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YOUR WEEKLY "HELLO" FROM MISS O

To our wonderful Little Paxton families,

Happy New Year! On behalf of the staff team I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all the best for this year. I am really looking forward to continuing to work with you all to make Little Paxton as brilliant as we know it can be! It's lovely today to be working with Miss Lustick and Miss Wright, thank you to so many of you for taking the time to stop and chat this morning.

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Thank you for bearing with us as we work out a system to ensure that we are able to use the field in the winter months. I know that there have been a few issues, we do appreciate you bringing these to our attention. As an OPAL school we are trying to use as much of our outdoor space as possible at all times during the year. Our playground gets very busy with all of the children on it and we have had requests from our children, and families, to create more space for the children to play in.

So far, we have invested in boxes to store the children's outdoor shoes; asked children to bring in any pair of indoor shoes and to enable the children to play football once a week - we have said that the children can bring in a spare set of clothes for this day to save their uniform getting muddy. Please bear with us as we introduce this new system. Any ideas or feedback would be welcomed!

This week in school

It's been a pleasure to walk round the school this week and to see so much amazing learning going on in all of the classes. I was very impressed with our Year 5 children in their first badminton lesson, they were very excited about it, and also our Year 2 children using the wall bars for their PE lesson (these bring back fond memories of my primary school days) Our School Improvement Advisor and I were really impressed with our Year 3s and their drama lesson about the origins of the Olympic games, the children were really enjoying their learning as well. School is really settled already and that's down to your amazing children and our totally amazing staff team! Thank you Team Paxton.

It has been lovely to see so many brilliant buddies in school today and lots of people, staff and children, taking the opportunity to wear their oodles or onesies! Massive thanks to the LPSA, our Year 6 children and Year 6 teaching team for organising another great 'Break the Rules Day'. Thank you to you all as well for supporting the day so brilliantly! The children have really enjoyed their day!

Our door is open and our ears are ready to listen

We are changing our communication protocol to make it easier for you to come and talk to us when you need to. I know from feedback that you all find it easier to communicate with us. You can contact your child's class teacher via Tapestry/Dojo, pop in to a drop in session or come into the office and they will pass your details onto the relevant person. We are keen to listen and to open our doors to work together. If you need us, pop in and see us. We might not be able to see you straight away but we will do so as soon as possible. Also, you can always chat to me on the playground!

Message from Miss Lustick and Miss Wright

Dear readers,

Being Headteacher is chaotic but very fun. First you have to do a check-in with every class teacher in the morning and after lunch. Doing jobs has been a lot of fun. My highlight so far has been reading to the foundation children.

Being Deputy head is busy and confusing but is joyful, especially with your friends. it can be tiring walking all around school but doing jobs is so much fun. The dinner ladies were so kind and welcoming but outside is a little overwhelming and people keep coming up to you to say hello. I read to the EYFS and they were so kind.



Head for the Day VIP Table





Messages from Team Paxton



Mrs Jeakings - Paxton Parliament

Happy New Year to you all! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break.

Wow! What a busy Autumn term Paxton Parliament had! I would like to congratulate each member of the Paxton Parliament for their hard work and dedication last term. Behind the scenes, they have been busy visiting each class to introduce themselves, creating posters for various events and placing these around the school for all to see. I am sure you will agree the Children in Need and Christmas Fayre posters looked amazing! Of course, I cannot forget to mention the tombola, where the children were absolutely incredible. I'd like to thank those families that came to visit us in The Nest – although the children were rushed off their feet, they went home with smiles on their faces, and should be very proud of themselves!

This half term will be the last for those children currently in the Parliament, where after half term we will welcome the second group of children who were voted in by their peers. However, we will continue to be busy for the remainder of this half term, where there are some fundraising ideas already in the pipeline! More to be revealed soon!

PE in school

Please find information taken from the Cambridge County Council Website about Jewellery.

Can pupils participate in PE if they wear Jewellery?

