



Dear Parents/Carers...

I promised that I would update you on the total amount raised last week for Children in Need. Amazingly, the grand total has reached £501. I think this is a Paxcroft record so a huge thank you for all your support and well done to everyone, especially the children on our School Council who planned and organised our Children in Need fundraising events. It just shows what our Paxcroft school community can achieve when we all pull together!

A quick update on developments in and around our new Forest School area, shared with Silverwood School. A new section of all-weather running track has been laid this week so the children have a complete circuit to run or walk. Hedging has been ordered from the Woodland Trust which will arrive for planting in early Spring time along the boundary of the new fence. This will help to attract birds and insects. A large tipi has been ordered and installation will take place early in December. This will become an outdoor classroom and will be large enough to accommodate a class of children and staff. It will have a wooden porch and flooring to enable the space to be accessible to wheelchair users. The sides will be able to be rolled up during hot weather. Plans are also in place for creation of a sensory garden, den-building area, cooking area and raised beds so the children can grow vegetables. We hope to involve the children in creating these areas. We are looking for wooden pallets, logs that can be used for seating, old tyres, wooden planks, plastic crates, wooden sleepers and tarpaulins. If you or anyone you know can help us with any of these items, we would love to hear from you.



Finally, Paxcroft School Association are looking for volunteers to help organise events, including our forthcoming Christmas disco on Tuesday 19th December. Paxcroft School Association (PSA) is a charity set up to raise money to enrich the school experience for all children at Paxcroft. They enhance the children's curriculum by funding resources or experiences that the school budget cannot stretch to. This year, their funding has helped us buy a wide range of new books for the library and for classroom book corners. They also organise events such as the Summer Fayre and discos that help bring our school community together.

All families are automatically PSA members and volunteers are always welcomed to organise or help at events. This year's Annual General Meeting is on Wednesday 13th December at 6.30pm at school. All are welcome so if you're interested in finding out more, please do come along or contact the school office for further information.

*Lou Rhodes
Headteacher*

St James' Church
Christmas Tree Festival
Tue 05 Dec to Sat 09 Dec 2023
Open daily 1000 – 1700
(16:00 on Saturday)



All welcome
Free admission
Refreshments available

Paxcroft 'Top Table' to celebrate respect and positive behaviour at lunchtime...

Congratulations to Sadie G-T, George D, Kiera F and Starla B who have all been recognised this week for being polite and respectful at lunchtime. Well done for demonstrating our Paxcroft Citizen Values.

Celebrating Outside School Achievements.....

Huge congratulations to Zuzanna who has been awarded a new belt in the Taekwondo club! The belt is called a 'Bear Tag'. She is very pleased with herself and so she should be! Well done, Zuzanna.



We are proud of all the children at Paxcroft and want to celebrate their successes inside and outside the classroom. We mark their successes at school in a range of ways, including certificates to celebrate children who are demonstrating our Paxcroft Citizen and Learning Values, the 'Book of Brilliance' for excellent individual pieces of work, our Citizen Value cups, house points and class rewards that are earned collectively over the term and rewarded with a class treat. If your child has achieved something special outside school, we would love to celebrate those achievements too.

Please send details FAO Mrs Aland to admin@paxcroft.wilts.sch.uk and we will endeavour to add to the Paxcroft Post.

Children In Need



Thank you to everyone who took part in Children in Need last Friday and kindly donated.

We raised an amazing amount of £501.



Poppy Appeal

Thank you so much for taking part in the Poppy Appeal this year. Our collection in school raised an amazing sum of



£325.32

Christmas Dinner

Christmas Dinner is now available to be paid for on Scopay or cash to the school office £2.40



Coffee and Chat Morning

Tuesday 28th Nov

8:45am - 10am



In the School Hall

Please come along and take the opportunity to meet our

Paxcroft Pastoral Support Team

(Mrs Evans, Ms Williams and Mrs Jessup)

Everyone welcome for an informal chat and refreshments.

This will be an opportunity to meet the team as well as other parents.

We will also have information available about a range of support services for children and families.

Toys for little ones provided!

Our learning this week...

