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YOUR WEEKLY "HELLO" FROM MISS O

To our wonderful Little Paxton families,

I can't actually believe there are only 17 sleeps until Christmas! We are heading into our Christmas week so I am expecting we will all feel super festive by the end of next week. I am so thankful to the amazing staff team for giving the children so many opportunities to celebrate the magic of the season in different ways.

"The best way to spread Christmas cheer is by singing loud for all to hear"

Just a couple of Christmas reminders! Our Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas production will be taking place on Tuesday and Thursday next week. As I'm writing to you the sound of the children singing is filling the corridors, I know you're going to love watching the children, I can't wait to see it myself! We also have our KS2 (years 3 to 6) Christmas Carol Service at St James' Church on Monday and Tuesday evening from 7pm. Wednesday is our Little Paxton Christmas Day! Christmas jumpers; Christmas Dinner; Christmas Fayre and Christmas Sing-a-long. We are so excited to share this day with you all! We finish off the week with the Nativity Tea Party for our Early Years children and their families!

The Santa Dash was such a success today, I enjoyed running the course myself. The children loved it and it was so well organised by Mr Pool! Thank you to everyone, staff and children, for taking part and making the event so memorable. There have been more sporting successes this week but I won't spoil Mr Pool's thunder as I am sure that he is very eager to share the news with you all and will write some articles for next week's Press.

We've had some more visits from the Local Authority this week again recognising the improvement our school has made and the fact this improvement is being sustained! Massive thanks to the fantastic staff team! Whenever we have visitors to our school they always comment on how confident our children are (and how they like to know everything). This week some of our children have started a Times Table Rockstars Club at lunchtime; are going to present me a business plan and have been trained as play leaders. We really are incredibly proud of each and every one of them!

As always, I am finishing the week very proud of Little Paxton School. It really is a great place to be and the children are all so brilliant! What a privilege it is to see them shine in so many different ways! I also want to say a personal thank you to those of you who have shared positive comments with us via email; in person or on social media, it is very much appreciated! I am incredibly proud of our school and so thankful that we have a simply amazing school community!

We are looking forward to seeing you all on Monday!

Miss Owen

Messages from Team Paxton



Mrs Shirley

Dear Little Paxton Families,

I cannot believe that by the time you read this there will ONLY be 2 weeks left until our Christmas break and the first full term of the school year at Little Paxton will be completed.

Since I have written to you last time, once again, we have had an absolutely amazing and positive time at school. Our children continue to demonstrate daily our school values; work hard, be kind, try your best and to make the right choices even when struggling with their learning, emotions or friendships. I feel very proud of every single one of our children, I love seeing their best work that they very often bring to show me and hearing all the stories. I am also extremely grateful for the children ongoing trust in me with their emotions and feelings.

As much as we all love the term heading towards Christmas it is also a very busy term for us all, children, school staff and parents, therefore I thought I will share with you few resources that might help you to look after your family mental health.

- <https://www.sleepfoundation.org/children-and-sleep/sleep-strategies-kids#overcoming-bedtime-worry-3> ; great resources if we struggle with a bed time
- <https://actionforhappiness.org/all-calendars> ; lovely resource for different calendars and mindful challenges
- <https://www.calm.com/app/kids> ; app with bed time meditation and mindfulness,

We are all looking forward to the magical moments we will all share together in the coming two weeks, and then to have well deserved break. I would like to wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas.



SOMETHING SMALL ABOUT US ALL

DID YOU KNOW?

Mrs Rider

Hi I'm Mrs Rider. I've been teaching for 12 years and I have been fortunate enough to work in lots of year groups however my passion really is in Early Years and I thoroughly enjoy teaching at Little Paxton.

Since I was young, I have loved dancing and have continued this in my adulthood. I enjoy spending time with my family and friends, making memories and having fun. One of my favourite places to go is London, seeing musicals and enjoying the sights but especially Tower Bridge where my husband proposed to me.

