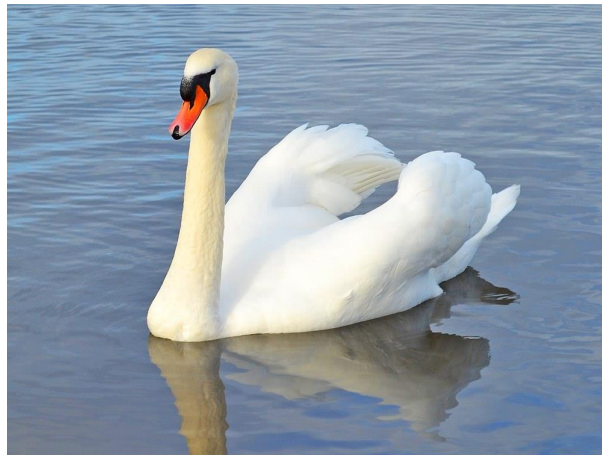




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## YOUR WEEKLY "HELLO" FROM MISS O



To our wonderful Little Paxton families,

Hello and happy new school year to you all!

It's been so lovely to welcome you all back to school this week. A special welcome to all of our new children and their families. The children have all been excellent and have settled into their new classes and routines very quickly. I have loved walking round the school, popping into the classes and catching up with the children.

As a staff team, alongside our volunteers, we gathered on Tuesday for our annual safeguarding and fire training. In the afternoon the teaching team had a session about expectations for this academic year; we opened school for some of our children to come and look round; welcomed some of our new EYFS children for a play session and had time in our teams to get ready to start the year. Mr Saxby and I gathered the whole school together on Wednesday morning for an assembly all about what we are like at Little Paxton and set our expectations for the year. The children were amazing and are already showing us how well they listened.

One of our OFSTED AFIs (Areas for Improvement) was relating to developing our Personal Development Curriculum. Mr Saxby is really taking the lead on this and has lots planned already. One opportunity we already have is for a Hindu Workshop day which we have taken up. To ensure that we can celebrate 'Green Day' in aid of Macmillian and have the Hindu workshop we are changing the date of our Macmillan Big Breakfast to Thursday 26th September, more information to follow. The whole school Hindu workshop has been booked for the 27th September.

We are delighted to be working closely with the team at The Anchor in Little Paxton this year. They have been in touch with us as they are wanting to support the school, this includes fundraising for us. The first event that we can support will be their 'Race Night' on the 27th September (details in the press) where the Anchor are kindly fundraising for the school. We are so thankful!

Already we have had lots of brand new jumpers left on the field, playground, corridors and even dropped on the way to school. These have all been found but we have been unable to return all of them to their owners as most of them have not been named. Please do name everything, even for our older children!

We have worked hard to be super organised with dates this academic year. We know that sometimes things have to change but we have put in the diary, dates for everything we can think of for this academic year. At the moment, the dates are shown for the whole of this term, please do take a moment to scroll to the bottom of the press and check them out.

Thank you for being amazing at leaving all bikes and scooters, including those of younger siblings, in the shelters in the morning and not bringing them onto the playground. This makes the playground a safer place for everyone. Thank you also for leaving your dogs outside the gate, we only allow "working" dogs on site and this does need to be agreed with school. As we get back into our full weeks and our full timetables the 3.20pm finish is going to be great to get that extra time in for learning. The gates will open at 3.15pm everyday (they have opened a little earlier on Wednesday and Thursday to enable our newest children to be collected).

It is an exciting time at Little Paxton as we look to make our school even better. I have been dreaming big and thinking about what the vision should be for our school. What do we want our children to be like when they leave school and therefore what do we need to make sure we have in place to make this happen? A really important part of deciding on the vision for the school is to gather feedback from stakeholders. I am looking to gather a group of parents/carers to work with me, if this is something you are as excited about as me please get in touch.

Have a wonderful weekend and we look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday, gates will open at 8.40am.

## Flu Sniff

**COMING SOON** - on the **17th September** the nursing team will be attending to administer the flu sniff for all children.

We have forwarded some information by email but it is important that you book your child in via the link

<https://eastanglia.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2024/cambridgeshire>


If you have any issues, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

If you need to speak to the Immunisation Team, please contact them direct on 01480 757098 or email them at

[camsandpeterborough@v-uk.co.uk](mailto:camsandpeterborough@v-uk.co.uk)



## LPSA AGM



### LPSA AGM

Monday 16th September  
6-7pm in the  
School Hall

The LPSA supports the school and all the children by organising fun events that the children love and helps raise money for the school.

One example is the year group money the teachers had last year, this was from the LPSA.

