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

To our wonderful Little Paxton families!

How is this my last November update? This term is flying by! As always, thank you for your ongoing support, it is very much appreciated and really does make all the difference!

I had the best time at Burwell this week with our amazing Year 4 children. It's so wonderful to get to spend time with the children outside of school and get to know them even better; share meals together and learn in a completely different way. The children were brilliantly behaved and threw themselves into the activities. The team of adults - Mr Simkin, Mrs O'Callaghan, Mrs Ince, Mr Cooke and Mr Crabb - were totally amazing and I can't thank them enough for giving up their time, and sleep, to help the children create amazing memories. My highlights were definitely Burwell Fox and the board games evening.

The EYFS team would like to thank Miss Bradshaw-Watts for being a brilliant member of their team this week! She was super helpful and did an amazing job supporting the children. They miss her already! Thank you Laciee for being fantastic!

We have noticed a few of our lovely Year 6 children have been arriving on site very early, some before 8.30am. It's lovely that they are so keen but the group seems to just be getting larger. Please could we ask that children try and arrive closer to 8.40am if they are unaccompanied. The children are not supervised by us before they enter the playground.

Cold and flu season is really upon us! We would be really grateful if any families would be able to send in a box of tissues to school for the children to use. At this time of year we get through so many so we would really appreciate you donating one, or even two, boxes to school.

I will be writing to you next week, after I have had time to plan and think, with some plans for our wonderful school over the next term. I am thrilled to be able to continue in my role and work with our fantastic children; amazing staff team and wonderful families to continue to help Little Paxton go from strength to strength.

Have a wonderful weekend, I look forward to seeing you on Monday. Miss Owen





## SOMETHING SMALL ABOUT US ALL



### Office Team

#### Mrs Turner

Hello, I am one of the office managers.

When not in the school office I love nothing more than travelling around Europe and the UK with my family and dog Max. We love the outdoors and camping, we used to have a bright green camper van called ADA but have now upgraded to a motorhome.



## Mrs Staple

Hello, as the other Office Manager I have a busy life and when not in school I am a member of St Neots Tangent and my husband and I currently run two businesses, Alconbury Driving Centre and Ridesafe Training. Our son came to Little Paxton and Miss Owen was his first teacher in reception! We are trying to travel more and I love France and the opportunity to practise my French. I am still in contact with my French penfriend "Cathy Casanova" from Longsands school exchanges 50 years ago - she came to visit earlier this year.





## Mrs Sheik

Hello I am Mrs Sheik and I work in the school Office as an Office Assistant.

When I'm not ferrying around my daughter, Alana, to her clubs I enjoy trying different foods dining out or at home, especially if it's been cooked for me!

I also enjoy holidaying in as many different places as possible with my large extended family and crazy wonderful friends!





## Messages from Team Paxton



## Mr Simkin - Burwell Report

Year 4 went to Burwell this week and we had an incredible time! The children impressed us with their maturity and independence. We did a range of activities, focused partially on orientation and looking at maps. The children did lots of teamwork for the Burwell Challenge, the Burwell Fox, and when making willow stars. Going through an outdoor obstacle course while blindfolded was incredibly exciting! We also celebrated Christmas early with Christmas dinner and a festive film! Perhaps the highlight of the trip was the late night bonfire and toasting marshmallows. We're all quite tired... but it was a wonderful adventure.





## Workers of the week



Congratulations this week to .....

**Splendid Sparrow - DARYL** - he is always trying his best and sharing his ideas on the carpet and for really trying with his letter formation

**Lovely Lark - CHARLIE** - he is a great friend and a fantastic role model to the other children.

**Super Starling - AYL A** - she is doing a super job rewriting our story "Miss Owen's Scarf" using all the skills she has been taught. She is also a fabulous role model for the rest of the class.

**Wonderful Woodpecker - Rory**- he has tried really hard in English and has used his finger spaces lots this week. Well done!

**Remarkable Raven - MOLLY** - she has blown me away with her incredible maths brain! Well done!

**Perfect Pigeon - OLIVER C** - He has written an amazing start to his space story using fabulous adjectives and he also smashed it in our first practise maths SATs paper. Well done.

**Marvelous Merlin - LIAM** - he has been working really hard this week, especially in English, where he created an amazing sentence and during handwriting

**Knowledgeable Nightingale - ELLA** for her hard work and dedication to the Times Table Rockstars tournament.

**Clever Kite and Ready Wren - EVERYONE IN YEAR 4!** This certificate is proudly awarded to every member of Year 4 for your exceptional performance during our recent trip to Burwell (and those who stayed behind and became super helpers!). You were kind, resilient and team-players, and each of you became a little bit braver this week. We couldn't possibly choose one of you, when you're all so amazing. We are so proud to be your teachers.

**Fantastic Fisher - SOPHIE** - because of her fantastic setting description full of phenomenal figurative language.

**Dedicated Dove - BODHI** - because of his excellent setting description and his use of figurative language to add more detail. He also scored the winning goal at the tournament yesterday. Well done!

