



Dear Parents/Carers,

This week the whole school, as well as parents and families, got to enjoy the Year 3/4 production of 'Jack and the Beanstalk.' The children were confident performers on stage and the singing was great. Well done to everyone and a big thank you to all the staff involved for their enthusiasm and hard work!

We continue to work hard on the key school improvement priorities for this academic year. Focusing on the development of teaching and learning, this term I have completed learning walks across the school, observing lessons in all classes. Maths, English and Phonics Leaders have worked closely with colleagues from the Ramsbury English Hub and Mobius Maths Hub to help support and develop our curriculum. Mrs Aland, our Senior Mental Health Lead, has completed her training and has prepared an action plan so that we can ensure that the wellbeing of the children and staff is fully embedded throughout our school this year and beyond.

This term Mr Jon Langlois has joined as our new School Business Manager. We welcome him to the Paxcroft team.

Thank you to the whole staff team and governors for all their hard work this term.

I hope you all have an enjoyable Easter break. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 17th April. A reminder of the new school hours-see below.

Low Rhodes, Headteacher



New School Hours

From Monday 17th April 2023

Registration: 8.35 – 8.45am

School finishes for all: 3.15pm

Possible National Education Union Industrial Action Date ...

Thursday 27th April 2023

Music at Paxcroft...

This week we were treated to a music concert by some of our children who take music lessons with Mrs Farnell. The children all played beautifully and the staff and children thoroughly enjoyed their performances. Well done to our Paxcroft musicians!

If your child is interested in learning to play an instrument, please contact the school office.



Paxcroft School Association...

We are happy to announce that we now have a new Paxcroft School Association (PSA) committee.

A big thank you to those parents who have come forward and offered to play an important role in relaunching our PSA.

We will be looking at ways to raise funds to support the school and provide extra resources and activities for the children.

If you can spare an hour or two, we still need volunteers to help us run the events, so please let us know if you are interested by getting in touch via the PSA Facebook page or by emailing us at paxcroftpsa@gmail.com. We can only make this successful with your help and support.

Look out for upcoming PSA events and dates of forthcoming PSA meetings in the weekly newsletter and via the school website.

Thank you for your support

Mrs Brookes

Year 6 children: SATs Revision...

The Year 6 teachers have sent home revision guides for maths today to support the children taking their SATs examinations in May. These revision guides are purely for maths to enable children to keep the methods and processes they have learnt to keep ticking over during the next 5 weeks at home.

We want to stress that this is an optional resource to support the children to feel more confident with the tests coming up; we do not want these to cause any stress at home!

We have also created a SATs revision page on the website to support any children who might want to revisit concepts before the tests in May. As well as this, we have added some additional revision activities for any keen beans.

If you or your child have any worries about revision or about the SATs, please speak to a member of our Year 5/6 team. We hope you all have a happy and refreshing Easter holiday!

Year 5/6 team

Attendance ...

This week's whole school attendance ...



91.74%

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.

Our learning this week...

Wren & Robin

This week has been Easter themed! We have been learning about the Easter story and sharing the ways we celebrate Easter with our families. Our Maths was even linked to Easter this week with bunnies helping us to explore measure. We have been looking at length using bunny prints and height using cuddly bunnies. We have been using the language longer than, shorter than and taller than to compare. We finished the week off with a fun Easter egg hunt.

Woodpecker, Kingfisher & Nightingale

This week in year 1/2 we have been writing Non-Chronological reports on Isambard Kingdom Brunel. We were impressed with the children who remembered to use all the features in their writing. In maths, we started our learning on the unit multiplication and division by looking at how we could recognise and make equal groups. We have been very creative this week in our topic as we have been recreating Brunel's designs in different ways. In Guided Reading, we finished reading the story of The Owl who was Afraid of the dark and wrote our own book reviews on it. We then finished off the week with an Easter egg hunt. We hope all the children have a lovely relaxing Easter break!



