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YOUR WEEKLY "HELLO" FROM MISS O

To our wonderful Little Paxton families,

It's the end of another brilliant week at Little Paxton Primary School and nearly the end of a wonderful half term together. I honestly can't believe that we only have one week to go.

I am delighted to be able to share with you that we have been able to appoint a new provider to run our wraparound care, starting after half term. Initially the wraparound care will run from 7.30am (including breakfast) until the start of school and then from the end of school until 5.15pm (including

a snack). Their hours will extend to 6pm as soon as possible. We were totally spoilt for choice with 8 incredible applications. The successful applicant is a company called 'Kids R Us' who are already established and run wraparound in the local area. If you want to check them out, here is a link to their website kidsrusoosc.org

The team will have met with us this week to discuss the final details and we will be in touch next week when we have more news to share. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the team from Little Paxton Wraparound for their dedication. So many of these wonderful people have stepped in at the last minute to staff the provision and also to cover staff absence. Without these super stars, none of this would have been possible so a massive thank you (which actually doesn't really cover it) to: Mrs Gatward, Ms Hazell, Mrs Darlow, Mr Cooke, Mrs Butler, Mrs Wright, Miss Hemus, Mr James and Mrs Sheik. We really appreciate each one of you!

This week has also seen our first home match of the season for our Paxton Panthers boys football team. It was fantastic to be able to cheer them on. I don't yet know what the final score is and am finishing writing the press at half time! It is so great to see our children excelling at sports, thanks to Mr Pool and the rest of the coaching team for giving up their time to run our football clubs.

I would like to invite you into school on the evening of the 8th November to celebrate our first half term and to have the opportunity to tour the classrooms and chat to the staff team. School will be open between 6pm and 7pm. There will be a welcome and brief presentation for parents' and carers celebrating the successes of our first half term and outlining future plans at 6.15pm. Please get this date in your diary and come along if you can.

As Autumn is now definitely here please ensure your child has a pair of indoor shoes in school (we are happy if this is a pair of slippers as long as they have a back). This will ensure that we can keep our school looking clean and tidy even in the muddy weather. If you do want your child to have a pair of wellies or old trainers to wear onto the field then this would be great (no football boots please).

All that's left for me to say is have a wonderful weekend, looking forward to the final week of term, there is certainly lots to celebrate and be proud of!

Miss Owen

Something to know about Miss O

I love finding amazing new places to eat in the local area and when I am away on holiday. Meals out with my friends and family are one of my favourite ways to spend my time.



Messages from Team Paxton



Message from Mrs Shirley - Family Inclusion Worker

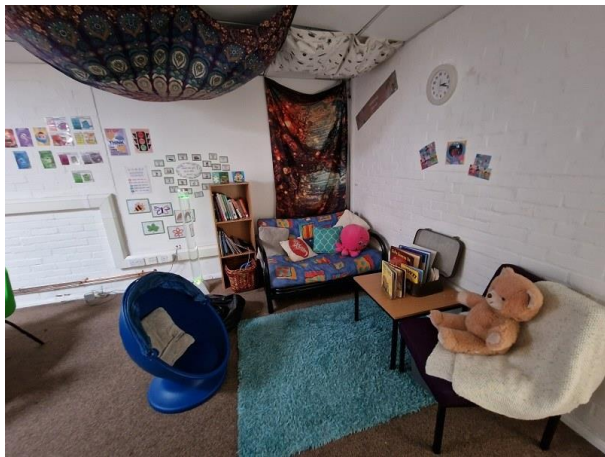
Dear Little Paxton Families,

I cannot believe that by the time you read this there will ONLY be 1 week left until half term. Our first term back together has really flown by.

It has been an absolutely fantastic start of the new academic year, we are all extremely happy to see how well all the children adapt and settled into their new routines. It is an absolute pleasure to see all the children trying their best to constantly demonstrate our school values; work hard, be kind, try your best and to make the right choices even when they are struggling with their learning, emotions or friendships. I feel extremely proud of every single one of our children, I love seeing their best work that they very often bring to show me and I feel extremely lucky and privileged that so many of our children have trusted me with their worries and emotions.

We have been busy rearranging the Treehouse, at the moment we have two dens, our “safe spaces” in the corner that are being used when children need a time to self-regulate, a new reading corner that is being used by all age children to read, chill or have a chat at break or lunch time. Our new Lego and Art lunch club has been successfully running for a couple of weeks now, and it is so lovely to see children from different classes playing together, sharing ideas, being creative, and giggling. In assembly, we have celebrated World Mental Health Day, and shared our ideas how we can look after our mental health.

