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YOUR WEEKLY "HELLO" FROM MISS O



We've had another brilliant week at Little Paxton.

Our staff team have been so proud, and impressed, with how the children have settled into school and the amazing learning they have produced. I have loved popping into the classrooms and seeing the children, our school continues to be such a calm and happy place to be. This week I have

managed to visit some PE lessons. The Kites impressed me with their awesome balances and the Ravens with their skill in dodging each other in their stuck in the mud warm up.

This week we celebrated Roald Dahl day in assembly and I was able to read the children the start of my favourite of his books, 'The BFG'. It was lovely to hear the children singing along to the songs from 'Matilda the Musical' as they came into the hall. Miss Henson was very impressed with the number of her Woodpeckers who knew the words.

As I am writing this I am excited about having a drink and snack with workers of the week. I can't wait to see their learning; to talk about the things they have enjoyed doing; have the opportunity to chat to them and get to know them better. One of the things we are doing much more of is taking opportunities to celebrate our amazing children. Watch this space as we have more plans up our sleeves.

We will be asking for your feedback on the new collection arrangements next week. Can I just ask that you and your children, unless otherwise agreed, remain on the playground in the morning until the whistle goes and also that you do not go round to the classrooms until 3.15pm. If you want to chat to your child's teacher at the end of the day they are more than happy for you to do this but we ask that you wait until the children have been matched up with their adults before catching up.

Our first after school drop ins took place this week, remember you can just drop in and see your child's teacher without an appointment. Thank you to those who have attended these, we hope you found them useful. We have had to make some logistic changes so the days are changing for next week, please see the details further on.

Lastly, I would like to thank you all for being so supportive. It's been great to chat to you in the mornings and at pick up. Have a wonderful weekend, we will see you on Monday!

Best wishes,

Miss Owen

Something to know about me: I love the outdoors. Walking, eating outside (nothing beats a good BBQ), visiting National Trust properties and beach trips. Proof of this was our Staff outing this week. The school website says Together, we grow deep roots in learning and strong wings to soar. As we start the new school year, the staff team are deepening their roots and growing strong wings to soar together.



Messages from Team Paxton



Message from Mr Crabb

Hi all,

What an incredible start to the year we have had across the school. I am so proud of all of the children and specifically my phase, Year 2 and Year 3 (Ravens, Pigeons, Merlins and Nightingales) I have been lucky enough to be in all of their classrooms and have seen first hand how dedicated they have been to their learning.

There is a real buzz around school and a huge passion for learning. In the corridors, you can hear laughing and interesting conversations as the children discuss and develop their ideas.

In Maths, both year groups have been focusing on Place Value and thinking about how numbers are made. They have looked at using the Part Whole model, Tens Frames, Numicon, bead-strings amongst other resources. The children have worked hard to develop their Reasoning and Problem solving skills and have impressed us with their skills.

In English, both year groups have begun looking at their new English texts, "The Dark" in Year 2 and "The Journey" in Year 3. Both year groups are working hard to improve both their Reading and Writing skills and are enjoying expressing themselves.

As I've mentioned before, the children have come back with such a positive attitude and are following our 'Ready, Respectful, Safe' and 'Be kind, Work hard, Be our best' values with such enthusiasm.

Well done to all Year 2 and Year 3 children but also every child at Little Paxton, you have made all of us very proud.

Kind regards,

Mr Crabb

Message from Mrs Shirley

Dear all

The mental wellbeing of our children and families is one of our main priorities and focus for this school year.

We fully understand that being a parent/carer can sometimes be challenging in so many ways.

We might struggle with challenging behaviour at home, change of routine, emotions and wellbeing of our little ones, and us, or they might find it difficult to attend school.

We are delighted to be able to offer you some support from the Cambridgeshire County Council:

1. Charlotte Dean Education Inclusion Family Advisor offered 3 dates for an individual 1:1 drop in session that will take place at school, please get in touch with Charlotte directly if you are interested in booking a time slot.
2. Mental Health Support Team is also offering an online workshop Monday 16th October - please contact Mrs Shirley for more information.

Individual Appointments for Little Paxton Primary School Appointments available on the following dates, from 9am.

5th October 2023

9th November 2023

14th December 2023

To make an appointment, please email me at charlotte.dean@cambridgeshire.gov.uk I will contact you to confirm a time.