**Heroic Hawk - CHIANNE** - she has been focused this week and used some fantastic figurative language in English.

**Rocking Robin - DAISY** - she showed her artistic talents this week in a fantastic art lesson.

## LPSA Hamper Raffle





**LPSA**

## Hamper Raffle 2023

Raffle tickets will be sent home with the children. Every child will get two books each which can be purchased by their household, or they can also be offered to relatives, friends and neighbours\*. If you would like more books of tickets, please go to the school office.

### Tickets £1 each or £5 a book

**MERRY XMAS**

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Little Paxton School Association

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

All tickets and unsold tickets to be returned to the promoter before the draw date.



**Christmas Hamper Raffle**

Your chance to win one of our sought after themed class hampers packed with lovely festive goodies!

**Draw Date: Wednesday 14th December**

Proceeds benefit Little Paxton Primary School, 18-19 St. Margaret's Road, Little Paxton, Cambs. CB24 3JF. Registered with 1048 001,014

**£1.00**

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Return this part of the ticket in an envelope along with the correct money or cheque (made payable to 'Little Paxton School Association') to purchase the tickets. Envelopes to the school office/LPSA drop box.

Keep this part of the ticket at home

\*Purchasing tickets is completely optional. Please could you return any unsold tickets to the office.



## School meals

Some recent delicious meals this week.





## December Chicken Christmas Editable Template



## December

### **Chicken Christmas Lunch**

Roast Chicken with Roasties &  
Gravy

Or

### **Roasted Vegetable, Cranberry & Cheese Puff Pastry**

with Roasties, & Gravy

and

**Christmas Pudding Rice Krispie Ball**

or

**White Chocolate Snowball Cookie**

# **FOOD FESTIVAL**

By Aspens

December

Chicken Christmas Lunch

Roast Chicken with Roasties & Gravy

Or

Roasted Vegetable, Cranberry & Cheese Puff Pastry

with Roasties, & Gravy

and

Christmas Pudding Rice Krispie Ball or

White Chocolate Snowball Cookie

Individual appointments with Education Inclusion Adviser Charlotte Dean



Final date for the year -

**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



**Tuesday 5th December** - Flu Sniff for all years - **Have you opted in?**

**Friday 8th December** - Santa Dash in Christmas clothes - further details to follow.

**Monday 11th December** - KS2 Christmas Concert - St James' Church - evening - times to be confirmed

**Tuesday 12th December** - Key Stage 1 Christmas Production - 1.30pm

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**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

**Thursday 14th December** - KS1 Christmas Production - 9.30am

**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)

## OUT OF SCHOOL

### Training Opportunity

 **Business School**  
**AAT OPEN MORNING**  
**WEDS 29 NOVEMBER, 9.15-11AM**

Interested in learning more about training opportunities in **accounting or bookkeeping**? This drop in session is for you!

Meet our tutors, find out about our AAT bookkeeping and accounting courses, and have a chat about careers in finance.

**Scan the QR code to register your interest**

**AAT Level 2 Certificate in Bookkeeping**  
Come along and find out about our Jan 2024 start course!



 [business@caw.ac.uk](mailto:business@caw.ac.uk)  [01480 275500](tel:01480275500)  London Road, Godmanchester PE29 2BQ

 **The College of Animal Welfare**  
**DOG GROOMING OPEN MORNING**  
**SUN 3 DECEMBER, 10AM-1PM**

Interested in becoming a **dog groomer**?  
This open morning is for you!

- ✓ View our facilities
- ✓ Learn about our courses
- ✓ Meet our tutors

**Scan the QR code to register your interest**

**Find out about funding opportunities and payment options**



 [admin@caw.ac.uk](mailto:admin@caw.ac.uk)  [01480 422060](tel:01480422060)  London Road, Godmanchester PE29 2BQ

### Christmas arrangements for Treetops

 **Christmas Holidays 2023**

Our holiday clubs are free-flow, self-led, play environments. Children can play, create and explore lots of play spaces. Our play workers are there to facilitate their play. As well as all of the indoor and outdoor activities set up each day, we have specific activities run by the staff each day as seen on this programme. We try to incorporate different types of activities for all personalities and to keep the children busy. Key:

- ♥ Active play
- 🎨 Creative play
- 🎭 Themed activity
- 🍳 Kitchen creations

**21st December**

- 🎄 Lollystick Christmas trees
- 👑 Santa hat cakes
- ♥ Group games
- ♥ Trip to the Park

**22nd December**

- 🎅 Pipe cleaner candy canes
- 🖨️ Handprint wreaths
- 🍪 Reindeer donuts

**2nd January**

- 📅 New year calendar
- ♥ Treasure hunt
- 🍯 Jelly creations
- 🔥 Lava lamps

**3rd January**

- 🎆 Firework pictures
- 🗑️ Junk Modelling
- 🏓 Table tennis competition
- ♥ Hide & seek

**Christmas Pizza Party**  
afternoon on  
22nd December  
at the settings!

To book go to:  
[kidsrus.magicbooking.co.uk](http://kidsrus.magicbooking.co.uk)



Thank you for reading!

Wishing you a fabulous weekend - Team Paxton



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