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**YOUR WEEKLY "HELLO" FROM MISS O**

Hello and happy Friday to our Little Paxton families,

We've had a fantastic full first week back together. The children have all been brilliant. They have settled into their new routines really well and I have been so impressed. I would like to thank the children for their hard work, all our families for their support and the staff for their dedication and flexibility as we get used to our new timetable.

Our praise points are up and running. These are rewards for children who are going above and beyond. Children keep their points from last year and add on additional points this year. We have had 2 children reach their second reward of a golden ticket. These golden tickets each have a different treat on them and it's a lucky dip (thank you to Diaz and Freddie in Year 6 for coming up with the rewards). I am looking forward to handing out more golden tickets this term.

Can I have a drumroll for our first PRAISE POINT champions of this year please?

UPPER SCHOOL CHAMPION: Elise (and also the whole school champion)

LOWER SCHOOL CHAMPION: Aurora

Well done to both of you - keep up the excellent work!

It has been lovely to have the chance to pop into lessons over the week. Mrs William's class impressed Mr Saxby with their History, they definitely know the definition of the word invasion. Our new History Curriculum is already being taught and we have had great feedback from the staff and children. There is more on the new curriculum from Mr Saxby later in the press.

I was invited to watch a performance this week which 3 of our children had prepared. It was wonderful to see children from different year groups supporting each other and working really well together.

In the mornings we have noticed that there is a bit of a pinch point at the back of the playground on the corner. Starling Class will now use the cloakroom door up the ramp on the playground to enter and exit school. We will send Year 5 and 6 children round first and then blow the whistle for all of the other children to go to their doors to start their day.

We're busy planning for our BIG BREAKFAST for Macmillan on Friday 26th September. To shorten the waiting time for breakfast, and to help us order the right amount of food, we will be selling tickets on the playground. Everything you need to know is in this edition of Paxton Press so keep reading.

If your child cycles or scoots to school without an adult please could you remind them of the rules of the road, we will do the same in school. A few concerned families, and members of staff, have spoken to me about some near misses with children as they are making their way to school on their scooters/bikes. Thanks so much for your support. Here are the resources we will be using in school to support the children so that you can use them at home if you would like to do so.

<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/cycle-safety-children>

<https://blog.halfords.com/cycling-to-school-6-tips-to-make-it-safer/>

Miss Owen

Message from Mr Saxby - Deputy Headteacher



It has been a fantastic start to the year and the classrooms are buzzing with learning. It has been amazing to see how well the children have settled in and how positive the atmosphere in the school feels.

As Miss Owen has mentioned previously, we are developing a new curriculum across our foundation subjects. The children are currently learning from the new history and MFL curriculums and I have been so impressed with how the children have adapted.

We made big changes to our curriculum to allow the children to learn more – and remember more. Taking our new History curriculum as an example, we have focused on a set of key concepts (or golden threads) that run from EYFS to Year 6. One of these concepts is 'Power and Rule'. This concept is revisited throughout the school years in different contexts. In Year 1/2 the children will begin to explore this concept in a concrete and visual way through the role of monarchs, knights and castles in our new unit 'Castles and Battles'. They then revisit this in Year 3/4 where they deepen their understanding by looking at how the pharaohs controlled society, religion and resources in our 'How do we know so much about the Pharaohs?' unit. They build and deepen their knowledge even further in Year 5/6 in our 'What did the Ancient Greeks do for us?' unit, as they look at how the Greeks developed democracy and introduced new ways of governing.

By revisiting the same concept across different time periods and contexts, children are supported in building a layered understanding of power and rule - from who holds it, how it's used, to how it affects people's lives. This deepens over time and leads to more critical and reflective thinking as they progress through the school. I am excited to say we will be running a curriculum evening later in the term for those who are keen to know more and see the curriculum for History/Geography in its completed form.

Any questions about the curriculum please do contact the school office as I would love to explain more and share the exciting journey with you.

Mr Saxby

## Workers of the Week

Our Workers of the week have all been identified as "**CARING**"

### FOUNDATION

**Marvelous Merlin - JOSH.** He is such a kind, caring and polite member of Merlin class. He makes us smile as we can always rely on him to be caring to others and to be doing the right thing. Well done Josh, keep being a superstar!

**Splendid Sparrow - ALANNA** - *for having an amazing start to school and showing everybody what a caring and kind friend she can be. She has shown her caring nature by including and*

*supporting another child who has had a different start to school than the other children. Keep being a super caring friend! Well done Alanna!*

## **YEARS 1 AND 2**

***Lovely Lark - RAE O'S*** for being caring towards another classmate this week by offering to read to them and making sure they are ok.

***Super Starling - AURORA B*** - for showing care and kindness to everyone in our class.

***Wonderful Woodpecker - FLYNN*** - He has been super caring and respectful towards our classroom belongings. Thanks for taking such care of everything in our classroom

## **YEARS 3 AND 4**

***Remarkable Raven - HERMIONE*** - she has been such a kind friend to lots of the children across years 3 and 4 and been especially kind to a new child in our school.

***Clever Kite - FREYA*** - She has shown just how thoughtful and caring she is by looking out for children who have felt upset when coming into school in the morning. Freya's kindness has made a real difference.

***Fantastic Fisher - MOLLY C*** - because she has been welcoming to a new person in our class and she has made sure the drinks trolley goes out everyday so that the Kingfishers don't get thirsty!

## **YEAR 5**

***Ready Wren - AMBER*** is such a caring member of Wren class! She helps make our class a better place by caring about her learning, caring about the classroom environment, and caring about helping her friends and table partner be the best that they can be.

***Perfect Pigeon - EVELINE*** because she has had an excellent start to year 5 and has been so caring and kind to others in the class. Well done Eveline!

