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### YOUR WEEKLY "HELLO" FROM MISS O



Hello and happy sunny Friday to our wonderful Little Paxton families,

It has been another action packed week at Little Paxton for the staff and children. We have all enjoyed seeing the sun again! It has been wonderful to welcome new families to our school community over the last few weeks. The children have settled in really quickly and I have been so proud of how welcoming our children have been to our new additions.

This week we have taken the Year 5 and Year 6 children to Grafham Water on their end of year trips. We have worked with the centre to put on some activities on the water so that they have this opportunity as at Hilltop, where we go for our Year 6 residential, there are no water-based activities. All of the children were brilliantly behaved and the team commented on what great groups of children they were and how they made the day so easy for them because of their super listening and excellent attitude. I had the privilege of going with the Year 5 children and they were indeed a credit to the school!

Our Year 4 and Year 1 children have been very busy this week. Our Year 1 children have absolutely smashed their Phonics Screening Check this week and have made us all so proud. Mrs Webb (and the rest of the team in Year 1 and 2) have worked incredibly hard to ensure that the children are well prepared and could be really successful. Our Year 4 children this week saw them sit their Multiplication Tables Check. Mr Simkin and Mrs O'Callaghan were delighted with the children's attitude to this check and I know how well they prepared the children for this part of their learning. Every 4 years (usually) the Local Authority come and moderate our year 6 writing. This was our year (we knew they were coming) and the team were well prepared. The

moderators agreed with our judgements, so well done to the year 6 children and to Mrs Williams, Mrs de Souza, Mr Pool, Mr Saxby and the rest of the Year 5/6 team for their hard work!

As you know, one of my favourite things about being a headteacher is when children come to me to celebrate their work with me. This week Jacob from Year 5 came to see me with Mrs Herbert to share his fantastic leaflet about Camp Greenlake from the book, Holes. If you haven't read this book then Camp Greenlake is a horrible place to go with dangerous beasts. The children had to create a leaflet saying what a great place it is to be. I think you will agree that Jacob has done a brilliant job, he wanted to share it with you all. I also enjoy spending time each week teaching a class. This week I had a Year 6 group and they were brilliant. I especially enjoyed our RE lesson. The children and I had some great discussions and they produced excellent work.

This week our lower school praise point champion is Chloe Clarke (well done Chloe) and our upper school champion is Dylan Bridge - congratulations! Chloe is actually our whole school praise point champion for this week as well, fantastic work Chloe, 2 weeks in a row!

We are really excited about the changes we are making to the curriculum ready for September. On Wednesday during the staff meeting, we had some more time to look at each subject and to think about the key concepts that we want taught in each year group. This work will make such a difference to our children and will improve our teaching further. We will be sharing more information before the end of term and inviting you to come into school and find out more!

I hope that many of you will be able to join us for our Sports Day next Wednesday (details are below) It will work the same as last year so you will be able to follow your child's team round (it might be worth bringing a camping chair) and families will be grouped together so you will be able to see all of your children in the same team (unless they are in different key stages).

Have a great weekend everyone and we look forward to welcoming you to school on Monday morning at 8.40am when the gates open!



### Camp Green Lake resort

Accommodation
The place that you'll stay will be a stry wooded lodge. It has a king size bed, a snack bowl, a couple of drawers and a lovely hot tub. When you arrive, you will be given hot cooca. You can eat our tasty food. It tates so good, as it's made by our finest chefs.

basketball
Scenery
Camp Green Lake
is in the desert
which is very hot
but you'll be given
a Camp Green
Lake cap to wear.
It's very sunny
here and you may
get a tan.

Wicklife
Would you like to
learn about excelcreatures?
Camp Green Lake
you will see our
tiny lizards and our
cute birds (baby
villures) You will
get trips to see the
exolic wildlife and our
cute creatures.

Blonus
If you work hard
you will be given a
oupon so you can
nide a dune buggy
all day.





## LP FEST Tuesday 8th July 3.30pm to 5.30pm

Thank you for the raffle tickets that have been returned so far. There are spare tickets available from the school office if you are able to sell more but there is no expectation. Tickets are £1.00 each. Please return any unsold tickets.

Preparations are well under way and all we need is some sunshine!

We are planning to use the stocks again so get ready to soak the teachers!

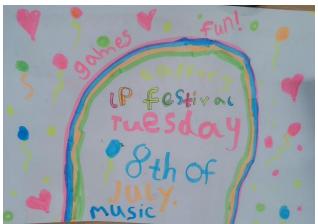
There will be a BBQ and refreshments.

If you could spare an hour or two in the afternoon of the 8th July to help set up, your help would be gratefully received, please speak to the office team to volunteer.

Some of the children have prepared some advertising posters that are displayed around school, here are a sample for you, we will showcase some others over the coming weeks.

Many thanks

















## Housekeeping



## Message from the Kitchen Team

Mrs Bridgewater wanted to take the opportunity to thank our Year 6 pupils who have been busy rehearsing for their end of year production of Oliver and then quickly helping the kitchen team set up the tables and chairs for lunch every day this week. Due to sickness the kitchen has been short handed but Year 6 have got stuck in - Team work makes the dream work!!

Well done!

## Big Taste Test

Next Thursday 19th June, our kitchen team will be serving tasters of some different foods, this is over and above the normal menu. They will be asking the children to complete a feedback form about what they think. Please encourage your child to taste what is on offer.



# Do you have a guinea pig?

We have a large guinea pig cage available **FREE**. If you could make use of it, please speak to the office team.



