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YOUR WEEKLY "HELLO" FROM MISS O

To our wonderful Little Paxton families,

It has been great to be back together again after the half term holiday. I really hope that you were all able to enjoy the break. The children have come back ready to learn and I have seen some fantastic work already. I can't believe that we are already heading towards Christmas.

I am sure you want to join me in sending congratulations to Miss Rose who got married during half term. We wish her and her husband much happiness. The team were delighted that Miss Rose brought in a tier of her wedding cake for us to share, it was delicious!

This week has been very full, with lots going on in school. It was fantastic to be able to welcome you into school for the first SEND parents' evening on Wednesday, this was really well attended, so a massive thank you to those of you who came along. A special thanks to Miss Peate who is ensuring that the provision for our children with SEND is improving all the time.

The Year 6 team also met with families over zoom to talk about Hilltop, I think it is safe to say that the staff enjoy this residential as much as the children. Again, thank you for attending! I hope that the children are getting excited about going to Hilltop and I am sure they will make some amazing memories together.

Mr Pool has, as always, been doing a brilliant job of promoting sports at Little Paxton. He has planned the curriculum (the sports that the children are taught in school) to match the tournaments that we are able to enter. The Year 6 children have just finished their Tag Rugby PE unit in school and they attended a tournament on Tuesday afternoon. I had the privilege of taking them and I have to say, I was an extremely proud headteacher. The children's attitude; their teamwork and their enthusiasm was outstanding and they were a credit to our school. If you get a chance, have a look at the PE section of our school website as this is something Mr Pool has updated during his PE release time this week.

Today school photos have been taken, it's lovely to see how smart everyone looks (including the extra effort made by the staff team). There really is a lot to organise when the photographer comes into school and our Office Team do such a brilliant job of organising this and keeping the morning running smoothly, thank you ladies.

I am really looking forward to the school discos tonight, massive thanks goes to the LPSA for organising them and to the members of staff who are staying to volunteer. I am sure that there will be some fantastic outfits and brilliant dance moves on display.

Thank you for sending your children to school with a pair of indoor shoes we really do appreciate it and it has already made a big difference. Just to make you aware that if there was a fire alarm the children would go outside wearing their indoor shoes as they would need to leave the building quickly.

Next week, on the 8th November, we have our **Come, See and Celebrate** evening from 6pm until 7pm. This will be a chance to celebrate how far we have come as a school and to share our vision moving forwards. There will also be a chance to go and look round the school and to chat to the staff team. There is no need to book, just come along, we really do hope to see many of you there! Please do look at the dates list later in Paxton Press to see what else is coming up this term.

We really enjoy giving the children opportunities to express themselves and to talk about subjects they are passionate about. On Wednesday, Oliver M and Rocco led a brilliant whole school assembly (that they prepared themselves) about Sir Bobby Charlton. Both boys were excellent and communicated, and prepared, so well. I was so proud of them both, as were the rest of the staff team.

Our school improvement advisor visited us this week and spent some time with myself and Mr Saxby going through our areas of strength and areas for development as a school. Mr Saxby and I found it really useful. We also had a visit from Neil, our OPAL advisor. Neil was so impressed with the

provision at lunchtime and said that we are already a 'Platinum' school (which is the highest grade you can get) A massive well done, and thank you, to Mr Saxby, Miss Anderson and the play team for their excellent work. Neil was most impressed with the garden, when he visited he was offered some lettuce to try that the children had grown. He commented on what an amazing provision this was and how well Mrs Castle is leading the group. Thank you Mrs Castle, we really do appreciate you!

As a school we're going to be "SPOTACULAR' for Children in Need on Friday 17th November. So wear as many spots as you like, the crazier the better, and bring in a donation to support Children in Need (we would recommend £1 per family). We can't wait to see your 'SPOTACULAR' outfits!

Best wishes,

Miss Owen

Oh, did you spot me in my school photograph? I know Molly C managed to find me? I am 3rd from the right on the front row wearing a very interesting version of school uniform!

SOMETHING SMALL ABOUT US ALL

A new addition to Paxton Press from this week so that you get to know the team a little better.

Mrs Gatward

I love visiting new places, exploring and climbing towers or hills to see the beautiful views.



Mr Saxby

I love theatre and performing. I attended drama school as a child and my favourite role was when I played Scar in the Lion King during Secondary School! Look at the fantastic picture of me in full costume.