The National guidance has always been that no jewellery should be worn in PE and that includes swimming and physical activity. It is also not safe to cover ear-rings / studs / sleepers with tape. The reason is both because of the potential tearing of the ear lobe, but also the very slim chance that the post of the ear-ring could damage the neck which is where the brachial nerve is running directly to the brain. There are anecdotal cases of children wearing ear-rings / studs with plasters over being hit by a ball or coming off worse in a collision and having nasty injuries as a consequence.

For the avoidance of doubt. NO JEWELLRY IS TO BE WORN ON PE DAYS IF CHILDREN ARE UNABLE TO REMOVE IT THEMSELVES.

Coming Soon

Christmas Jumper Swap



We would like to run a Christmas Jumper Swap. Our parents evenings have been set for mid February. Please bring in any outgrown Christmas Jumpers to the school office during the week of the 12th February. These will then be available for you to view and take for a minimal a donation. Let's save the planet, a jumper at a time!!!



Workers of the Week



Congratulations this week to

Splendid Sparrow - LEO - he is doing really well practising his pencil control and his writing. He is also starting to orally blend CVC words! Well done Leo, keep being amazing!

Lovely Lark - Ava for trying super hard in Phonics, being a great friend and showing good concentration and her smile always brightens the classroom.

Super Starling - ISAAC - He has amazed us with his growing confidence in his writing and he is applying the phonics he knows to be more independent. We are super proud of him and loving watching him grow!

Wonderful Woodpecker - ELLA - she has worked so hard in her maths this week!

Remarkable Raven - AMELIA - She has been focused, dedicated and so hard working. Well done Amelia!

Perfect Pigeon - MILLIA -she works so hard every day, she is really growing in confidence and her writing is amazing!

Marvelous Merlin - OLIVER M for hard work in English. Keep up the fantastic work, you are making us proud!

Knowledgeable Nightingale - Poppy S for her amazing mythical creature plan!

Clever Kite - POPPY, with her exemplary attitude and comprehensive learning approach. Her supportive nature and enthusiasm for her learning make her stand out as a model student.

Ready Wren - HANNAH - for being a wonderful member of Wren class! She is continually ready to learn, is a good friend to all, and has beautiful handwriting!

Fantastic Fisher - Marley because she is always ready to learn, puts in 100% effort and is a kind and helpful member of Kingfisher class.

Dedicated Dove - OWEN - for working in lots of effort to improve his handwriting and the presentation of his work.

Heroic Hawk - OLIVER for his hard work in English and Maths this week

Rocking Robin - FATOU - for her fantastic attitude to learning across the curriculum.

Break The Rules Day





It has been a great day for Miss Lustick and her team. Schoolwear ranged from Pikachu and Michael Jackson to a full blown pyjama party.

School Meals

Next Thursday, **18th January** is our **census day**. It is really helpful to serve as many dinners as possible on this day. The Meat Free Magic Menu is here and there will be a Wizard Theme for our **VIP table**. Everyone ordering a school lunch that day will be included in the draw to sit at the VIP table with a staff member.





We Want Your Wellies and old shoes please!

Do you have old wellies, shoes and trainers that have been outgrown, do you know someone who does? We would love to have more in school - can you help? Please drop them off to the office team.





House Points



Willow - 4293

Oak - 2975

Birch - 2973

Sycamore - 2901

Reminder of dates coming up



JANUARY

Monday **15th** to Thursday **18th** - Year 6 Bikeability

Tuesday **16th** - Parent Drop in - Years 4-6 3.30pm -4.00pm

Friday **19th** - Young Voices Choir trip to O2

Monday **22nd** to Friday **26th** - Year 6 residential trip to Hilltop

Tuesday **23rd** - Parent Drop in - Years 2 and 3 3.30pm -4.00pm

Wednesday **24th** - New Parents to look around school - 9.45am

Tuesday **30th** - Parent Drop in - EYFS and Year 1 3.30pm -4.00pm

Tuesday **30th** - SEND Parents' evening - Year 6

FEBRUARY

Friday **2nd** - NSPCC Day - **Wear GREEN**

5th - 11th Mental Health Week

Tuesday **6th** - LPSA DISCO

Monday **12th** February - Christmas Jumper Swap

Tuesday **13th** - Parents Evening 3.40pm - 7.30pm

Thursday **15th** - Parents Evening 3.40pm - 5.30pm

Monday **19th** to Friday **23rd** - **HALF TERM**

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

OUT OF SCHOOL

Hinchingbrooke Theatre Shows



Help for Parents

Education Inclusion Family Advisor Newsletter January 2024

A Message From Me

I do hope everyone enjoyed the Christmas holidays and managed to spend some quality family time together. I am continuing to offer support to families, please complete this quick online support request form and I will be in touch:

