



## Dear Parents/Carers

I want to start by thanking you for helping to make our Christmas Fayre such a success. It was a real team effort so whether you bought a raffle ticket, donated a bottle or helped man a stall-a huge thank you on behalf of the school. A special thank you to Mrs Brooks, Mrs Brown and the Paxcroft School Association for all their hard work organising this event. The children have been sharing their ideas for how we might use the money raised and I will keep you updated- new books and IT equipment are at the top of our Christmas list!

It's definitely beginning to feel Christmassy at school, especially with this cold wintry weather. We are gritting the entrances and pathways but please do take extra care when the temperatures drop as some surfaces may become icy.

The Reception children have been getting us all in the Christmas spirit with their Nativity rehearsals. They will be performing for the school next week. We also look forward to welcoming parents and families to performances on Tuesday and Wednesday. Please see the diary dates section below for further information about Christmas lunches and the Reception/KS1 Christmas party.

We will round off a busy and productive term with Christmas carols on the playground on the final day of term (Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December) at 2.45pm. We hope to see you there.

*Lou Rhodes, Headteacher*



## Christmas Lunch...

### KS2

**(Skylark, Housemartin, Swift, Osprey, Falcon and Kestrel)**

Christmas Lunch will be on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

### Reception & KS1

**(Wren, Robin, Woodpecker, Kingfisher and Nightingale)**

Christmas Lunch will be on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December.

Children may come to school dressed in party clothes or Christmas jumpers on the day of their Christmas lunch. Please ensure clothing is weather appropriate. No uniform is required.

## *Christmas Fayre Update ...*

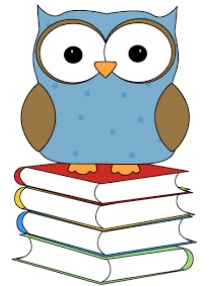
Thank you to everyone who came along to the Christmas Fayre. We hope you all enjoyed it as much as we did! It was so lovely to see everyone back together again having lots of festive fun! We are delighted to announce that we raised £2000! This is a huge amount! This money will benefit the children significantly. If you would like to join our new PSA and be a part of planning future events, then please contact the school office.



Mrs Brooks

## *Library News ...open after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays*

Lots has been happening in our Library recently. We have been sorting and tidying books, updating displays and adding lots of donated books onto the library system for the children to borrow. We now also have a comic and magazine section (although we kindly ask that these are not removed from the library.) Some readers have also been recommending books, so look out for the recommendation slips on display. After Christmas, the children will notice that over 100 new books will be on the shelves too.



Please come and visit us on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 3.15pm and 3.45pm and sit and enjoy a book with your child or take one to enjoy at home.

Mrs Frost

## *Carols on the playground - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2.45pm*

We are delighted to be bringing back the Paxcroft tradition of carols on the playground on the last day of term. We invite parents to join us from 2.45pm on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December to share in this joyous occasion as one big school community.



**To ensure that all children leave safely with the correct people, please collect your children from class at the normal time after the carols.**

**Please note that there is no After School Enrichment Club available on this day.**

## *Our learning this week...*

### *Wren & Robin*

We have been getting festive in Reception this week! We have been learning about the Christmas story, sharing how we celebrate and discussing how we all do this differently. We have been busy making Christmas cards and writing in them. Even our maths had a Christmas theme where we have been looking at length and height. To finish off the week, it was lovely to welcome some children and staff from Kiddiwinks Pre-school and Silverwood School to watch our pre-dress rehearsal. The children did brilliantly and are looking forward to performing the Nativity for you too.

### *Woodpecker, Kingfisher & Nightingale*

This week in Guided Reading, we have started to look at a non-fiction text about Reindeer and we have found out lots of interesting facts about them. In English lessons, we have learned about verbs and nouns as well as revising how we use question marks when writing questions. During Maths lessons, we have worked on improving our understanding of subtraction. In the afternoons, we have taken part in Music lessons where we have practised keeping the beat with our bodies and using percussion instruments.



