



## PAXTON PRESS 6th October 2023



### **YOUR WEEKLY "HELLO" FROM MISS O**

To our wonderful Little Paxton families,

This week has really flown by, I can't believe that by the time you read this there will only be 2 weeks until half term.

I have been even more proud than usual of the children and the staff team at Little Paxton this week. We have had some very positive visits from the English and Maths team. Everyone who has visited

has commented on the excellent learning behaviours of the children; the positive atmosphere and also how well the staff team are working together, this is particularly impressive as we are such a new team.

A highlight of mine this week was having lunch with a selection of VIPs on Thursday. It was wonderful just to have time to chat to the children. Mrs Bridgewater set out a beautiful table for us and Mrs Sheik organised us all place names, we even all had a real glass of pear juice. It is something we will definitely be doing again. So thank you Winnie, Sebastian, Issac, George, Fatou, Summer-Lily and Alana for making my lunchtime so enjoyable. Another highlight, sneaking in from last week, was seeing Shay and Oliver's amazing double page spread about the rainforest and how proud they were of their learning, thank you for sharing it with me boys!

The team are really looking forward to welcoming you into school for our parents' evenings and having the opportunity to share with you about how well your child has started the year. If you have a child with SEN then there will be an additional parents' evening for you to attend with regard to your child's passport. We will be in touch with you very shortly to book you in. Miss Peate has done a wonderful job training the staff in how she wants the passports completed and these will be emailed out before half term now that the teachers have had a chance to get to know their new class and what their needs are.

I am writing this whilst listening to our very talented choir rehearsing for the O2, it's so lovely to hear the children enjoying their singing and to have the corridors filled with children's voices. Massive thanks to Mrs Williams and Ms Hazell for giving up their time to run choir. We are currently looking at ways to increase the number, and type, of clubs we are offering in response to your feedback on our parent questionnaire. Thank you to you all for taking the time to fill in our surveys, I will be writing to you before half term about what has been said.

## Something to know about Miss O

I LOVE Harry Potter. I love the books, the films, the stage show and have visited the studio tour 9 times.



## Messages from Team Paxton



### Message from Mr Saxby - Acting Deputy Head

What a brilliant – but busy - week it has been at Little Paxton!

It has been an absolute delight this week to be able to welcome two visitors from the local authority to our school. Both left with huge smiles on their faces and were very complimentary about how well the children were behaving and how engaged they were with their learning. Mr Casey (our maths advisor) was blown away with the quality of the children's Math work and also the positive atmosphere he felt as he walked around the school. It is always lovely to be able to show off the work of our hard-working children to external visitors.

There has been a buzz around poetry this week in school as it was National Poetry Day on Thursday. Thank you to Mr Simkin for preparing an inspiring assembly which I had the pleasure of delivering to the school on Wednesday. I have even had some poems brought to me and a fantastic story book created by one of our Year One girls! The special guests of Mr Crabb, Mrs Rider and Mrs Fairbairn all shared one of their favourite poems; to be able to gather as a school to share poetry was a lovely midweek treat.

We are so proud of how September went at school and we are looking forward to continuing October in the same style. Thank you to all the hard work of the children (and the parents) for starting the year in such a brilliant fashion.

Mr Saxby (Acting Deputy Head)

## Request from Mrs Shirley



We have a request for some specific items to be used in our Treehouse and around the school - do you have any of these items lurking in your garage or at the bottom of the toy box that could help?

Small fidget toys

an egg chair

bean bags

projector lights

lego

sensory toys

mirrors

lava/bubble lamp

## Measles - some important information



- **Over 102,000 children** starting primary school are at risk of catching measles.
- **Nine out of ten** unvaccinated children can catch measles from an infected classmate
- **Over 1 in 10 children** are unvaccinated and unprotected against Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) in England
- **One in 15 children** with measles suffer serious complications such as meningitis and sepsis
- Vaccination for MMR has been in decline for over a decade and is **well below the 95% WHO** target needed to achieve and sustain measles elimination.

With millions of children across the country going back to school this week, NHS England is urging parents to check that their children are up to date with their MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella) vaccinations in the wake of measles cases rising across the country.

Childhood vaccination rates have fallen over the past ten years and this week statistics show that over 102,000 children aged four and five years old starting in reception are not protected against catching measles, mumps and rubella.

Measles is highly infectious and if left unvaccinated nine out of ten children in a classroom can catch the disease if just one child is infectious.

If you are unsure if you or your child are up to date, check your child's red book or GP records and make an appointment to catch up any missed doses.

For more information on the NHS vaccination schedule, please [visit](#).

## Message from the Governors

Name: **Helen Morrell**

Role: **ECT Governor, Resources and Finance Committee**

Category: **Co-opted Governor**

I joined Little Paxton governors in September 2023, and have joined the Resources and Finance Committee as well as being the link Governor for Early Career Teachers (ECTs)

I am a Maths Teacher (2nd in Dept) at Kimbolton School, an independent school in Kimbolton. Other roles in the school currently include ECT mentor, link teacher for the PTA and member of the Staff wellbeing committee. I was a Pastoral Lead in one of four senior houses for four years (Years 9-13), with a particular interest in attendance and Emotional Based School Avoidance (EBSA). I qualified as a teacher in 1996 and have also worked in state education in Peterborough as well as vocational adult education in Limerick in Ireland. I live in Kimbolton, and in my spare time I ride my horse and sing with the Kimbolton Singers.

I wanted to become a governor after attending an appeal at my school and subsequently speaking to one of the governors afterwards. I applied to Cambridgeshire County Council website with an open mind and was invited to join Little Paxton. I've really enjoyed my few visits to Little Paxton to date and meeting the other governors including the staff and parents on the governing body. I am looking forward to learning more about the financial side of running a school, as well as learning more about primary education to help understand better what makes a good transition to senior school. I am also interested in the retention of staff, so hope to expand my role to include staff welfare and wellbeing.

