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YOUR WEEKLY "HELLO" FROM MISS O



Hello and Happy New Year to our wonderful Little Paxton families,

It has been so lovely to welcome you all back to school this week. The building, and the playground, has been full of happy faces and children excited to come to school (long may this continue). Rain aside, this year has got off to a great start. I have been visiting classrooms every day and it's been great to see children already working hard; going above and beyond and enjoying their learning.

I would like to say a massive thank you to the staff team who have made the school look incredible and have really supported the children to settle back into school life. There is lots that goes on behind the scenes to make the start of the year smooth and I really appreciate their ongoing dedication to our school community! What a team!

I'd also like to welcome our new families to the Little Paxton School Community, we have had 13 children join us in Years 1 to 6. Also, a big hello and welcome to our new reception children (who have been very confident coming into school) and their families. I hope that you all enjoy being a part of our amazing school community.

A few start of term reminders from the team:

Please ensure your child brings a coat with them to school - we want the children to be able to go out in all weathers but are not able to do this if they don't have the right clothes. While I am writing about coats, please do name everything. We already have a collection of items that could not be reunited with their owner because they are not named. Surname and first name would be great as we have lots of children with the same name and the same initials.

In the morning children in Years 3 and 4 come into school through the first set of double doors in the new build and Years 5 and 6 come through the second set. This just means that the staff

can be on the classroom doors and free to speak to anyone who needs a quick chat. The staff have reminded the children as well.

Finally from me this week (this is the shortest 'hello' you will get this year I am sure) I would like to tell you about two things that are happening this term.

THRIVE for 2025 and our Go Green for Macmillan day.

THRIVE for 2025 - this is a fundraising idea that Mrs Sheik (who is part of our office team) came up with. As a school we would like to ask every child/FAMILY to raise £25 (or more) between now and when we break up for Christmas in December. This could be simply donating £25 to the school or coming up with a sponsored event of their choice (anything goes). We would like to, as a school, target raising £6000 together to put towards wall lighting for our school hall to be used for our school productions for example and that could also be used when we let out the hall to other groups. There will be more information to follow (including how to hand in any money via Arbor) but we wanted to let you know about this so you can start thinking about how you could support the school.

GO GREEN FOR MACMILLAN we will again be hosting a GREEN DAY with all money raised going to Macmillan. The day will start with a breakfast before school, everyone is welcome. Tickets will need to be purchased in advance from the playground team to speed up service on the day, the menu and information on when these are on sale will follow. The children, staff and families are encouraged to wear as much green as possible that day and a donation of £1 (again going to MacMillian) is given as a "fine" for wearing non school uniform. Anything green goes! This will be taking place on Friday 26th September so pop the date in your diary and keep your eyes on the press for more details!

Have a wonderful weekend and we look forward to welcoming you to school when the gates open at 8.40am on Monday morning for our first full week! (Thanks to Felicity's mum for sending us this lovely picture from Wednesday)



Workers of the Week

No workers of the week this week but we will be having a theme for each half term and our teams will be looking out for who has been

- Curious
- Courageous
- Creative
- Compassionate
- Caring
- Confident

FOUNDATION

- Marvelous Merlin -
- Splendid Sparrow -

IMPORTANT! Dates to



September

Wednesday 24th - Flu sniff - all years - details available soon.

Wednesday 24th - Parent drop in - 3.30pm

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 Convert - 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

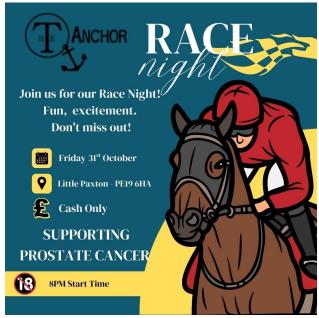
Events for you

The Anchor

We are delighted that our local pub, The Anchor have supported us during our last school year and are donating £400 to school funds from the proceeds of their various events. We are happy to advertise details of upcoming dates where you can pop along, have a great evening and support school at the same time.









St Neots Museum



Summer Reading Challenge

The St Neots Library team have told us

There's still time for the children to complete the challenge. We would be most grateful if you could encourage them to come to St Neots Library by 17 September to tell us about the library books that they have read. Once they have six books, they will be invited to a presentation ceremony in which they will receive a certificate and a medal.

Thanks for reading.