Education Inclusion Family Advisor's offer you an opportunity to ask for information, advice and support on any issue affecting your family life in a relaxed environment. These areas include:

- Challenging behaviour
- Routines
- Supporting emotions and wellbeing
- School transitions
- Parenting strategies
- Building resilience and confidence
- Any other family challenges you might be facing

Weekly parent drop in sessions

No appointments necessary. An opportunity for you to speak to members of the staff team and talk about any issues that may have arisen or you wish to discuss. If a longer appointment is deemed necessary, these can be made with the school office.

Years 4/5/6 - Monday at 3.25pm

Years 2 and 3 - Thursdays at 3.25pm (this will be in The Nest)

EYFS and year 1 - Tuesdays at 3.25pm

Workers of the week



Last week's winners have had a drink and a biscuit with Miss Owen today.

Our worthy winners this week were

Super Starling - Frankie

Wonderful Woodpecker - Freya

Remarkable Raven - Jessica

Perfect Pigeon - Seb

Marvellous Merlin - Toby

Knowledgeable Nightingale - Clara

Clever Kite - Rocco

Ready Wren - Nick

Fantastic Fisher - George

Dedicated Dove - Amy

Heroic Hawk - Paige

Rocking Robin - Molly

Ask your child to show you their Friday Feeling moves!!





Macmillan Big Breakfast Morning



We are pulling together to raise money for Macmillan by running a breakfast morning from 8.00am on Friday 29th September in the school hall. Staff, pupils and volunteers (please speak to the office if you are able to help) will be serving bacon rolls, vegetarian sausage hotdogs, pastries, tea, coffee and juice. Final details are in the planning stage. We will be charging £2.50 for a bacon roll and a drink or £1.50 for a pastry and a drink. To help with catering we would ask that you complete the form in the link here to give us a heads up on what to order. It will be fantastic for all the children and parents to come together. We appreciate that working parents cannot always attend but we are hoping that being prior to school will help.

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If you are unable to attend there will be opportunities to donate in any event. Any surplus supplies will be sold on the playground at the end of the school day.

All profits will go to the Macmillan Coffee Morning Appeal.

Blue Peter Badge



We've spotted an exciting opportunity for the fantastic readers of Little Paxton! You can earn a Blue Peter badge by drawing or painting a scene from one of your favourite stories and submitting it online on the BBC website. If anyone chooses to apply and receives their badge, we'd love to give them the opportunity to show it off at one of our reading assemblies! The badge was designed by Sir Quentin Blake, who illustrated *Matilda*!

Link: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/findoutmore/blue-peter-apply-for-a-book-badge>

Mr Simkin

English Lead

Little Paxton School Association



 **LPSA** 

WE HAVE HAD A BUSY YEAR!

We have run the following events;

- Mother's Day artwork
- Mother's Day gift shop
- Easter egg raffle
- Father's Day gift shop
- Refreshments at Sports Day
- Summer Disco
- Paxfest
- Break the Rules day
- Ice Cream Friday

Making a grand total of £4054.52

We have also raised money from;

- Your school lottery **£596.40**
- Clothing Bin **£168.30**
- Easy Fundraising **£341.36**
- Stikins **£20.49**

Are you supporting the LPSA with these?

Housepoints



We have listened to comments from both children and parents - our house point system is undergoing a revamp and we will be having a re-launch shortly. Watch this space

School Meals

Our new menu for lunches is going down really well.

We look forward to any feedback after the full cycle of the new options.

The children will be voting in school for some of their favourite food next week. Here are a few of the options served this week.





Reminder - Starting School



We know that we have just returned to school but parents pre-school aged children are starting to think about joining us next year!

We will be opening our doors to warmly invite them to see our amazing school and to find out a little more about what we have to offer.

Our sessions will be from 9.45am to 10.15am - this is so that you can see the children learning and you can see how well our current foundation have settled in so quickly.

Wednesday 27th September

Wednesday 25th October

Wednesday 29th November

Wednesday 25th January 2024

Please email office@littlepaxton.cambs.sch.uk to book a slot.

Coats4Kids



The Impact Club, an offshoot club connected to our local Rotary Club are organising this event and funds are allocated to support children in our school. It would be great if our community could support them too.