**Please consider joining the LPSA. Why not come along to the AGM to find out more.**

**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.

<p><b>Chair -</b> the chair is the glue that holds the LPSA together.  (this can be a joint role with a second person taking on Vice Chair)</p>	<p><b>Secretary -</b> the secretary keeps everyone informed.</p>	<p><b>Treasurer -</b> the treasurer keeps records of the finances.  (this can be a joint role with 2 people taking on the responsibility)</p>
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Mark your diaries to come along and support our amazing LPSA - the funds raised from the great events they arrange help to enhance all our children in some way. Just by turning up doesn't mean you will be co-opted onto the committee. Maybe you can help by simply doing a shopping trip for supplies for a disco tuck shop or just by wrapping christmas presents at home. Every little helps to spread the load.

## Housekeeping



Please ask the office team if you have any queries, however small - we can often solve them for you and sometimes you can highlight something we need to address. Drop us an email or pop in to speak to us.

If you are emailing us about your child or children, please include their full names and their classes.

Some useful reminders:-

You will need to connect with the app for the following systems:-

We use **Schoolgrid** for ordering and payment for school meals. Payment is direct to them - [app.schoolgrid.co.uk](http://app.schoolgrid.co.uk)

We use **School Gateway** for payment and permission/consent to school for trips and extra curricular activities.

We use **Class Dojo** to communicate direct from the teachers to the parents about day to day activities in class.

We also use **Class Dojo** to send messages to the whole school community about events or information that affects everybody.

No app required for:-

**Schoolcomms**, which we use for our email and text communication with you. You are automatically connected to this with the email address/mobile number you have supplied for your child for priority 1 contacts. If other family members wish to receive this communication, please ensure the office is aware.

## Macmillan Big Breakfast - Thursday 26th September 2024

We are bucking the trend and holding our Big Breakfast on Thursday 26th September. To give us a heads up to help with catering it would be great to have a rough idea of how many bacon rolls, pastries, fruit and yoghurt breakfasts to prepare.

Please use this form to let us know what you think you would like to order. Grandparents and other family members are always welcome too!

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=zIRKBpd0-0CVkjwPvzvDCK4D96pCfBCiMPZQ6DjVPFURFVCMk1KTFFUOExFWUFOU1NIM1JLRFdBMI4u>

## It's Race Night at The Anchor



Pop along to The Anchor on Friday 27th September and have a great night supporting the school at the same time.

## Reminder of dates coming up



### **September**

*Tuesday 17th - Flu Sniff Day - all year groups - details have been sent out*

*Tuesday 24th - Phonics information evening*

*Wednesday 25th - Parent Drop in all years 3.20-4pm.*

*Wednesday 25th - Burwell Parent Meeting (virtual) time TBC*

*Thursday 26th - Macmillan Big breakfast 8am-9am (Non uniform - wear green day)*

*Friday 27th - Professional Development dance day for the whole school*

### **October**

*Monday 7th* - Harvest Festival – Years 5&6 9.45-10.45, 3&4 10.45-11.45 Years 1&2 1.45-2.45– walking to Church

*Wednesday 9th* - **Individual Photo day**

*Monday 21st* - **Parents Evening in person 3.40pm-5pm**

*Thursday 24th* - **Parents Evening in person 3.40pm-7pm**

**Half Term** - Monday 28th – Friday 1st November - **SCHOOL CLOSED**

## **November**

*Wednesday 6th* - **SEND Parents Evening (virtual) 3.30pm-5pm**

*Wednesday 6th* - Hilltop Parents Evening 6pm (virtual)

*Friday 8th* - LPSA Disco

*Wednesday 13th* - Parent Drop in all years 3.20pm-4pm

*Friday 15th* - Children in Need (non -uniform day)

*Friday 29th* - STAFF TRAINING DAY **SCHOOL CLOSED**

## **December**

*Wed 4th-Fri 6th* - Burwell Year 4 Residential

*Wednesday 11th* Key stage 1 dress rehearsal to school 9am

*Thursday 12th* - Key stage 1 Christmas Production Cast A 1.30pm -Full details to follow

*Friday 13th* - Key stage 1 Christmas Production Cast B 9.30am - Full details to follow

*Mon 16th and Tues 17th* - Key Stage 2 Carol Concerts St James Church - evening (times to follow)

*Wednesday 18th* - **Xmas jumper and Christmas Dinner day**

*Wednesday 18th* - Early Years Nativity Tea Party 2pm

*Thursday 19th* - Xmas Fayre 3.15pm-5pm

*Friday 20th* - Headteacher awards Autumn term

*Friday 20th* - Last day of Term

23rd December - 3rd January - Christmas Holidays - **SCHOOL CLOSED**

Monday 6th January - Staff Training Day - **SCHOOL CLOSED**

**Tuesday 7th January - Spring Term opens**

## Cabaret Night



Go along and support Molly from Treetops one of the fantastic cabaret team performing at this event!

Thanks for reading