We are looking forward to having another amazing week of learning and being together, then a well-deserved break to recharge and get ready for an amazing Christmas term.





A huge thank you for the items we have received this week. We have had plenty of lego and some fidget toys and more but we would be really pleased to receive more of these other specific items. We have a request for some specific items to be used in our Treehouse and around the

Small fidget toys

an egg chair

bean bags

projector lights

sensory toys

mirrors

lava/bubble lamp





Garden update from Mrs Castle

Our Garden and the Gardening Club

Short update on our activities over the past few weeks.

We have cleared the greenhouse, and you will see from the photos that we have planted some winter lettuce. We have also harvested seeds from the summer flowering and have some very successful seedlings growing from them. We have a Year 3 team who have taken responsibility for this at present, and they are doing a fantastic job.

Some of the Year 4 boys have taken it upon themselves to prepare our raised beds for cauliflower and kale, you can see from the photo that this is being done with great gusto! You will also see that some of our younger ones are busy digging a gigantic hole to Australia!

Helpers from Year 5 are always really good with our Key Stage 1 who want to colour and they spend a lot of time helping them to choose a picture, giving them pencils and generally being very supportive.

Many thanks for the recent donations of equipment for the mud kitchen and also for the compost, this is very much appreciated.











Individual School Photographs

Our photographers will be coming into school on Friday 3rd November to take individual photographs of the children and sibling photographs for everyone in school. If you have other children who do not attend our school, you can have a family portrait taken early in the morning. 20 slots are available from 8.30am. Please contact the office if you would like to book a slot.

Congratulations!

One of our families recently received a special commendation award and Miss Owen requested that they send in a photograph. We would like to add details of this type of event affecting our families to Paxton Press more often so please forward anything to office@littlepaxton.cambs.sch.uk



1 - Congratulations Mr Sheridan!

Message from the Governors

Hello to our Little Paxton Community

We are pleased to welcome a new parent governor, Joanne Spurrell to the governing body at Little Paxton. We are also pleased to welcome Mr D Saxby as an elected staff governor, both will bring a wealth of knowledge and skills to our governing body.

As you may have noted, we still have one parent governor vacancy and are looking for nominations.

Due to a change of circumstance of our of our co-opted governors, we have another vacancy in this category too, so please contact me for a chat if you would like to learn more and this you may be able to support Little Paxton at this time.

Some schools, due to difficulty finding governors choose to reduce the size of their governing body, up to now, we have decided to keep ours fairly large, as even though we have vacancies, with more people we can share the work around and get the chance to represent as many views as possible. We don't ask for hours and hours of your time, just a commitment to a couple of meetings per term (we have recently reduced the number) and to visit school termly. We appreciate the latter can be difficult in the school day, but employers should allow you time for duties such as governance. We do, however, understand that childcare can be challenging too.

I would love to hear from you if you would like to chat about governance, you can contact me at chair@littlepaxtonprimaryschool.cambs.sch.uk or by calling in to reception or phoning our office team who will pass on a message and I will get back to you.

Maxine

Maxine Howells

Workers of the week



Congratulations this week to

Super Starling - SARAH JANE - for, looking, listening and always being ready to learn.

Wonderful Woodpecker - JENSON - He has worked so hard in his maths all week!

Remarkable Raven - HARRY P - for showing a real dedication to his learning! He has given 100% all week. Well done Harry!

Perfect Pigeon - SAVINA - She wrote some amazing noun phrases about her alien in English and she works hard every day.

Marvelous Merlin - IVY -for being kind and hardworking and trying really hard in lessons.

Knowledgeable Nightingale - HARRIET for using the sentence openers during our class discussion on The Stone Age Boy.

Clever Kite - LACIEE-always doing her best, consistently exceeds expectations with the quality of her work.

Ready Wren - MOLLY - she is incredibly and always ready to learn. She puts in 100% effort across the curriculum and she is a real asset to Wren class!

Fantastic Fisher - ROCCO - he showed great confidence reading a poem in French and excellent rhythm playing the 12-Bar blues in music

Dedicated Dove - JOSIE- she has worked incredibly hard this week in all subjects. Given 110% and shown great work ethic.