Reminder of dates coming up



Thursday 21st September - Phonics session for parents of EYFS/year1/year2 children 2.30pm

Tuesday 26th September - Burwell Parents Meeting - in school - 6.00pm

Friday 29th September Macmillan Coffee Morning - The Big Breakfast

Monday 2nd October - Harvest Festival at St James' Church - within the school day

Tuesday 17th October - Parents Evening (times to be confirmed)

Thursday 19th October - Parents Evening (times to be confirmed)

HALF TERM - Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October

Tuesday 31st October - Hilltop Parents Evening - Zoom - 6pm

Friday 3rd November - Individual photo day

Wednesday 8th November - COME SEE AND CELEBRATE - (details to be confirmed)

Friday 17th November - Children in Need (non uniform day)

Burwell residential for Year 4 - Monday 20th - Wednesday 22nd November

Tuesday 5th December - Flu Sniff for all years (Booking details to follow)

Monday 11th December - KS2 Christmas Concert - St James' Church

Tuesday 12th December - KS2 Christmas Concert - St James' Church

LAST DAY OF TERM - Wednesday 20th December

Friday 8th December - Christmas Fayre

KS1 Productions will be on **12th and 14th December** - (details to be confirmed)

Wednesday 13th December - Christmas Dinner Day and Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 15th December - Early Years Nativity Tea Party for parents - 2pm

(There may be additions to these dates and possible changes)

OUT OF SCHOOL

Paxton Adventure Day

NEW Little Paxton Parish Council
VILLAGE ADVENTURE DAY
10am - 4pm
COME ALONG FOR AN ADVENTURE

SATURDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER Climbing Wall & Bouldering Wall
QEII Playing Field, Little Paxton PE19 6EY **FREE**

SATURDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER Mobile Skate Park
Village Hall Car Park, Little Paxton PE19 6EY **FREE**

For adults & children
Supervised by qualified staff

Print Hut



Great Paxton Scarecrow Festival

Great Paxton Scarecrow Festival
Saturday 16th to Sunday 24th September
Take a walk round our Village to see all the fantastic scarecrows!

Sponsored by: hire of buy, HILTON FOODS UK

Saturday 16th September
12pm to 5pm – The Bell Pub Carpark
Street Food Vendors • Family Games • Arts & Craft Stalls
Children's Fancy Dress Competition (age 11 & under)

Sunday 17th September
10am – The Rec Ground – Car Boot Sale

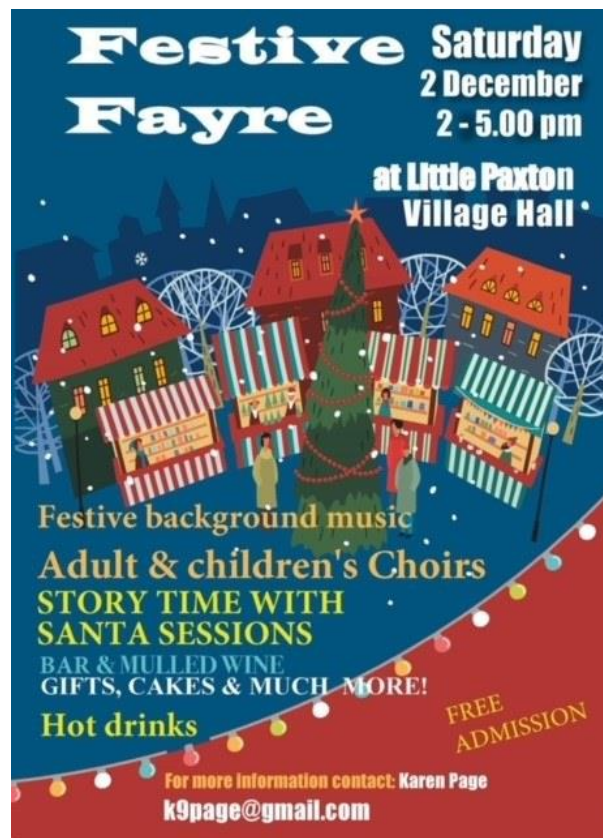
go-scarecrow online! @ GreatPaxtonScarecrowFestival

(Map and voting form available from the Community Shop and The Bell. Vote for your favourite and enter the prize draw)

www.bpc.co.uk



Paxton Fayre



Team Paxton

