



Dear Parents/Carers,

A huge thank you for all your support for our Red Nose Day fundraising activities this week. We are still counting up the money raised, but have already reached over £450. Well done to the School Council for all their hard work organising the activities and thank you to the staff volunteers who agreed to have their faces painted in assembly this afternoon. We will confirm the grand total raised in next week's newsletter.



Next week we have the second of our Outdoor Learning days for Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 (see diary dates below). These days are led by colleagues from Wiltshire Wildlife Trust and are designed to develop teamwork, resilience and problem-solving skills. Please ensure your child wears warm clothing, a waterproof coat and wellies or old trainers. They are very likely to get muddy!

Happy Mother's Day.

Lou Rhodes, Headteacher



New School Hours

From Monday 17th April 2023

Registration: 8.35 – 8.45am

School finishes for all: 3.15pm

Paxcroft Pupil Voice-Trowbridge Youth Parliament...

This week our Youth Parliamentarians, Nadya and Hollie, attended a meeting at The Mead School. They wrote the following report.

'We had two guests called Gavin and Andrew, who spoke about what they do. Gavin was a part of Julian House homeless charity. We all discussed our ideas and put them into one. We came up with the idea of a 'Heroes and Villains' charity fun run in Trowbridge Park, more details to follow. Then we had refreshments and had a vote to see if we should do the fun run and everyone voted 'yes'. We now have to come up with an idea for a stall in the park for the day of the fun run.'



A Request from Reception ...

Reception have asked for donations of any old pots, pans, lids, colanders, spatulas etc. as they would like to create a musical area in their outdoor space. (These need to be metal and not glass, please). Thank you for your support.



Eligibility for Free School Meals...

ARE YOU ENTITLED TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS?

We are aware that following the impact of the increased cost of living some families may now be finding themselves in a new position regarding their finances. If this is the case, then your child/ren may be entitled to Free School Meals. If this is the case, please let the school know. We will be able to help with an application for free school meals. Not only does this mean your child will continue to get free school meals from Year 3 onwards (providing you still meet the criteria), it also means the school receives additional funding (over £1,300 per child, per year) which is used to support all qualifying pupil premium children with a range of things – from contributions towards the cost of school trips, music lessons, counselling sessions, forest school and additional staffing to support children.

In order to ascertain whether you are eligible for Free School Meals, you must be in receipt of one of the benefits shown below:

- **Income support**
- Income-based **Job Seekers Allowance** (NOT contribution based JSA)
- Income-related **Employment and Support Allowance** (NOT contribution based ESA)
- Support under **Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999** – National Asylum Seekers Support (NASS)
- The guarantee element of **State Pension Credit**
- **Child Tax Credit** (you must NOT be entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190 (April 2012))
- **Working Tax Credit 'run-on'** – the payment you receive for a further four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- **Universal Credit** (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earning from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)

If you currently receive Working Tax Credit (other than the 'run-on') you are not eligible to claim.

Please email the school at admin@paxcroft.wilts.sch.uk if you would like an application form or have any other queries.

Headlice ...

We have had a number of cases of headlice in the school. Please could all children with long hair wear it tied up to help the spread.

Increase to the cost of school dinners from 1st April ...

Dinner menus for April will go live on Scopay on Monday 20th March at 9.30am.

The deadline for submitting menus is 3.30pm on Friday 24th March.

Paper copies of the menus and allergen charts can be found on the website, in the foyer and will be sent out via ParentMail.

Due to the rising cost of providing school dinners, our prices will be increasing slightly. Going forward the new cost will be £2.40. When you make your payment on Scopay, please note the increase will not show until after 1st April.



Paxcroft School Community Larder

ACCESSING OUR PAXCROFT COMMUNITY LARDER

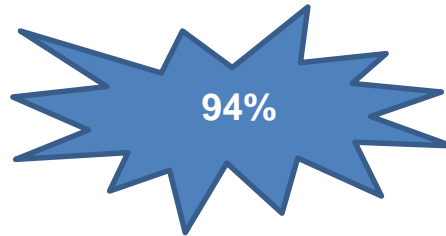
Parents can donate to or collect from the Paxcroft Community Larder daily on school days between 8.30am – 4.00pm

Please check the 'use by dates' on any items you take.