Skylark, Housemartin & Swift

This week in year 3/4, we have been super busy rehearsing and performing our play 'Roald Dahl's Jack and the Beanstalk'. We had a great time performing for the first time in front of the whole school for our dress rehearsal on Monday and were well prepared for our performances in front of friends and family on Wednesday and Thursday. We are so proud of what the children have produced and hope that they were proud of themselves and all of their hard work. We wish everyone a very happy Easter break and hope that you all get some very well deserved rest after all of your hard work.

Kestrel, Osprey & Falcon

We've had a very exciting week in Year 5/6. We have been learning about how to make pizzas in DT. We began the week by tasting different pizzas and evaluating them against different criteria. This then informed our decisions to design our own pizzas. Towards the end of the week, we made our pizza dough, our tomato base and chopped our pizza toppings and put them altogether to make our delicious pizzas. We hope you all enjoyed them at home! On Friday, Year 6 visited St James' Church as part of our RE learning about Easter. The children learnt about the days leading up to the crucifixion of Jesus and discussed what their hopes and dreams were for the future. In English, we have been writing biographies about Thomas Oakley, a character from our book Goodnight Mr Tom. We have had a very busy term and hope everyone has a good rest over the Easter.

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

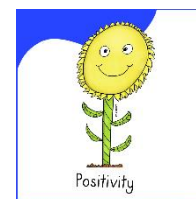
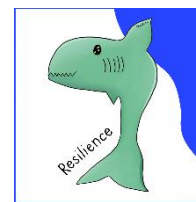
Please check the 'use by dates' on any items you take.

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.

Celebrations



<i>Class</i>	<i>Citizen Values</i>	<i>Learners' Values</i>
<i>Wren</i>	Olaf R - Respect	Jakub L- Independence
<i>Robin</i>	Sophie B - Respectful	Rory S - Independence
<i>Woodpecker</i>	Adam C - Kindness & respect Amiyah J - Kindness	
<i>Kingfisher</i>	Kieran B - Respect	Jai M - Resilience
<i>Nightingale</i>		Ava S - Positivity Hanna K - Independence
<i>Skylark</i>		All Children - Resilience Independence & Positivity
<i>Housemartin</i>		All Children - Resilience Independence & Positivity
<i>Swift</i>		All Children - Resilience Independence & Positivity
<i>Osprey</i>	Imogen H- respect	Benjamin K - Resilience
<i>Falcon</i>	Olly GC – All Values	Olly GC – All Values Amelia S - Resilience
<i>Kestrel</i>		Sara R - Resilience Nadya S - Independence



Paxcroft Citizen Cups



Charlie H – Kindness

Harry T – All Values



Diary dates for Summer Term 2023

Monday 17th April	First Day of Term 5 National Offer Day – school places for Reception 2023
Monday 24th April	Governors' meeting-FGB
Wednesday 26th April	RE Day
Wednesday 26th April	Paxcroft School Association Meeting 7-8pm
Thursday 27th April	Possible teacher industrial action
Monday 1st May	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 2nd May	Teacher Development Day- school closed to children
Friday 5th May	King's Coronation Parade – more information to follow
Monday 8th May	Bank Holiday – King's Coronation
W/C Tuesday 9th May	SATs week
Tuesday 16th May	Class Photos
Friday 26th May	Last Day of Term 5
Wednesday 14th June	Paxcroft School Association Meeting 7-8pm

Letters & Communications issued this week

Item	To	For
Club Extension	Whole School	Information & Action
Production Arrangements	Y3/4	Information
Printing Error	Y3/4	Information
Year 1/2 Dance Festival Auditions	Y1/2	Information & Action
Todays Performance	Y3/4	Information
Library Opening Hours Change	Whole School	Information
Rugby Tournament	Whole School	Information & Action
Making Gingerbread Men	Robin and Wren	Information
Breakfast and Afterschool Booking	Whole School	Information
Leavers T-Shirts	Y6	Information & Action
Paxcroft Rock Project	Whole School	Information
Club places	Selected children	Information & Action