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

Financial Support and Advice

Household Support Fund - £110. Up to £110 payment to help with paying for household energy bills and food. Available to people experiencing immediate financial hardship. [Household Support Fund - Cambridgeshire County Council website](#).

Low-income benefits and tax credits Cost of Living Payment eligibility. You may be entitled to up to 3 Cost of Living Payments: [Cost of Living Payments 2023 to 2024 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)


Cambridgeshire Local Assistance Scheme (CLAS) http://makingmoneycount.org.uk/assets/uploads/2022/05/Universal-access-to-CLAS-16_03.pdf

Access to the following grants is via a professional referral: **Stay Well Grant** – up to £400 are awarded for vulnerable individuals and families facing fuel poverty. For those that are homeless, other costs of keeping warm (such as sleeping bags) will be considered. Individual customers cannot apply on their own behalf. Please contact your local Citizens Advice - [Citizens Advice Cambridge & District](#) or [Citizens Advice Rural Cambs](#) for access to this grant

The Education Inclusion Family Advisor team offers a range of county wide online workshops.

Parental wellbeing - Tuesday 09th January 2024 (12:00-13:00)
Supporting your child with feelings of worry - **Tuesday 16th January 2024 (12:00 -13:30)**
Supporting your child with feelings of anger – **Tuesday 23rd January 2024 (12:00 -13:30)**
Arguing Better- Session 1 Tuesday 30th January 2024 (12:00 -13:30) Parents need to attend both sessions
Sleep -Tuesday 6th February (12:00-13:00)
Arguing Better- Session 2 Tuesday 13th February 2024 (12:00 -13:30) Parents need to attend both sessions


To book a place on any of the workshops, please use the link or the QR code
<https://forms.office.com/e/4tCXXqv3PC>



Top tips for children going back to school after a break

- Go back to your normal bedtime routine few days before school starts.
- Remind your child what is expected from them at school.
- Talk about school in positive way.

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.nov.uk/residents/children-and-families/local-offer



Cambridgeshire County Council

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The Education Inclusion Family Advisor team offers a range of countywide online workshops. We welcome any parent/carers with a child/ren in primary schools.



Education Inclusion Family Advisor County Wide Online Workshops

Arguing Better- Session 1 Tuesday 30th January 2024 (12:00 -13:30)

Session 2 Tuesday 13th February 2024 (12:00 -13:30) (Parents need to attend both sessions)

What is 'Arguing better'?

Arguing better is an online workshop designed to help parents manage their stress and communicate with one another in ways that are helpful to their relationship and their children.

'Arguing better' aims to:

- Raise awareness of impact of stress on relationships and parental conflict on children.
- Increase parents' capacity to cope with stress.

- Support parents to develop positive communication strategies to deal with conflict.

The workshop combines evidence-based information, activities, animations, and video clips specifically designed for this audience. Arguing better works best when both parents do it together. It is divided into three sections, delivered over 2 sessions, so it is essential that both sessions are attended

1. Understanding stress

This section helps parents understand **how** stress affects them and their relationship. It helps parents to identify **sources of stress**.

2. Coping with stress together

This section helps parents to learn **ways of coping** with stress together and supporting each other.

3. Arguing better

Arguments can be constructive (helpful) or destructive (harmful). This section helps parents think about how their arguments start, and how they get out of hand. Most importantly, it will give them the skills to resolve arguments in more constructive ways.

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Thank you for reading!

Wishing you a fabulous weekend - Team Paxton

