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YOUR WEEKLY "HELLO" FROM MISS O

To our wonderful Little Paxton families,

This week has been super busy at Little Paxton. We were delighted to be able to host all of the new headteachers from across the county on Thursday morning. They all commented on what a lovely, happy, welcoming school we have. I feel like I have hardly seen you this week and am very thankful for the team who have been on the playground in the mornings whilst I have been at courses and

meeting families. Please do continue to come and talk to us in school if you have an issue, especially if it is regarding a member of the staff team, the playground is not an appropriate, or respectful, place to discuss concerns. Remember to make use of the drop in sessions, dojo/tapestry and parents' evening (SEND parents' evening next week for EYFS to Year 5 and the following week for Year 6 and parents' evening for everyone on the 13th/15th February).

Our Year 6 children have been amazing this week, braving the freezing conditions to take part in Bikeability. The instructors said how brilliant all the children were and how well behaved. We are very proud of each one of them. The children who were not taking part did a fantastic job of supporting in different classrooms, I know the teachers they helped were very grateful. Next week most of our Year 6 children are going away on a residential at Hilltop. I am also going with them so you will see lots of Mr Crabb, Mr Simkin and Miss Dellar on the gates and the playground in the mornings.

As I am writing to you this week I am thinking of the team at Young Voices. They have arrived and are very happy with their fancy boxes. I am sure they are just going to have the most magical time and I am very thankful to the team who have taken them. I can't wait to hear all about it! If you're in or on your way to London to watch the performance I am certain you're going to love it!

I will be able to update the families of Starling Class very soon with regard to the plans for Miss Rose's maternity cover. I have been working with my chair of governors to ensure the best provision is in place for your children when Miss Rose leaves us. I was hoping to be able to update you this week so I am sorry I have not been able to do that.

Finally from me this week, I just wanted to celebrate another really positive visit from our School Improvement Advisor last week where we looked at the work the teaching team are doing to support the children in the classroom. Also, I have just finished a planning meeting with our SEND team and they were really delighted with the progress we have made as a school in terms of provision; knowledge of our children; adapting lessons to meet their needs; the various interventions that are taking place and also the training that has been given. The team will be coming in to support us with continuing to improve our provision for children with ASD (which is our highest area of need) after the training the staff team have already had. We are really looking forward to this.

As always I am heading into the weekend a very proud headteacher. It is such a privilege to lead such a wonderful school with dedicated staff, fantastic families and the most amazing children!

Messages from Team Paxton



Number Day

Paxton Parliament have been putting together a plan for **Number Day**, which will be held on **Friday 9th February**. They will be leading the assembly on Wednesday of this week.

On the 9th February :-

- Children can come dressed up as a rockstar (linking to Times Table Rock Stars There will be a prize for the best costume in each class.
- There will also be an Art competition. Each class will create a piece of artwork related to a number. The artwork the children creates could be a painting inspired by a particular artist, or sculptures of a number. The more creative the better!
- There will be a year group battle on TTRS for each class. throughout the week from the 5th to 9th February.
- Finally, there will be a treasure hunt around school for each class to participate in

Maths activities through the week will be linked to Number Day.

Hopefully it'll be a busy, fun day!

Mrs Jeakings



Young Voices



As I am writing this, we are coming to the end of our rehearsals. The children are enjoying themselves and are looking forward to performing to a full arena at 7pm. As you can see from the photos we have AMAZING seats and are being treated like royalty in two of the **private suites in the 02!**

Look out for a full report and more amazing pictures next week!

Ms Hazell











Can you help please?

Do you have a spare carpet sweeper or hand held vacuum cleaner that you would be prepared to donate to school please? If yes, please pop it to the school office.





We would also love some old chess sets to enable us to set us a chess club Do you have any lurking in the back of the wardrobe?

Parents Evenings

Letters will be sent out on Monday and appointments will **ONLY** be available to book from 6pm on Monday 22nd February to 9.00am on Friday 9th February, please speak to the school office team if you have any issues.



Reminder

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.

We will also have unclaimed lost property and donated school uniform available.

Let's save the planet, a jumper at a time!!!



Workers of the Week



Congratulations this week to

Splendid Sparrow - **ALBI** - He is a kind and caring boy and always shows a fantastic attitude to learning! Keep being fab!

Lovely Lark - **SURABI** - She has been listening really well this week and is always an enthusiastic learner! Keep being amazing!

Super Starling - MAISIE - because of her continued hard work in all subjects and growing confidence. Well Done!

Wonderful Woodpecker - MEGAN -She has been ready to learn and has impressed all the year 1 team with her maths this week.

Remarkable Raven - ORLA - she is growing in confidence every day and really impressing me with her work ethic. Well done Orla!

Perfect Pigeon - AMAYA - She is reading so much and consistently gets 100% on her AR quizzes. She is an excellent role model and works so hard every day!