Heroic Hawk - EUGENE - for showcasing his excellent prior knowledge in his maths SATS practice this week.

Rocking Robin - CAITLIN - she is always ready to learn and try her best

Half Term Childcare at Little Paxton will be run by Primary Sports Stars

Please see flyer for booking information to book direct with them.



Self-belief – Commitment – Respect – Integrity – Passion - Teamwork

OCTOBER SPORT CAMP @ LITTLE PAXTON

Primary Sports Stars are pleased to announce that we are running five days of sports camps through October half term at Little Paxton Primary School. Camps will include, football, hockey, dodgeball, archery, netball / benchball, tennis as well as popular sports camp games.

 **Little Paxton Primary School**

 **23rd October – 27th October 2023**

 **8.30-15.30**

 **Prices from £22.00 per day**

 **Year One – Year Seven**

Book Here

SCAN ME

To enroll visit: www.primarysportsstarscambridge.co.uk/clubs-camps
Please make sure you enroll through the booking page and select the days you would like to attend – If you have any questions or experience any issues when booking then please get in touch.

Contact email: psscambsnorth@gmail.com

be in a minimum of year one and a maximum of year 7. Camp should be paid for in full prior to the day which your child is attending.

Reminder - Donated outdoor clothing



We have had a large quantity of outdoor clothing donated to us from the Grafham Water Centre. Please pop to the office any time and see if there is anything suitable for your child for the winter or

for their trips to Burwell or Hilltop. It will also be available on the parents evenings but will be disposed of at half term. Everything is free so definitely worth a look.

Parents Evening



The booking system is now closed. If you have not been able to make an appointment please pop to the office and we can assist you. We look forward to welcoming you into school next week.

Reminder - Flu Sniff

If you have not yet booked - please follow the link to book your child on.

<https://eastanglia.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2023/cambridgeshire>

The nursing team will be attending school on 5th December. **They CANNOT administer the sniff to your child without the online consent.**

This is not something we are co-ordinating from the office but if you have any trouble with the actual form we can help.

Please speak to the school office if you have any issues

Reminder - Little Paxton School Association AGM and Discos



The AGM will take place on **Monday 13th November in the school hall from 6.00pm to 7.00pm** - please mark your diaries and pop along to see what amazing things the LPSA have been up to in the last school year.

The first event that they have already started to organise is Halloween discos that will take place on the 3rd November - more details to follow.

The small but loyal and busy team are always looking for volunteers to spread the load. Maybe you can only help at one event or maybe you could pack sweets for the tuck shop - every little helps.



LPSA AGM

**Monday 13th November
6-7pm in the
School Hall**

**Does your child like using laptops in class?
Did your child enjoy the school disco last summer?
Do you like getting Mother's and Father's Day gifts?**

**These and more were all provided by LPSA
volunteers.**

**Please consider joining the LPSA.
The LPSA must have members taking
on key roles, so they can continue
doing its great fundraising.**

LPSA Member -

a member attends committee meetings, helps
with events and votes on how the money
fundraised supports the children in school.

Chair -

the chair is the glue that
holds the LPSA together.

(this can be a joint role
with a second person
taking on Vice Chair)

Secretary -

the secretary keeps
everyone informed.

Treasurer -

the treasurer keeps
records of the finances.

(this can be a joint role
with 2 people taking on
the responsibility)



**spooky
DISCO**

Friday 3rd November
£3.50 per child

EYFS, YR1 and YR2 4:00-4:45pm
Glow stick, squash and packet of sweets

YR3 and YR4 5:00-5:45pm
Squash and crisps - tuck shop details coming soon

YR5 and YR6 6:00-7:00pm
Squash and crisps - tuck shop details coming soon

Pay online via the QR code or exact cash into the drop
box in an envelope with your child's name and class by
Wednesday 1st November



Individual appointments available



Meet with Education Inclusion Adviser Charlotte Dean at our school premises on the following dates from 9.00am

9th November 2023

14th December 2023

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

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 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

Reminder of dates coming up



Monday 16th October - Parents Evening

Tuesday 17th October - Parents Evening

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

NEW DATE *Wednesday 1st November - Hilltop Parents Evening - Zoom - 6pm (details to follow)

Friday 3rd November - Individual photo day

Friday 3rd November - Discos

Wednesday 8th November - COME SEE AND CELEBRATE - 6.00pm to 7.00pm.