Owls



It has been a busy week in Owls with children exploring real life superheroes and answering the questions 'who are the people who help us?' and 'what makes a real life superhero?' in our knowledge and understanding of the world. We have also explored real life superheroes in our continuous provision with a fire at the fire station in our small world and a 'hairdressing station' where children have been practising their fine motor skills 'containing the fire' and 'twisting and plaiting hair'.

In literacy, we have been writing letters to Santa using our initial sounds ready for our walk to the post box next week. In maths, we have been comprising and de-comprising the number four (we've been pretty good at this!) and we've enjoyed making our own superhero cities with the numicon.

Woodpecker, Kingfisher & Nightingale

During our Maths lessons this week, Y1 has been busy adding and subtracting 1-digit numbers, while Y2 has been adding numbers by making 10 and combining three 1-digit numbers. In English this week, we have come to the end of our next writing sequence. Y1/Y2 have been writing instructions on how to brush your teeth. In History, this week we continue our learning about the Great Fire of London as we dig deeper to unearth key events leading up to the fiery spectacle of 1666.

Skylark, Housemartin & Swift

We have all settled back into normal classroom routines this week and it has been busy in Year Three and Four. In Maths, we have been consolidating our learning on addition and subtraction and learnt how to estimate answers to calculations. We have created new characters for our class book *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe* and written exciting descriptions about them using awesome adjectives, similes, metaphors and adverbials. In PSHE, we have been thinking about what being part of a community means and how important they are to us. In History the children have been learning about Why the Romans invade Britain? Please take a look at all Braeside Photos on the Housemartin Class page of the school website (<https://www.paxcroft.wilts.sch.uk/term-2-38/>). Some new ones have been added under 'Extra Photos'.

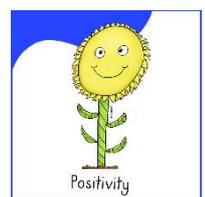
Osprey, Falcon & Kestrel

This week in Year 5/6, we have started a new unit of work on fractions. In this substantial unit, the children will revise naming fractions, finding equivalent fractions and counting in fractions before learning about improper fractions and mixed numbers. We will then go on to use fractions as operators and perform calculations with them. In Guided Reading this week, we have examined two non-fiction texts and explored how the author and web designer have used persuasive techniques. In English, we have been practising descriptive writing, building up a descriptive scene through small details. In our geography Topic, we have been learning about bio mass and biogas as renewable energy sources. We have also used atlases to compare the distribution of wealth and other resources, using maps of Africa and the world.

Celebrations



Class	Citizen Values	Learners' Values
Woodpecker	Olaf R - Respect	April S - Independence
Kingfisher		Hanna K - All Values Buddie D - All Values
Nightingale		Kasey D - Resilience Jude E - Independence
Skylark		Logan C - Positivity Faith P - Resilience
Housemartin		Patryk S - Positivity & Resilience Alfie D - Positivity
Swift	Aubree C - Respect	James H - Independence & Positivity
Osprey	Aliyssia T - Respect	Alex J - Resilience
Falcon	Finnley A - Kindness Sofia H - All values	Sofia H - All values
Kestrel	Jacob P - Respect Maddie H - All Values	Maddie H - All Values



Paxcroft Citizen Cups



Sophie B – All Values



Diary dates for Autumn Term 2023

Tuesday 28th November	Pastoral Team Coffee Morning
Wednesday 29th November	Owls class walk to the post box
Friday 8th December	Flu immunisations – more information to follow
Tuesday 12th December	Owls class nativity – more information to follow
Wednesday 13th December	KS2 Christmas Dinner
Thursday 14th December	Owls class nativity – more information to follow
Friday 15th December	KS1 Christmas Dinner
Monday 18th December	Superhero Day – Reception
Tuesday 19th December	School Disco - more information to follow
Wednesday 20th December	Last day of term 2

Letters & Communications issued this week

Item	To	For
Christmas Jumper and Nearly New Uniform Sale	Whole School	Information & Action
KS1 Christmas Lunch Order	KS1	Information & Action
KS2 Christmas Lunch Order	KS2	Information & Action
Young Voices T-Shirt Order	Selected	Information & Action
Owls Class Nativity	Owls	Information
Photograph Order Deadline	Whole School	Information & Action
Flu Vaccination Reminder	Whole School	Information & Action
Paxcroft School Association AGM	Whole School	Information
PSA AGM	Whole School	Information
Phone Lines Down	Whole School	Information