### *Skylark, Housemartin & Swift*

It has been another busy week in Year Three and Four. In their maths groups, some children have been looking at units of measurement and measuring lengths and others have been practising the times tables and related division facts. We are coming to the conclusion of our Newspaper Report Writing unit in English and the children are almost ready to write their report about the Iron Man. We have started to look at the Design Technology unit in which the children will be sewing a Christmas decoration. This week, in preparation, they have looked at textiles and discussed what they are and what they are used for. Some of us have also done some paper weaving.



### *Kestrel, Osprey & Falcon*

This week in Year 5 and 6 we have started our new unit, learning all about reproduction in plants. We have been dissecting plants to explore the reproductive cells and finding out about plants which can reproduce on their own such as strawberries and potatoes. In our writing, we have been looking at persuasive techniques in letter writing and thinking about how we can be more formal in our language. We have then been applying this to a letter of application at the Nowhere Emporium.

### *Job vacancies*

We are seeking Midday Supervisory Assistants to join our friendly school team. The role involves a mixture of supervision of children in the lunch hall and encouraging happy, positive play on the playgrounds (and occasionally in classrooms if it is too wet for outside play.)

Some of our current MDSAs cover all 5 days each week but we are happy to consider candidates that can work 2 or 3 lunchtimes per week on a job share basis.

#### **Role information:**

**Hours of work:** 5 hours per week. Mon-Fri, 12.15pm-1.15pm (job share possible).

**Salary:** Grade B, SCP 1-2 (£10.50-10.60 per hour)

**Working pattern:** term time (38 weeks per year plus paid holiday)

**Contract type:** permanent

**Interview date:** TBC

**Commencement date:** January/February 2023

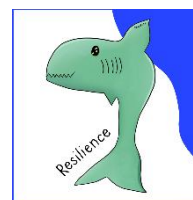
The successful candidate will have to demonstrate that they will be able to:

- Manage behaviour in a positive and constructive manner, in accordance with the school behaviour policy
- Communicate clearly with other school staff
- Respond to a situation involving first aid in accordance with school policy
- Be aware of Health and Safety issues relating to the school premises
- Maintain confidentiality in line with school policy

## Celebrations



Class	Citizen Values	Learners' Values
Wren	Maja K - Kindness	Jakub L - Independence
Robin	Araminta PM - Honesty	Brooke N - Positivity
Woodpecker	Isla L - Kindness, Respect and Honesty	Teddy C - Resilience
Kingfisher	Gabriel G - Kind and Respectful	Seren A - Positivity
Nightingale	Agamjot S - Respect	Sienna C - Positivity
Skylark	Zuzanna H - Respect	Jenson H - Independence
Housemartin	Esmae J - Respect	Malachy R - Positivity and Independence
Swift	Daisy M - Respect and Kindness Filip L - Respect and Kindness	
Osprey	Jack B - Kindness and Respect	Harriet G - Resilience
Falcon	Florence T - Independence	Noah N - Positivity
Kestrel		Toby F - Independence Jacob K - Resilience



## Paxcroft Citizen Cups



Esme T - All values

Holly C - Kindness





## Diary dates for Autumn Term 2022

<b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	KS2 Christmas Lunch (Skylark, Housemartin, Swift, Osprey, Falcon & Kestrel)
<b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	6pm – Reception Classes Nativity performance Governors' FGB Meeting
<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December</b>	1.45pm – Reception Classes Nativity Performance
<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Reception & KS1 Christmas Lunch & party day (Wren, Robin, Woodpecker, Kingfisher & Nightingale)
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Last day of Term 2. 2.45pm Carols on the playground

## Diary dates for Spring Term 2023

<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2023</b>	Bank Holiday
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023</b>	Teacher Development Day – School closed to pupils
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Start of Term 3
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Swimming resumes for Y5 children
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Whole School RE Day
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Application deadline for Reception Admissions 2023

## Letters & Communications issued this week

<b>Item</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>For</b>
Unwell Children	Whole School	Information & Action
January Dinner Menus	Whole School	Information & Action
Clubs – Terms 3 & 4	Years 1 – 6	Information & Action
Bikeability	Selected children	Information & Action
Christmas Dinner and Party Day	KS1	Information
Christmas Dinner Day	KS2	Information
COVID Vaccination Information Poster	Whole School	Information
Letter from UKHSA	Whole School	Information
January Menu Reminder	Whole School	Information
Cases of sickness within the school	Whole School	Information