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YOUR WEEKLY "HELLO" FROM MISS O

Hello and happy first Friday of the year to our wonderful Little Paxton families!

Happy New School Year to you all!

It was so fantastic to see you all again, and to welcome our new families to the Little Paxton School community. It was great to see so many of the children, and families, dancing into the new school year on Wednesday morning (we really were dancing in the rain). The school year has got off to a great start! The classrooms are calm and the children are already working hard and enjoying their learning. I have been out and about around school and it's so lovely to see the children and hear all their news!

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 3 children join us, one in Year 3, one in Year 4 and one in Year 5. I'd also like to say 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. It's been so lovely to pop and see you at home this week and to get to know you a bit better. We are so glad to have you with us and I believe you have made the best choice in joining our fantastic school.

Mrs de Souza, Mr Simkin and Miss Medlow have all taken on slightly different roles, to add to the ones they already do, this school year. I am delighted that Mrs de Souza and Mr Simkin have joined our leadership team as Middle Leaders with a focus on Teaching, Learning and the Curriculum and Miss Medlow has joined our office team so if you pop in on Thursday or Friday you will be able to say hello to her. I am sure you will join me in wishing them all the best!

A few start of term reminders from the team:

- We are proud to be an OPAL school. So that we can make the best use of our fantastic provision, 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.

- You would be amazed how much lost property we have! Please do name everything every year! 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.
- All children and families need to wait on the playground until the whistle is blown in the morning (unless otherwise agreed with a member of staff). Please do not allow your children to go around the side of the school or on the field.

I love hearing from you all and getting messages but I am finding I am missing things that are sent on Dojo via private message. I do not check Dojo regularly enough for this to be the best way to communicate with me. From Monday, if you want to get in touch with me please send your email to the office and one of our wonderful team will send it across to me. This will ensure I see the message and am able to respond promptly.

Our first whole school event will be our GO GREEN FOR MACMILLIAN day on Thursday 24th September! We will be having drinks and cakes together after school and wearing as much green as possible on that day! Get the date in your diary, it will be a brilliant event!

That's all from me, I am looking forward to welcoming you all back to school on Monday 7th September for our first full week! The gates will open at 8.40am and remember to wait on the playground until 8.50 when the whistle blow!

Workers of the Week

Worker of the week will start next week.

Housekeeping

Early Years Parent Lunch - 17th September



We would love to invite 1 adult to join your early years child for school lunch, courtesy of our caterers HCL, on Thursday 17th September at 12noon.

We have been wanting to open up this opportunity again and thought we would start with our new early years children. If you would like to join your child for lunch please complete the form below with your menu choice by Wednesday 9th September at 9am.

[Early Years Parent/Carers Lunch - Thursday 17th September 2026 – Fill out form](#)

Please note you will still need to order your child's lunch on schoolgrid.

Flu Sniff - Friday 25th September



Vaccination UK will send E-consent links directly to parents and carers through a new system.

Please look out for this email from the team.

IMPORTANT! Dates to remember



September

Monday 1st - Staff Training Day - **School Closed**

Tuesday 2nd - School Opens for Autumn Term **ALL YEARS**

Friday 9th - Bikeability Learn to Ride Years 3 - 6

Thursday 17th - Hunstanton & Sealife Centre trip Years 2,3,4 **postponed from last year**

Thursday 17th - Parents / Carers Lunch with Early Years Children 12noon

Wednesday 23rd - Phonics information afternoon 2.30pm for Early Years Parents / Carers

Wednesday 23rd - Parent Drop in all years 3.20pm - 4pm.

Thursday 24th - Macmillan coffee afternoon for Children, Parents / Carers, Community (wear green day for children) - Cake Donations

Thursday 24th - Burwell Parent Meeting (virtual) 6.00pm

Friday 25th - Flu sniff Day all year groups

October

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

Tuesday 13th - Individual Photo Day - Staff and Children

Monday 19th - Parents Evening in person 3.40pm -5pm - (Appointments Via Arbor - Date TBC)

Wednesday 21st - Parents Evening in person 3.40pm-7pm - (Appointments Via Arbor - Date TBC)

Thursday 22nd - Final Day Fundraiser! - **TBC**

Friday 23rd - Staff Training Day - **School Closed**

Monday 26th - Friday 30th - Half Term - **School Closed**

Dates may be subject to change. These will be highlighted with an *

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Our after school clubs are a great way for children to have fun, try new sports, build confidence, make friends and stay active in a welcoming inclusive environment.

Further clubs may be added in the future.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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3:15PM – 4:15PM

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TALENT DANCE ACADEMY

I am delighted to be able to invite your child along to the Talent Dance Academy, Musical Theatre Club at Little Paxton Primary School.

In Autumn Term 1 we are very lucky to be able to offer your child the exciting opportunity to attend our club!

Children will get the chance to learn routines from popular musicals, use our props and costumes, learn songs, act, and put on a mini performance for you at the end of the half term.

We ask that you officially sign up your child with us before you send them to the club.

Watching Week is on Tuesday 20th October

Club	Cost	Times	Day & Dates	Venue & Coach
Musical Theatre Years 1 to 6	7 weeks £42.00	3.20pm- 4.20pm Collection from School Office	Tuesdays 8th September to the 20 th October	School Hall Miss Harriet

There are some pupil premium funded spaces available for our clubs!
Please get in contact with us for more information and assistance before you book.
A code will then be issued to you to input into the website, to help with the cost.

HOW TO APPLY
Please go to www.talentedanceacademy.co.uk and follow the "Book Now" instructions online.

Places are limited so it is essential you book and pay online!
Children will need to bring a PE/ Dance kit and trainers with them.

If you would like more information about our clubs, or are having difficulty with signing up online, please email talentedanceacademy@hotmail.co.uk and we will be more than happy to answer any questions and assist you.

You can go to our website www.talentedanceacademy.co.uk or also find us on Facebook "Talent Dance Academy".
Here you will find lots of useful information and also our up-and-coming camps, and events.

Many thanks and we are very excited to welcome your child to our club!

Charlotte Cooney
Head Coach



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Thanks for reading