## Changes to weekly parent drop in sessions



We are making changes and are moving to these being monthly from November. Remember that you will have parents evening on the 16th and 17th October. We are also looking at opportunities for later appointments including online. Watch this space!

## Workers of the week



Following on from some parent feedback we will now include the reason the Worker of the Week award was given.

Our worthy winners this week were

**Super Starling - Rae** - for being kind and caring. Outstanding English this week.

**Wonderful Woodpecker** - Chloe who has worked hard on her work and shared it with Mr Saxby

**Remarkable Raven - Harry** - for amazing dedication to learning and being a superstar

**Perfect Pigeon - Ellen** for consistent excellent behaviour and trying really hard with her writing

**Marvelous Merlin - Rejus** - Miss Decker says he has been working so hard in english and maths with Mrs Jeakings

**Knowledgeable Nightingale** - Ariella for always being kind and hardworking

**Clever Kite - Calan** for always being restful of others in the classroom and for his independent learning in such a positive way.

**Ready Wren - Casey** - Mr Simkin awarded this as Casey has been following our school values & always being 'ready to learn'!

**Fantastic Fisher - Albert** - He works hard and tries his best in all subjects. Mrs Williams was particularly impressed with his hockey skills this week.

**Dedicated Dove - Oliver W** for fantastic handwriting and effort

**Heroic Hawk - George** for being fantastic as tag rugby

**Rocking Robin - Sebastian** for being outstanding across the curriculum and particularly in science.

## 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**  
 **23<sup>rd</sup> October – 27<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](mailto: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.

## Harvest Festival



Thank you for all your donations there was quite a selection at St James' Church. This is all being delivered to Jimmy's Night Shelter and will be very well received.

## 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 and see if there is anything suitable for your child for the winter or for their trips to Burwell or Hilltop. It will be available on the parents evenings but will be disposed of at half term. Everything is free so definitely worth a look.

## Parents Evening



Don't forget to book your slots. The office is able to book for you if you have any issues.

## 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

## Little Paxton School Association AGM



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.

## School meals







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](mailto: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



## Reminder - Starting School



**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** - Disco

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

**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 (Booking details to follow)

**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 - 5.00pm

**Wednesday 13th December** - KS2 Carol concert - 5.00pm - 6.00pm

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

**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)

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 18th 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.

OUT OF SCHOOL

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# Education Inclusion Family Advisor Newsletter

## October 2023

### A message from me.....

I hope you and your families have settled well into the new term. If you would like to arrange a call with me, please complete this form and I will be in touch. <https://forms.office.com/e/h963ySwVc7>

### Time to relax



We all know that children's lives can be very busy and sometimes just a bit too fast paced. Here's an idea for a little 'slow down' activity. Organise a quiet moment together, and type into YouTube one of the following:

- Sounds of the ocean
- Sounds of the rainforest
- A summer storm

Close your eyes and listen to these relaxing sounds for a few minutes. Ask your child to imagine they are walking through a magical forest or sitting on a beautiful beach. Then open your eyes and talk about what you imagined. What did you see? What did you hear? What did you feel? What did you smell? Maybe continue the activity by drawing or painting a picture. [\(72\) Jungle Sounds | Rainforest Ambience and Animals Sounds for Sleeping, Studying, Relaxation | 8 Hours - YouTube](#)



### Workshops

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

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

**Sleep** – 17<sup>th</sup> October 2023

**Digital safety/ internet safety** – 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023

**Parental wellbeing** – 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Here is the link to the booking form:

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



### Alternatives to 'NO'

As parents, we often find ourselves responding to our young people with, 'NO'? Try practicing some alternatives:

**'Stop hitting'** 'Please keep your hands to yourself'

**'Don't say that'** 'Please choose another word'

**'Stop whining'** 'Please use your words'

**'No you can't'** 'Let me think about it'

**'Don't make a fuss'** 'It's ok to feel upset'

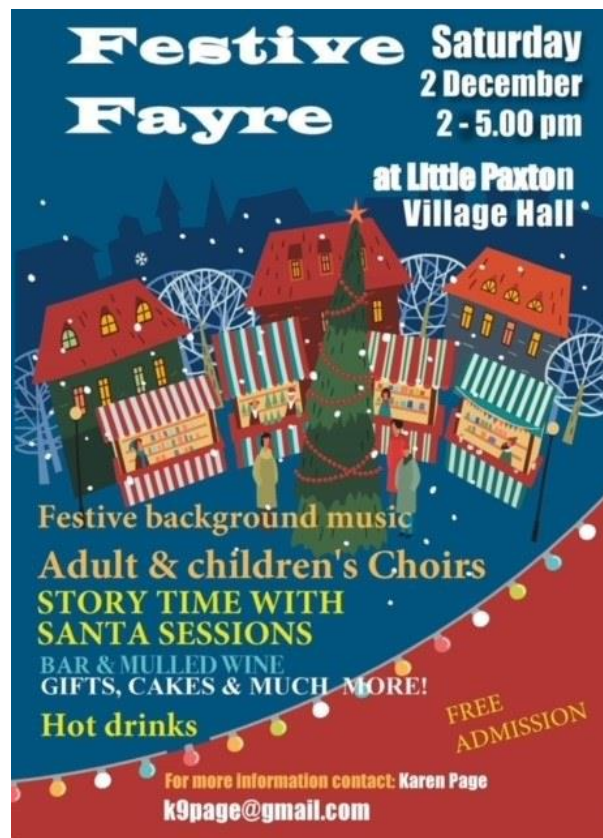
**'You can't play with that'** 'Play with this instead'



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## Paxton Fayre



## Team Paxton