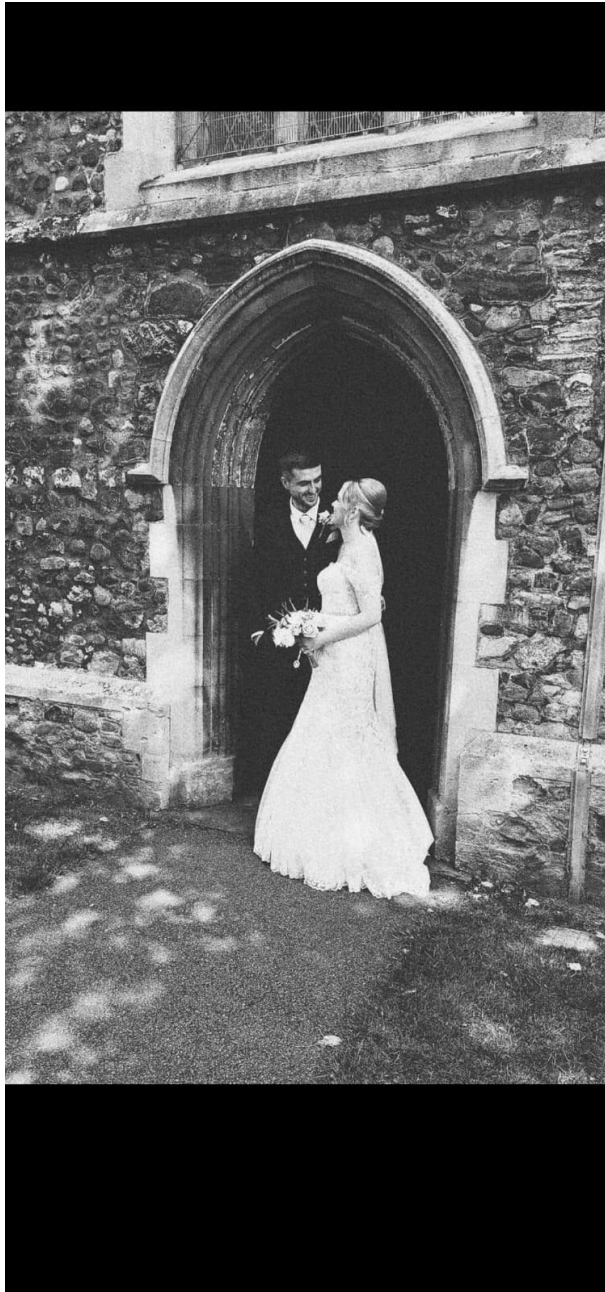


Mr Cooke

I first started working at Little Paxton nearly 12 years ago which I have loved every second.

In the Summer i got married. I have two beautiful daughters, Ruby and Olivia who are 9 and 3. On a Saturday you will most likely find me on a football pitch playing for Great Paxton Football Club.

Interesting fact about me is I am colour blind and I can fall asleep anywhere





Workers of the Week



Congratulations this week to

Splendid Sparrow - LOUIE - He is such a kind and happy boy and he has shown an amazing Christmas spirit as he always tries his best when practising for our show! Well done Louie, keep being amazing!

Lovely Lark - JOHN - he is always helpful and kind and always tries his best in his learning! Well done John, keep being you

Super Starling - MELODIE - because she has really impressed us working in small groups for Maths and English. Melodie is also starting to be brave and ask for help when she needs it.

Wonderful Woodpecker - NIA She has come to school every day with a smile on her face and is ready to learn. She has also worked hard in Maths with her partner

Remarkable Raven - LUCY for working really well across all subjects and being amazing in the Straw and Order rehearsals

Perfect Pigeon - DAISY - she has been so keen to do reading quizzes and is really smashing them! She is so happy and smiley too.

Marvelous Merlin - EVELINE because she is always ready, respectful and safe. She always tries so hard in everything that she does. I am especially pleased with her English. Well Done, Eveline!

Knowledgeable Nightingale - ISLA - for her super hard work in her times tables!

Clever Kite - HARRISON because he is a true all-rounder, contributing positively in all areas of school life. His respectful attitude, willingness to help others, and his dedication and commitment to his studies are evident in his excellent work ethic.

Ready Wren - JACOB - because he has tried so hard to improve his handwriting and his Maths lately, with fantastic results. He kept on trying and it really paid off!

Fantastic Fisher - BRADLEY - because he has tried really hard in English this week and written some fantastic sentences for his narrative.

Dedicated Dove - ROBERTA She is a kind friend to others and gives 100% effort in every lesson. She has also impressed us with her super fractions work in Maths. Keep up the amazing effort, Roberta!

Heroic Hawk - LEAH for making a big improvement in her Arithmetic score and also sharing her fantastic ideas in English.

Rocking Robin - PAWAN - You have tried your hardest in Maths and English - wow us!

LPSA Hamper Raffle



Thank you

Thanks to everyone who donated such amazing things for our hamper raffle. They look so colourful. The local Co-Op donated some treats and we ran a random draw so that three pupils received a "Thank You" for their donations.

The lucky winners were:- **Ava R in Lark, Jackson C in Merlin and Rosa C in Robin.**

Christmas Fayre



School Christmas Lunch - 13th December



House Points



Scores this week.....

Willow - 3193

Sycamore - 2383

Birch - 1985

Oak - 1917

Reminder of dates coming up



The final Push!!

