



# PAXTON PRESS 8th September 2023

## YOUR WEEKLY "HELLO" FROM MISS O



To our wonderful Little Paxton families,

Welcome back! It's been great to see you all this week, we were so looking forward to welcoming the children back into school. It's going to be a fantastic year full of learning, laughter, adventures and fun! I would like to also take this opportunity to warmly welcome to the Little Paxton our new staff:

Miss Pritlove, Mrs Jeakings, Mrs Williams, Miss Decker and Miss Henson, our new children and our new families.

I have been so proud of all of the children and how well they have settled back into school after the summer holidays. Each and every one of them are doing you proud. As I have been spending time in the classrooms I have been shown how mountains are made; seen some super sentences being written; some excellent presentation and some lovely discussions in a PSHE lesson. I am so impressed by the children's attitude to their learning. The school is very calm and it has been great to be able to welcome our Chair of Governors into school and to visit the classrooms together. She also commented on the positive atmosphere around our school.

Thank you all for your support with our new collection arrangements, we will be asking you for feedback soon. We have made these changes to make collection easier (and less busy on the playground) and to make our wonderful teaching staff more accessible to you.

As promised in our end of term letter, there is information on what your child will be learning this term on their year group page on the website. This will be updated in more detail over the next few weeks. In addition we are putting the following in place:

- a positive phone call home: each week a child from each class will be chosen to receive this call
- learning dojo post: every Wednesday there will be a learning update posted on dojo which will both give you information and enable you to support your child(ren) at home
- staff drop ins: an opportunity to come and chat to the teachers about anything you want to know or are concerned about
- worker of the week: we will be continuing to award our worker of the week certificates on a Friday in our celebration assembly but these children will also be invited for a snack and a drink together to celebrate their success

I would like to finish by thanking the amazing staff team for their hard work in ensuring school was tidy and looking brilliant for the children this week. I am incredibly grateful to them all for their dedication to Little Paxton.

Have a wonderful weekend in the sunshine and we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday.

Best wishes,

Miss Owen



Just so you can get to know me a little bit better I will be sharing something about myself for this month. So your first something to know about me is that I love horses, I always have, and go to Burghley Horse Trials every year. I am lucky enough to have my own horse, called Star, and I love being outside with her in our beautiful English countryside!

## Messages from Team Paxton



In the coming weeks our Phase Leaders, SENDCo and family worker will be telling you a little more about what has been happening in school.

## Weekly parent drop in sessions

Starting next week, **11th September**. We are trialing this for a month to see if parents want to speak to us. No appointments necessary. These will take place in the school hall. 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 2 and 3 - Mondays at 3.25pm**

**EYFS and year 1 - Tuesdays at 3.25pm**

**Years 4/5/6 - Thursdays at 3.25pm**

## 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?**

## Workers of the week

Today, in assembly, we launched a new "Worker of the Week" initiative.

Our worthy winners were

**Tayler in Hawk**

**Felicity from Merlin**

**Sebastian in Nightingale**

**Anaya in Raven**

**Gabriel in Woodpecker**

**Oliver in Starling**

**Calle in Pigeon**

**Oliver I M in Dove**

**Bethany in Kite**

**Fraser in Kingfisher**

**Elise in Wren**

**Brooklyn in Robin**

**Fantastic .....WELL DONE!**

Don't forget to ask your children if they have still got that "Friday Feeling".

## 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

Some of our delicious school meals served this week. Ordering is online, please speak to the office if you have any issues with ordering or need to know your code. Meals for KS2 cost £2.34 per day and Universal Free School meals are available for all Foundation, year 1 and year 2 children.



*1 - Pizza*





2 - Creamy Mash





## 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](mailto:office@littlepaxton.cambs.sch.uk) to book a slot.

## Reminder of dates coming up



**Welcome Back to the Autumn Term - The following dates have been set to give you a heads up of**

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

**Tuesday 26th September** - Burwell Parents Meeting - in school - 6.00pm (details to be confirmed)

**Friday 29th September** Macmillan Coffee Morning - (details to be confirmed)

**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

**Friday 18th 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)

## Education Inclusion Family Advisor Newsletter September 2023

### A message from me:

Hello, my name is Charlotte Dean and I am your linked Education Inclusion Family Advisor for your school. I support parents and carers in a wide variety of subjects, such as parenting strategies, parental conflict, signposting to other services for housing support, financial assistance etc.

A warm welcome to parents/carers of children starting Reception over the coming weeks. I hope all goes well and your child has lots of fun.

Support from me is via Microsoft Teams, telephone or sessions in school. Keep an eye out for workshops, coffee mornings and drop-ins too. These vary from school to school. Please complete this electronic form if you would like a call: <https://forms.office.com/e/h963ySwVc7>

### Back To School

Are your children feeling excited? Nervous? Or just wondering what to expect...? Find everything you need for a new school year on CBBC website, from tips and advice to makes and quizzes!