Messages from Team Paxton



Mrs Jeakings - Paxton Parliament

I am very excited to be writing my first entry for the Paxton Press, all about Paxton Parliament. By the time you are reading this, we will have had our first Parliament meeting, and I am sure the children are already buzzing with ideas!

In my teaching experience, I have had the pleasure of leading a School Council for four years, so I am thrilled to have the opportunity to lead Paxton Parliament at Little Paxton too.

This year, the way Paxton Parliament runs will be slightly different to previous years, where the Parliament will be made up of children from Years 2 – 6. A lot of children worked incredibly hard to create presentations, which they shared with their classmates before half term, and I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of the children who bravely took part!

The children were anonymously voted in, and I am excited to share with you that the children who will be representing Paxton Parliament, starting this term and finishing by February half term are:

Year 2 - Elliot and Ava

Year 3 - Ivy and Lily

Year 4 - Erin and Amelia

Year 5- Molly and Tallulah

Year 6 - Milly and Elijah

After February half term, the next group of children who have been voted in, and will remain as Paxton Parliament members until May half term are:

Year 2 - Oliver R and Xelene

Year 3 - Audrey and Summer

Year 4 - Teddy and Harrison

Year 5 - Fraser and Thomas

Year 6- Eugene and Estelle

Children from both halves of Paxton Parliament may be invited back during the summer term to complete any outstanding jobs.

During their time in Paxton Parliament, the children will have a range of exciting jobs. This can vary from designing posters for special days to hosting fundraising events. They will be the voice for all the children in the school, therefore they will have the opportunity to ask for their ideas, and share these with members of the CLT. To show the importance of their role in the school, Paxton Parliament representatives will be given a special Paxton Parliament badge to wear with pride during the school day.

I hope all members of Paxton Parliament are excited for their new role in the school, and I look forward to working with the children on lots of new projects!

Mrs Jeakings



Mr Pool - Sports Lead



Please take a look at our latest section on our website - It is called **Sport Spotlight** and will have updates on all of the sports events and team competitions we attend as a school. You can find this page by visiting the PE section of the website and clicking on the Sport Spotlight button.

Poppy Appeal 2023



We have sold most of our Poppy merchandise but do still have some normal poppies and some of the items. Next week everything will be available from the school office at the beginning and end of school.

Slap bands, wristbands and lanyards will be £1.00, reflectors, zip pulls and ordinary poppies will be 50p.

Reminder - No dogs on the playground please



Workers of the week



This week for the first time our new foundation children joined assembly so we can now add them to our list.

Congratulations this week to

Splendid Sparrow is Alfie for settling well at school and always being kind and caring towards others and really trying his best in his learning.

Lovely Lark is Anna for settling well into school and trying hard in phonics!

Super Starling - Lenny - because of his attitude to learning. He is always choosing to challenge himself. The Year 1 team are so impressed. Keep up the good work!

Wonderful Woodpecker - Willow - She has worked so hard and impressed all the teachers this week.

Remarkable Raven - Ivy - She has shown real determination and has worked really hard all week in all subjects!

Perfect Pigeon - Jessica - is a fun bubbly, enthusiastic member of our class and works hard every day. Keep on being you.

Marvelous Merlin - James - because he always has a great work ethic and always tries his best. I am especially proud of him because on Thursday he outsmarted our guided reading text and did really well in PE.

Knowledgeable Nightingale - Anakin - for his keen interest in our dragon text in Guided Reading.

Clever Kite - Amelia for her hard work and enthusiasm for all of her lessons. Her efforts and attention to detail in her classwork exemplify a strong work ethic. Amelia's ability to focus, and persist through challenges, and her unwavering commitment to excellence make her a clear choice for Worker of the Week.

Ready Wren - Matty - for giving it 100% across the board. He's full of ideas and passionate about his learning - he's a real asset to Wren class.

