



Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school this week. They have started the new term with a really positive attitude which has been pleasing to see.

We have some exciting curriculum enrichment events to look forward to this term.

Next week we will be celebrating World Book Day with a range of activities designed to encourage the children's love of reading. You should have received a letter from our English Leader, Mrs Rigby, setting out further details. Activities include sharing a book at bedtime, our whole school dress up day on Friday and a spectacular transformation of the school library! This week we hope you have enjoyed exploring the wide range of books at the Book Fair.

The School Council have also been busy this week planning a fundraising project for Red Nose Day on Friday 17th March. This will include dressing up in red clothes and bringing a donation to help us raise as much money as possible for this worthy cause. More details to follow next week.

Richard Pomfrett from the 'Stay Safe Initiative' will be working with all the children to educate them about how to stay safe online, particularly while using social media or online gaming, and later this term all children in KS1 and KS2 can look forward to their second Outdoor Learning Day led by colleagues from Wiltshire Wildlife Trust.

At the end of this term, the children in Year 3/4 are excited to be performing their production of Jack in the Beanstalk for the school and their families.

All in all, a pretty jam-packed term ahead!

I hope you and your families have a relaxing weekend.

Thank you for your ongoing support for the school.

Lou Rhodes, Headteacher



New School Hours

From Monday 20th April 2023

Registration: 8.35 – 8.45am

School finishes for all: 3.15pm

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

Attendance ...

This week's whole school attendance ...

95.31

Paxcroft Playground Pals...

Thank you to the Playground Pals from Term 3 for all their hard work. We have another new set of Paxcroft Playground Pals for this term. These Playground Pals will continue to be responsible for helping to organise games and will be on hand to support anyone who needs a helping hand during the lunch break. The Playground Pals for this term will be Evie, Brook, Finnley, Amber, Theo, Lottie, Nikola and Isobel. Welcome aboard everyone!



Our learning this week...

Wren & Robin

This week has been the launch of our new topic on Minibeasts. On Monday we had a look at some pictures and the children got a chance to share what they knew already about minibeasts. This excited the children so much that it prompted their very own minibeast hunt in our outside area! Who knew there were so many creepy crawlies living in our garden! We have started to retell the story of The Very Hungry Caterpillar using actions. We had a go at making our own very colourful puppets from the story and printed some caterpillars using tubes and paint. In Maths we have been learning to find 1 more and 1 less than a number up to 10.



Woodpecker, Kingfisher & Nightingale



We have had a great first week back in year 1/2. It has been lovely to see the children refreshed. In English, we started our new book 'Little Red and the Very Hungry Lion' by Alex T Smith. We have learnt the story using the talk for writing approach with actions. In Maths, Year 1's have continued to look at place value to 20 and Year 2's have been solving addition and subtraction word problems. We also started our History topic of 'Brunel's Britain', where we learnt about Isambard Kingdom Brunel and why he was an inspirational person. In PSHE, we looked at how we can be healthy and learnt a healthy sum to help us remember the 5 ways.

Skylark, Housemartin & Swift

This week, the children from Swift, Skylark and Housemartin have returned from their break raring to go! The children are excited to have started rehearsing for the upcoming performance of 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and we are looking forward to performing for you at the end of the term. In Maths, we have continued our multiplication and division learning and some of us have moved on to a unit on measuring. In Art, the clay sculptures have been painted and finished. We have been writing The Story of Stone Age Boy and have started to read our class text, Stig of the Dump by Clive King. Remember the homework projects are due in the week beginning March 6th. We will inform you soon, of the date on which you can come to view the children's work.



Kestrel, Osprey & Falcon

It has been a busy start to the term this week in Year 5 and 6. We have made a start on our new topic, Our Country, Our World, Our Universe, thinking about our place in the world and where we are located within the UK. Along with using Google Maps to find our way around locations, we have been getting to grips with grid references and using them to locate places on ordnance survey maps. In English, we have been developing our sentence structures and looking at ways to vary our narrative writing in preparation for our Blitz stories that we will be writing in the coming weeks.

Celebrations



<i>Class</i>	<i>Citizen Values</i>	<i>Learners' Values</i>
<i>Wren</i>	Mila C – Kindness Jayden-Daniel H – Respect	
<i>Robin</i>	Brooke N – Respect	Dominic B – Resilience
<i>Woodpecker</i>	Eadie K-T – Kindness	Kaycie B – Positivity
<i>Kingfisher</i>		Gurnoor S – Independence Ella-May H – Resilience
<i>Nightingale</i>	Frankie J – Kindness & Respect	Rowan S – Positivity
<i>Skylark</i>	Maddison H – Kindness	Zuzanna H – Independence
<i>Housemartin</i>	Eli C – Respect	Gabriel W-N – Positivity Layla R – Independence Mollie A – Independence
<i>Swift</i>	Daisy Mc – Kindness and Respect	Jack H – Independence and Resilience
<i>Osprey</i>		Charlie M – Resilience Will H – Resilience
<i>Falcon</i>	Gino B – Kindness, Respect & Honesty	Jacob K – Resilience, Independence & Positivity
<i>Kestrel</i>		Millie D – Resilience Lily W – Resilience



Paxcroft Citizen Cups



Noah B – All Values
Kason Mc – All Values



Diary dates for Spring Term 2023

Thursday 23rd – Tuesday 28th February	3.15 – 4pm Book Fair
Tuesday 28th February	6 – 6.45pm Book At Bedtime
Thursday 2nd March	Possible Industrial action
Friday 3rd March	World Book Day (Dress Up Optional)
Wednesday 15th March	Possible industrial action
Thursday 16th March	Possible industrial action
Friday 17th March	Red Nose Day – Information to follow
Monday 20th March	Outdoor Learning Day Y5/6
Tuesday 21st March	7pm Parent School Association - AGM Meeting
Tuesday 21st March	Outdoor Learning Day Y3/4
Wednesday 22nd March	Outdoor Learning Day Y1/2
Friday 31st March	Y6 Easter Experience at St James' Church – Information to follow

Letters & Communications issued this week

Item	To	For
Strike Day 2 – Thursday 2 nd March 2023	Whole School	Information & Action
Book Fair 23 rd -28 th February	Whole School	Information
World Thinking Day/Founders Day	Whole School	Information & Action
Changes to start and end times of School Day	Whole School	Information
The Very Hungry Caterpillar	Reception	Information
Outdoor Owls Term4	Selected	Information & Action
Reception Curriculum Letter Term 4	Reception	Information
Y1/2 Curriculum Letter Term 4	Y1/2	Information
Y3/4 Curriculum Letter Term 4	Y3/4	Information
Y5/6 Curriculum Letter Term 4	Y5/6	Information
Industrial Action Letter – Thursday 2 nd March	Whole School	Information