Monday 11th December - Years 3, 4 and 5 - Merlin, Nightingale, Kite, Wren, Kingfisher, Dove, Hawk and Robin classes **Christmas Concert - St James' Church - 7.00pm**

Tuesday 12th December - **Christmas Production** by Years 1 and 2 Starlings, Woodpeckers, Ravens and Pigeons - 1.30pm

Tuesday 12th December - Years 3, 4 and 5 - Merlin, Nightingale, Kite, Wren, Kingfisher, Dove, Hawk and Robin classes **Christmas Concert - St James' Church - 7.00pm** **KS2 Christmas Concert - St James' Church - 7pm**

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 (latest)

Thursday 14th December - **Christmas Production** by Year 1 and Year 2 Starlings, Woodpeckers, Ravens and Pigeons - 9.30am

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

Sunday 17th December - Little Paxton School team will be helping Santa on his sleigh around the village from 4.00pm

LAST DAY OF TERM - Wednesday 20th December - Non uniform - Wear something christmassy
(There may be additions to these dates and possible changes)

OUT OF SCHOOL

Round Table Santa Sleigh



You may recognise Santa's elves on the 17th December as the sleigh works its way around the village. More information is on the poster. School will receive a share of money donated on the 17th.

If you connect with them on Facebook you are able to see a map of where they will be touring and you can track their progress.

We look forward to seeing lots of smiling faces!



Catch up Flu Clinics



If your child missed the flu sniff in school on Tuesday but you would like to arrange on, there are some catch up options available. There are few dates to pick from in each area.

Peterborough

Gladstone Community Centre, 896 Bourges Boulevard, Peterborough PE1 2AN

Huntingdon

The Coneygear Centre, Butts Grove Way, Huntingdon PE29 1PE

Cambridge

Trumpington Pavilion, Paget Road, Trumpington CB2 9JF

Wisbech

The Oasis Centre, St Michael's Avenue, Wisbech PE13 3NR

To Book an appointment please click [HERE](#)

Early Intervention Family Advisor

Education Inclusion Family Advisor Newsletter December 2023



A Message From Me

This will be our last newsletter before 2024! With Christmas approaching fast, I hope you enjoy some quality time with family and friends. The Christmas break isn't the most restful for some but for me it's the most fun! Please get in touch if you would like some support.

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

Activity Idea

Here is a brilliant idea for a Christmas decoration that would look great on any Christmas tree!



Equipment needed –

- A pack of assorted stripy/coloured straws
- Decorations
- Glue

- 1 - Using scissors, cut a length of straw to create the bottom layer of the tree.
- 2 - Choose another colour and cut different lengths going up the tree, shortening them each time.
- 3 Use 2 straws to create the trunk or a lolly stick. Stick the different lengths of straws onto the trunk using glue starting from the bottom.
- 4 -At the top, stick a star to finish the effect!
- 5 -Use some string to create a loop to hang on the tree.

Parenting Top Tip

Christmas can be a challenging time for families. Before dealing with the parenting difficulties that come along, don't forget to check in with how you are feeling yourself. If you are not feeling great, you will not be able to deliver your best in the way you respond to your children. Plan in time for self-care. This will not only benefit you but your whole family too.



Some signposting

Samaritans – Throughout the festive period, there can be feelings of isolation, loneliness, or sadness. If you would like support with these feelings, please contact the Samaritans on this information. [Click this link - Contact Us | Samaritans](#)

Foodbank – Christmas can be a tough time financially for families. If you feel like you require a Foodbank voucher, contact the EIFA team (use contact information below) as well as Citizen's Advice, doctors, social workers, health visitors and other agencies to gain access to support.

Does your child have, or potentially have, an additional need or disability? Pinpoint (www.pinpoint-cambs.org.uk) have lots of information, advice and tips. For Cambridgeshire's Local Offer go to www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/local-offer



Cambridgeshire
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Keeping Children Safe Online

It's Christmas Time – Parents guide to help keep children safe online

It's Christmas Time!

A Parent's Guide to Social Media

A Parent's Guide to Sharing Pictures

A Parent's Guide to Gaming

A Parent's Guide to Online Grooming

scan the QR code with your phone's camera to see the guides on our website

A Parent's Guide to Live Streaming

A Parent's Guide to Online Influencers

A Parent's Guide to Fake News

A Parent's Guide to Privacy Settings

It's always best to be prepared

Many parents may be planning to give electronic gadgets to their children this festive period. Our guide is designed to help parents take a realistic approach to help keep their children safe when using the internet, social media and playing online games.

Scan the QR code to find out more.

Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

Skips Educational Email: info@skipssed.com Tel: +44 121 227 1941

Skips www.skipssafetynet.org

Developed in partnership with:

- Home Office
- West Midlands Police
- West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner

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14TH - 16TH DECEMBER

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Thank you for reading!

Wishing you a fabulous weekend - Team Paxton

