The new guide is now available to download by visiting

[www.staffordshire.gov.uk/aiminghigh](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/aiminghigh)

## Skillshare Workshops

The above organisation are holding workshops for parents who have children with communication difficulties. They will be delivered by Cannock Paediatric Speech and Language Therapy Team. The event will be held on Tuesday 2nd February, 9.30am-1.30pm followed by a free lunch at Mercure Newton Park Hotel, Newton Solney, Nr Burton on Trent.

### Workshop 1

Building the Foundations for Communication for children who are not using verbal communication.

### Workshop 2

Supporting Language Development—for children who are using words.

Places are limited and booking is essential. Please specify which workshop you would like to attend at the time of booking. Call Tracy Munday 01785 356921 or email [skillshare@staffordshire.gov.uk](mailto:skillshare@staffordshire.gov.uk) Another workshop is being held for parents/relatives/carers of children who have Down Syndrome and are interested in promoting positive behaviour or looking to gain more information on responding to behaviour. This course will run at Uttoxeter Racecourse on Thursday 3rd March 2016 from 10am-1.30pm followed by a free lunch.