Marvelous Merlin - JESSICA for trying so hard in Maths. we have been so impressed with your work ethic, you are always ready to learn and you have such great answers in Maths. Well Done!

Knowledgeable Nightingale - CASEY for his amazing hard work and dedication to his handwriting

Clever Kite - NETHAYA - for her outstanding effort in maths, producing work of such high quality that it has become a showcase piece on our working wall.

Ready Wren - JOSEPH - for being very persistent with his learning!

Fantastic Fisher - NOAH S because he has made brilliant choices all week. He also wrote a super conclusion for his newspaper report about Tutankhamun's tomb.

Dedicated Dove - SHAY because he is working really hard to learn his spellings and he achieved full marks in his latest spelling check.

Heroic Hawk and Rocking Robin - No certificates for Year 6 this week, they have been displaced this week, the majority doing a great job with their bikeability course despite the freezing temperatures and the remainder helping out brilliantly within early years

School Meals

Our Kitchen Team went above and beyond to both entertain and feed our children this week. There was a special Meat Free Magic themed lunch and children were chosen at random to sit at the Wizard VIP table. All decorations and gifts were kindly supplied and made by our Kitchen Manager, Mrs Bridgewater and her daughter.























We STILL 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



The housepoint winners this week were Willow by over 2,000 points. - Well done Willow

Reminder of dates coming up



JANUARY

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

Friday 9th NUMBER DAY

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

On our doorstep! Programme of events at St Neots Library



The Library Presents team is keen to work with local communities in order to keep developing the programme. We are currently inviting residents to help select the events they would like to see in their local library, see https://www.library.live/the-library-presents

The Library Presents aims for an inclusive and accessible programme:

- Relaxed performances to meet the need of Neurodiverse / Autistic audience members.
- Some events include British Sign Language interpreters.
- Hearing loops offered at many venues.

Many thanks for your help

Tricia@ St Neots Library

You can contact **The Library Presents** team with any comments, questions, or requests:

Email: TheLibraryPresents@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Twitter: @cambslib

Facebook: Cambridgeshire Libraries

Disability Awareness Day



This Saturday, 20th January 2024 St Neots Town Council in collaboration with Access in St Neots, are running a Disability Awareness Day at the Priory Centre, St Neots from 11am to 3pm.

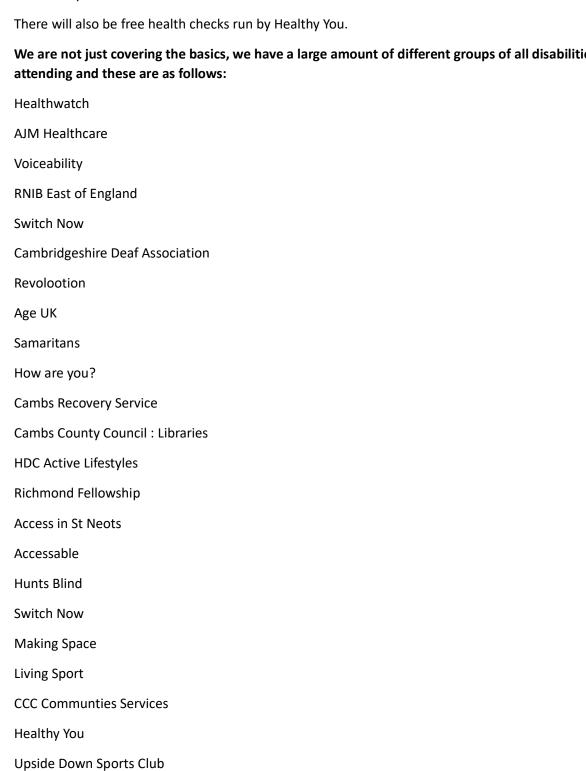
Those with mental, physical, sensory and emotional disabilities, and their carers and families, often find it difficult to access all the relevant information required to meet their needs.

Consequently, in a joint initiative, Access in St Neots, the Integrated Neighbourhood Project, St Neots Town Council and CCC Communities Service are hosting a 'Disability Awareness Day' to:

- Bring together under one roof the various sources of information and support (i.e. charities, groups, services and councils).
- Promote to attendees and the wider community (including online) initiatives, projects and support that are available and are being planned by these providers.

- Facilitate communication and a more organic and holistic approach between these and other providers, when tackling/addressing issues related to all disabilities in order to cohesively work together for the benefits of the whole community.
- Collect and share ideas/views/information from partners and residents that will enable the charities, groups, services and councils better to understand the needs of the attendees and the community.

We are not just covering the basics, we have a large amount of different groups of all disabilities



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Outside of school





Hinchingbrooke Theatre Shows



Thank you for reading!

Wishing you a fabulous weekend - Team Paxton