Top tips for a good start to the new school year:

- Consistent bedtime routines
- Having everything ready the night before
- Getting up earlier on school days
- Healthy breakfast
- Label everything!
- Talk to your child about any worries they might have about starting school
- Talk to your child's class teacher about any concerns you might have.

### Workshops

Please see below the list of workshops that we are delivering this term. They are all accessed via TEAMS and are 12-1pm.

Digital safety/ internet safety – 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Parental wellbeing – 26<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Supporting with feelings of worry – 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2023

Supporting with feelings of anger – 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Sleep – 17<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Here is the link to the booking form:

<https://forms.office.com/e/xxFqRNQmF2>



Welcome back to the start of the new school year! Over the summer holidays the Education Inclusion Family Advisor Team facilitated 3 virtual workshops. The topics covered were:

- Impact of labels and styles of parenting
- Sibling dynamics and managing rivalry
- Strategies for behaviour that challenge.

We had 61 parents attend these workshops. Feedback has been positive, and parents felt they gained further knowledge and confidence. Some parents said: "Very insightful", "Very helpful", "Well structured, useful tips and reassurance", "This was great".

We always welcome feedback from parents so if you have any ideas on future workshop topics that you would like to see added our offer, please contact us on [earlyintervention@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:earlyintervention@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

Many thanks, the EIFA team



Cambridgeshire  
County Council

Contact me directly on  
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# Your Education Inclusion Family Advisor



**Charlotte Dean**

Education Inclusion Family Advisors offer you an opportunity to ask for information, advice and support on any issue affecting your family life in a relaxed and confidential 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 **We offer support in various ways:**
- **1:1 sessions with parents/carers**
- **Workshops on specific topics**
- **Attending school events**
- **Group sessions on areas of need**
- **Signposting to other services**

To request a call please complete this electronic form:

<https://forms.office.com/e/h963ySwVc7>

## Lost Cake Tin

We have a pink, springform cake tin in the office - does it belong to you?

## RAAC Survey

You will be aware that the schools with concrete issues have now been named. We can confirm that no issues were found at Little Paxton School.

## OUT OF SCHOOL

## Great Paxton Scarecrow Festival



## Summer Reading Challenge

### Message from St Neots Library

Thank you for supporting the Summer Reading Challenge "Ready, Set, Read". We have a record number of more than 650 children who signed up for the challenge at St Neots Library this year. Many have already completed the challenge.

There's still time for the children to complete the challenge. We would be most grateful if you could encourage them to come to St Neots Library by mid-September to tell us about the library books that they have read. Once they have six books, they will be invited to a presentation ceremony in which they will receive a certificate and a medal.

Many thanks. We wish you a great start of the academic year.

Kind regards,

St Neots Library

**Here are the details you need if you wish to take part**



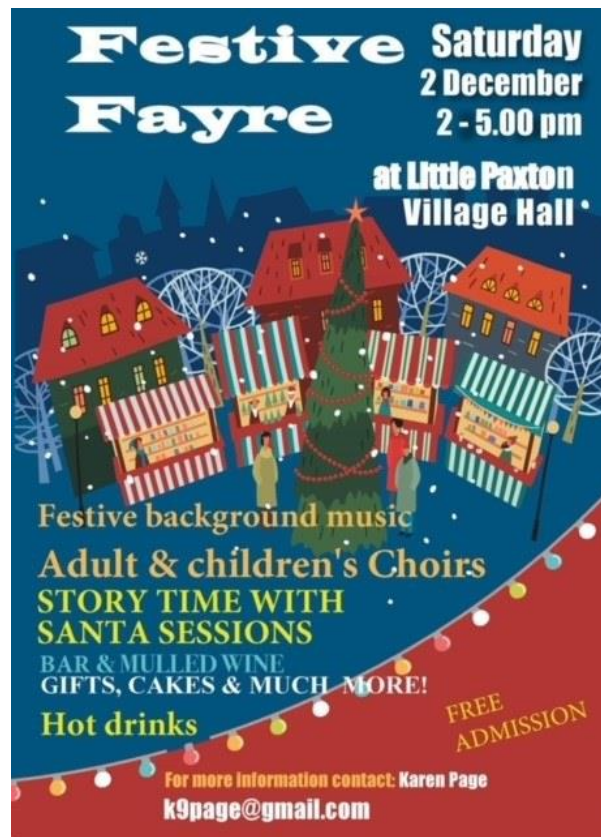
**Ready, Set, Read!** Summer Reading Challenge is open to pre-school and primary school aged children and is for all reading abilities. It is free to take part.

This year The Reading Agency has teamed up with the Youth Sport Trust to encourage children to unleash the power of play, sport, and physical activity through reading.

They can read whichever library book they like and there are 6 special stickers to collect. Everyone who finishes the Challenge will receive a Certificate and a Medal.

Research by UKLA (2009) showed children who complete the Challenge are more enthusiastic about reading.

## Paxton Fayre



Team Paxton