## **YEAR 6**

***Dedicated Dove - TEDDY*** - He has really shown care in class by taking on board feedback about his handwriting and thoughtfully applying it in his writing. We have seen a real improvement in the presentation of his work too. Well Done!

***Jubilant Jackdaw** - Isla S for a wonderful caring attitude. Isla cares about the people around her as well as the presentation and content of her work.*

**Come and join us for our Big Breakfast for Macmillan**





Friday 26th September



From 8.00am to 9.00am on Friday 26th September we will be holding a **BIG BREAKFAST** in our school hall in support of Macmillan. We will have bacon rolls, pastries and yoghurts and bananas along with teas, coffees, juices and squash.

In an attempt to avoid long queues and to help with the ordering of supplies "tickets" will be on sale in the playground from Tuesday 16th to Tuesday 22nd September. If you need to order but have any dietary requirements, please do this at the school office. Vegetarian sausages, gluten free rolls and dairy free and vegan items will be available if pre-ordered, we cannot guarantee availability if not.



The menu will be as follows:-

**Bacon roll and a drink - £2.50**

**Pastry and drink - £1.50**

**Yoghurt, banana and drink - £1.50**

Please bring along the correct cash for your order, that would be amazing.

The event is open to grandparents and our wider community too.

It will also be non uniform, wear green day so feel free to dress up too!!

## Housekeeping

### Flu Sniff

This week we sent out a letter relating to the flu sniff. This will take place in school on Wednesday 24th September. **Please complete the online form EVEN IF YOU DO NOT WANT YOUR CHILD TO HAVE THE SNIFF.**

Here is the link.....

<https://bed.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2025/cambsandpeterborough>

## Communication

Our Paxton Press is sent to you via email and Dojo. If you are not receiving emails from school, please contact our office team and we can ensure we have the correct details. It is vital we have the correct contact details for you and if you have a new mobile number please let us know.

We are adding trusted friends and family we already have details for to our Arbor system. If there are other contacts that you are happy could collect your children from school and wish to add them to our system, please drop an email to [office@littlepaxton.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@littlepaxton.cambs.sch.uk) with their telephone number.

## IMPORTANT! Dates to remember



### **September**

Tuesday 16th - SEND Information evening - 5.30pm-6.30pm

Wednesday 24th - Flu sniff - all years - online booking open.

Wednesday 24th - Parent drop in - 3.30pm in school hall (pop in if you would like to speak to your child's teacher)

Thursday 25th - Phonics Information Session - 2pm school hall

Thursday 25th - Burwell Parents Meeting (virtual) 6pm

Friday 26th - Macmillan Breakfast - 8.00am - 9.00am and Wear Green non uniform Day

### **October**

Wednesday 1st - Individual Photograph day .

Tuesday 7th - Harvest Festival - walking to Church

Monday 20th - Parents Evening - 3.40pm - 5pm (with book fair) - booking details to follow

Wednesday 22nd Parents Evening - 3.40pm - 7pm (with book fair ) - booking details to follow

## **November**

Wednesday 5th - SEND Parents evening - 3.30pm - 5.00pm

Wednesday 5th - Hilltop Parent information evening - 6pm (Virtual)

Friday 7th - Non Uniform Hamper Day -(more details to follow)

Friday 7th - School Disco (details to follow)

Tuesday 24th to Thursday 26th - Burwell - Year 4 residential

Friday 28th - STAFF TRAINING DAY - **School closed**

## **December**

Wednesday 3rd - Christmas Craft Fair - 3.15pm to 5.00pm

Tuesday 9th - Key Stage 1 production Cast A 1.30pm (cast details will be released nearer the time)

Wednesday 10th - Key Stage 1 Christmas Production Cast B - 9.30am (case details will be released nearer the time)

Thursday 11th - Xmas jumper and Christmas dinner day

Friday 12th - Early Years Nativity Tea Party

Monday 15th - Key Stage 2 Carol Concert - St James' Church - evening (full details available nearer the time)

Tuesday 16th - Key Stage 2 Carol Concert - St James' Church - evening (full details available nearer the time)

Thursday 17th - Headteacher's Awards - Autumn Term 9.05 for Lower School and 2.45pm for Upper School

Friday 19th - LAST DAY OF TERM

Events for you

Extra support available



in-person events

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**PARENT CONNECT:**


INFO AND SUPPORT FOR PARENTS AND CARERS OF CHILDREN WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS

ST NEOTS TESCO COMMUNITY ROOM  
WEDS 10<sup>TH</sup> SEP, WEDS 1ST OCT,  
WEDS 5<sup>TH</sup> NOV, 10AM-12PM

BERKLEY STREET METHODIST CHURCH HALL  
WEDS 3<sup>RD</sup> DEC, 10AM-12PM

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www.pinpoint-cambs.org.uk

Free books!



**STORYBOOK VILLAGE**

Free secondhand books for  
0-11 year olds!

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2025  
3pm - 7pm  
Alconbury Memorial Hall

Step into a world of stories and choose up to 10 books to take home and treasure at absolutely no cost!


Adults must be accompanied by a child. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Traders are not welcome at this event.

**BOOK DONATIONS**

Storybook Village can only run thanks to kind donations of pre-loved books! Do you have gently used children's books suitable for ages 0-11 that you'd like to donate?

**Drop off point: 25 Highfield Avenue,  
Alconbury Weston, PE28 4JS.**

Thank you!



Books are being given away completely free of charge. If you wish to leave a donation, there will be a voluntary collection for The Angels Foundation UK, who support families in Cambridgeshire in rebuilding their lives after domestic abuse.

The Anchor









Thanks for reading.