Monday 13th November - Weights and Measures in school for Foundation and Year 6 children

Monday 13th November - LPSA AGM

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

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

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

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

Wednesday 13th December - Christmas Fayre - 3.15pm - 6.00pm - **Whole School Christmas singalong** - 5.00pm -6.00pm

KS1 Productions will be on **12th and 14th December**

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

LAST DAY OF TERM - Wednesday 20th December

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

Reminder - Starting School



We know that parents of 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 18th October

Wednesday 29th November

Wednesday 25th January 2024

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

OUT OF SCHOOL

Chitty Chitty Bang Bang

Oliver M, one of our Merlins will be performing in this VAMPS production, a great family trip out.

IAN FLEMING'S
CHITTY CHITTY BANG BANG

MUSIC AND LYRICS BY RICHARD M. SHERMAN AND ROBERT B. SHERMAN
 MUSIC BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH SONY/ATV PUBLISHING. ADAPTED FOR THE STAGE BY JEREMY SAMS.
 BASED ON THE MGM MOTION PICTURE. LICENSED SCRIPT ADAPTED BY RAY ROGERICK.

9TH - 12TH NOVEMBER
PRIORY CENTRE, ST NEOTS
BOX OFFICE THEVAMPS.ORG // 01480 388922

THURSDAY & FRIDAY 7:30PM SATURDAY 11AM, 3:00PM & 7:30PM SUNDAY 3:30PM
 TICKETS £16 ADULT // £14 CONCESSION // £50 FAMILY
 TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE, PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE

VAMPS
 OF ST NEOTS

BEACON
 MAIN SPONSOR

noda
 Be inspired by amateur theatre

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International. All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI
 www.mtishows.co.uk

The Norris Museum Events

Upcoming Half Term events here at the Norris Museum.

On **Monday 23 October**, we will be having clay workshops inspired by the Muddy Hoard, our new exhibition of a Roman coin hoard found in Huntingdonshire in 2018 (our biggest acquisition ever!). This event is recommended for ages 7+ due to the hand strength needed to use the pottery wheel, but younger attendees are welcome if parents are happy for them to just make pinch pots or coil pots.

On **Wednesday 25 October** we are having an Archaeology Day, where real archaeologists will be on site at the museum with some of their equipment. This is a fantastic opportunity to meet

archaeologists, learn all about what they do, and even try out some of their equipment yourself. Our Archaeology Day is free of charge (donations appreciated) and is open to all ages, and no booking is required.

On **Friday 27 October**, from 10:30 - 12:30 we will be having Roman object handling and pottery wheel demonstrations at the museum. This is also free of charge and is actually a part of our Feel Good Fridays Programme, which is a regular event open to all on the 4th Friday of every month. When these events fall during school holidays we ensure that they are family friendly and we welcome families to attend.

The Muddy Hoard

Family Clay Workshop

Make your own Roman coin hoard, inspired by the Norris Museum's new Muddy Hoard exhibition. Use air-drying clay to design your own Roman coins and create your own pot to keep them in - and even have a go on a potter's wheel!

Monday 23 October
Two workshops:
10am - 12pm
1pm - 3pm
£6.00 per person

Recommended ages 7+ due to the hand strength required to use the potter's wheel



THE NORRIS MUSEUM
Wherever Your Curiosity Takes You

norrismuseum.org.uk
01480 497314
41 The Broadway, St Ives PE27 5BX





Barracudas



Paxton Fayre

Look out for our very own Mrs Bishop who will be having a stall full of amazing handmade sewn Christmas decorations, presents and stockingfillers.



Sparrow and Lark First Class Photo

Look out for next weeks Hunts Post on 18th October to see our wonderful Early Years children!

Drum Lessons



**DRUM
LESSONS**

Available
at this school

Contact Ben Piper
for more details

**Ben
Piper
Drums**

info@benpiperdrums.co.uk
07932 953917
www.benpiperdrums.co.uk

Drum Lessons - FREE Taster Sessions

Our drum tutor is offering FREE taster sessions in school to try and grow his student numbers. Lessons currently take place every Tuesday afternoon during school time.

If you are interested in your child having a go on the drums then please contact Ben Piper on 07932 953917 or email info@benpiperdrums.co.uk

If you decide to go ahead with lessons for the remainder of the term, then the costs are as follows;

10mins per week = £30 (For beginners only)

20mins per week = £60

30mins per week = £90

The above costs are for 5 lessons at a rate of £36 per hour.

Team Paxton