Our larder is currently located outside the staff entrance, by the steps near the Slow playground. Look out for the yellow ribbon on the handle.

Attendance ...

This week's whole school attendance ...



Our learning this week...

Wren & Robin

The children have been continuing with their writing of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar story'. This week concentrating on what happened in the middle of the story. In their art lessons the children had a go at observational drawings of daffodils and tulips and created some great pictures. In Maths we have been looking at doubling and recognising when 2 sets have an equal number. The children have been identifying that the 'whole' is made by two EQUAL PARTS. They have been using a sentence stem to embed this. **For example, 6 is made of 3 and 3.** Finally we ended the week with Red Nose Day fun.

Woodpecker, Kingfisher & Nightingale

This week in Year 1/2 we have been writing our own narratives based on our class text. We are impressed with the effort the children put in. We enjoyed sharing our finished stories with our friends. The Year 2 children have also been learning how to edit their writing to make it more exciting. In PSHE, we have continued to look at being healthy and we have discussed how treats can be ok sometimes, such as sweets. We ended the week by raising money for Comic Relief by dressing up in red. We all thoroughly enjoyed watching the teachers get their face painted in assembly!



Skylark, Housemartin & Swift

Year 3/4 started the week with a fantastic exhibition in the hall, showing off their homework projects. Thank you to so many of you for coming to see the children's amazing work. We were so pleased with the quantity and quality of the pieces brought in - well done, everyone! In English we have been brushing up on our grammar skills, looking at clauses and word classes. The performance is coming along well and we are looking forward to seeing you all in the audience. Please could we ask the children who have not brought in their costumes as yet, to do so as soon as possible (in a named carrier bag). If you have a spare 5 minutes, please help your child to practise the quick recall of the times tables. Remember we have Mathletics and TimesTables Rockstars for them to use for practise too (links to these are on the class pages of the website). If you need copies of log ins, please see your child's teacher.



Kestrel, Osprey & Falcon

This week in 5/6 we were delighted to welcome the Mayor, Councillor Graham Hill, to our school. He gave an extremely interesting talk about Trowbridge, how it developed and became the County town. His talk also covered how local government functions, including how to become the mayor and mayoral duties. Councillor Graham also spoke about how the town may change in the future and the plans to build several thousand new homes on what is now green fields. Councillor Graham said how impressed he was by the questions the children asked which showed great knowledge and understanding of environmental and conservation issues. In English, we have started writing and editing our hot task narrative set in the Blitz.

Diary dates for Spring Term 2023

Monday 20 th March	Outdoor Learning Day Y5/6
Tuesday 21 st March	7pm Parent School Association - AGM Meeting
Tuesday 21 st March	Outdoor Learning Day Y1/2 *new date
Wednesday 22 nd March	Outdoor Learning Day Y3/4 *new date
Wednesday 22 nd March	Music Festival
Wednesday 29 th March	Y3/4 Performance 1.45pm
Thursday 30 th March	Y3/4 Performance 6pm
Friday 31 st March	Y6 Easter Experience at St James' Church – Information to follow
Friday 31 st March	Last Day of Term 4

Diary dates for Summer Term 2023

Monday 17 th April	First Day of Term 5
Monday 17 th April	National Offer Day – Reception 2023
Wednesday 26 th April	RE Day
Monday 1 st May	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 2 nd May	TD Day
Friday 5 th May	Kings Coronation Parade – more information to follow
Monday 8 th May	Bank Holiday – Kings Coronation
W/C Tuesday 9 th May	SATs week
Tuesday 16 th May	Class Photos
Friday 26 th May	Last Day of Term 5

Letters & Communications issued this week

Item	To	For
Red Nose Day	Whole School	Information
Change to Library Opening Hours	Whole School	Information
Forest School	Selected Children	Information
Trowbridge Library Flyer	Whole School	Information
Trowbridge Museum Easter Activities	Whole School	Information
Taster Days	Selected Children	Information
Music Festival	Selected Children	Information
Headlice	Y3/4	Information
Cardboard Donations	Whole School	Information
Weather Conditions Process	Whole School	Information
Easter Fuel Camps	Selected Children	Information

Parent Governor Elections	Whole School	Information
Wiltshire Treehouse Bereavement Support Group	Whole School	Information
Pizza Making	Whole School	Information