## Thank you for supporting some of Little Paxton Colts



They managed to raise £67.56 towards their £100 target. Thank you for your support.

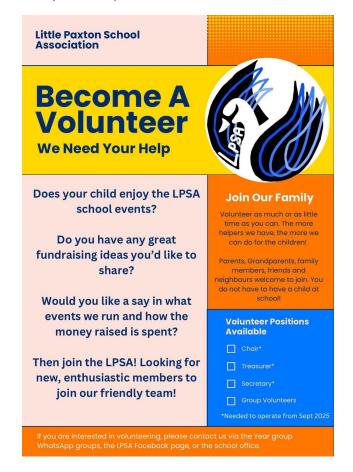
### ARBOR

We have had some communication from parents who are still not aware of our move to Arbor as our new management system for all our communication and data storing in school.

Here is a link to give you some information about the Arbor app and using Arbor generally. If you have any queries or have any difficulties logging on, please speak to the office team.

https://support.arbor-education.com/hc/en-us/articles/360020147458-Log-into-the-Parent-Portal-and-the-Parent-App#h 01HG8E8G6DXG6F94Z7HDF61Q7S

### LPSA Shout Out - can you help?



## **Workers of the Week**

This week our workers of the week are all CREATIVE

Marvelous Merlin - NOAH - because he has been really creative this week. He used colouring pens and carefully chose lots of different materials and he took his time to create a great rainbow fish. I also wanted to give it to him because he has been working so hard on his writing of CVC words this week and trying really hard. Well done Noah, keep it up!

**Lovely Lark - JACK -** we love the creations you make especially in the builder's area. You show great enthusiasm for designing and building, often thinking carefully about how to improve your creations. Well done Jack!

**Wonderful Woodpecker - FREDDIE** His writing is very creative and we all loved his poster advertising the LP Festival. Amazing work!

**Remarkable Raven - SURABHI -** She is such a creative person, her artwork is beautiful and she takes such pride in her work! Well Done!

**Perfect Pigeon** - **PETER** - He is very creative both in his art and his writing, he gives attention to detail and really takes his time. Well done!

**Knowledgeable Nightingale - DAISY** because she collaborated well in a group to create some brilliant dance moves in PE this week.

**Outstanding Owl** - **ETTA** - She is artistically creative, but also creative in her thinking and ideas. She is also creative in her problem solving. We so appreciate this quality in you! Thank you Etta

**Clever Kite** - **MIRACLE** who has been recognised for his imagination and creative writing. Miracle has captivated me with some fantastic work!

**Ready Wren - CODY** is wonderfully creative in his learning! He thinks deeply about his vocabulary choices, and he's really enjoyed experimenting with personification in his writing recently.

**Fantastic Fisher - JUDE -** because of his super creative writing. His letter from Stanley to Stanley's mum was full of interesting and exciting ideas!

**Dedicated Dove - SHAY -** he is a very creative member of the class and always thinks outside the box when completing his work. Shay also was incredible at sailing on Monday and supported another child througout the activity. Well done Shay!

**Jubilant Jackdaw - SAMAR** for her wonderful creativity. Her writing is especially creative and she is able to entertain her audience with a range of genres.





#### June

Wednesday 18th - **Sports Day** - Children in Years 3 to 6 (Upper School) will have their events in the morning - 9.30am start and children from EYFS to Year 2 (Lower School) will have their

events in the afternoon - 1.30pm start. There will be an opportunity for our Upper School children to sign up for competitive events which will start at 8.30am.

Tuesday 24th and 25th - Transition days for Yr6s - Longsands and Ernulf

Tuesday 24th - Transition day in school

Tuesday 17th - Year 3 trip to Whipsnade

Wednesday 25th - Reserve Sports Day

Thursday 26th - Years 1 and 2 library visit

Monday 30th - Staff Training Day - SCHOOL CLOSED

### July

Tuesday 1st - Year 1-2- Paradise Wildlife Park

Tuesday 8th LP FEST - Grand Raffle, Fantastic stalls 3.30pm to 5.30pm on the school field

Wednesday 9th - Parent Drop In - All Years - 3.20pm-5.00pm

Thursday 10th - Teddy Bears Picnic for new September starters 2.00pm - 3.00pm

Monday 14th - Reports delivered to parents

Monday 14th - Year 6 Production (details to follow)

Tuesday 15th - Year 6 Production (details to follow)

Tuesday 15th - Parents evening mini catch up if required with current teacher.

Wednesday 16th - Meet your new teacher if required - appointments booked via the office

Friday 18th - Headteacher's Awards for Summer Term and Rotary Star

Monday 21st - Irock concert to parents - 2.30pm

Tuesday 22nd - Leavers Assembly 1.30pm

Wednesday 23rd Last Day of School

# School would really like a small freezer - do you have one to donate please??

Please speak to the office team if you can help.



## Clothes Swap



## **Art Classes**



### Art Club at Norris Museum



### SUMMER HOLIDAY EVENTS

### To be held at Little Paxton School

Primary Sports Stars Holiday Club - 11th to 22nd August



### Discovery Club lead by Grafham Water Events Team - 4th to 8th August

Please take a look at the link below for exciting details of Discovery Club happening right here!! There is a discount code for parents giving you 10% off.

Here is the link - Discovery Club at Little Paxton School and the discount code is LPSUM10.

## **Sports Sessions in Paxton**



# Holiday Club at Buckden School



## **Sports Camp**



## Thanks for reading