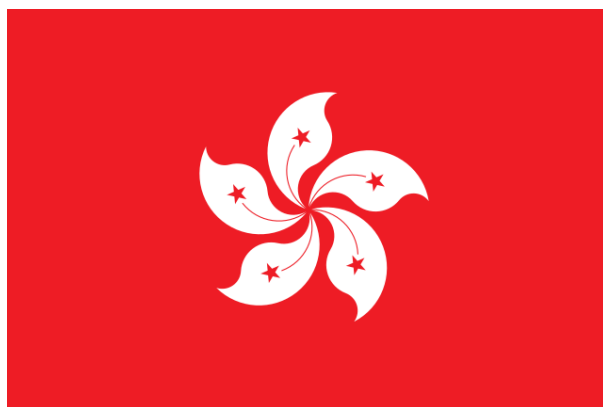
Fantastic Fisher - Sophia - for super independent work on square and cube numbers in maths and a fantastic start to a rainforest animal fact file in Geography.

Dedicated Dove - Owen - because of his excellent reasoning and problem solving in maths this week.

Heroic Hawk - Polly - because of her fantastic times table knowledge and her ability to answer questions in record speeds.

Rocking Robin - Henry - because he has wowed us with his change in attitude to learning.

We are having some students from Hong Kong!



Dear Parent/Carer,

I have some exciting news to share with you!

St Neots English Centre are liaising with Little Paxton Primary School to bring a group of students from Hong Kong (aged 10-12). They are coming from 17th – 25th March, 2024 and are going to integrate into lessons to bond with the pupils of the school and to experience an educational and cultural stay. We are looking for Host Families in the local area. If you have a spare room and are interested in hosting students, they can share a room and you will be generously paid (£288) Hosting is a very rewarding and worthwhile experience and many of our Host Families host again and again. If you are interested, then please contact St Neots English Centre on:

info@stneots-ec.com

Once we hear back from you, we will let you know how to proceed,

I look forward to hearing from anyone interested,

Kind regards,

Jenni Wilson

Director

Tel: 01480 536357



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 LPSA AGM



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)

School meals this week











Individual appointments with Education Inclusion Adviser Charlotte Dean



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

Latest Newsletter from Family Inclusion team


Education Inclusion Family Advisor Newsletter November 2023

A message from me.....

I hope you are all well and enjoying the autumnal weather. The change in colours in nature bring a smile to my face this time of year. I am continuing to offer drop-in's, coffee mornings and workshops this term. If you have any ideas for your school, please let me know.

Charlotte

Remembrance



November is the month in which we remember our Armed Forces, on the 11th day, on the 11th Month, at the 11th hour (Armistice Day).

The Sunday closest to this day (Sunday 12th November 2023) is when we as a nation celebrate Remembrance Sunday with services and parades across the country. Live on BBC1 at The Cenotaph.

Festival of Remembrance:
Is a great way to learn more about the forces and in particular, what significant dates we are celebrating alongside our annual remembrance. To watch/listen: Saturday 11th November, on BBC1/BBC Radio 2 at 9pm. The ceremony will also be available on BBC iPlayer shortly after.

[Remembrance events | Royal British Legion](#)

[Home - Little Troopers - Military Children Support](#)


[SAAFA, the Armed Forces charity](#)


Workshops

Please see below the list of workshops that we are delivering this term. They are all accessed via Microsoft Teams.

- 12-1pm: Digital safety/ internet safety – 7th November 2023
- 12-1pm: Parental wellbeing – 14th November 2023
- 12-1:30pm: Supporting with feelings of worry – 21st November 2023
- 12-1:30pm: Supporting with feelings of anger – 28th November 2023
- 12-1pm: Sleep – 5th December 2023

Here is the link to the booking form:
<https://forms.office.com/e/rMYxyBgiKQ>





Include children in the day-to-day tasks and give them options to choose from where possible. Children go through life with plans set out for them, giving them some control helps them to feel they are included, valued and listened to.


When looking at choices and consequences with behaviour:

Choices

- Limited choices that are acceptable to you
- Positive redirection
- Encourage thinking: "What would be a good behaviour choice?"

Consequences

- Logical or natural consequences related to the behaviour. (Three "R's" – Related, Reasonable & Respectful and Helpful)
- Known or aware of in advance.
- Consistent each time & followed through.



Contact me directly: charlotte.dean@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Reminder of dates coming up



Tuesday 7th November - Year 2 Trip to Space Centre

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 - 6.00pm - 7.00pm

Friday 17th November - Children in Need - **Spotacular** non uniform day

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

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

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)

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 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.



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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 RODERICK.

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

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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

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.



Team Paxton

Wishing you an amazing half term!

