



*Dear Parents/Carers,*

### **KS1 Science trip to Bristol Aquarium**

We waved off a very excited group of KS1 children this morning on their way to visit Bristol Aquarium. This visit is designed to support the children's science curriculum, learning about living things and understanding ocean habitats. I am looking forward to hearing all about what they have learned when they return to school later today. Thank you to Miss Beaven for organising this trip and to all our parent volunteers and staff supporting the children.

### **Sports Day**

It was lovely to see so many of you at Sports Day on Monday. Unfortunately, due to a number of issues that had arisen and that I needed to address on Monday morning, I was unable to be out on the field as much as I would have wanted. Thank you to Mr George for stepping in at short notice. As you will be aware, with a very busy school calendar for the remainder of this term, this was our final available back-up day. Teacher strike action meant we had insufficient staff to run the event on the planned day of 7<sup>th</sup> July. Although the weather report impacted on our plans, I am pleased that we were still able to proceed, albeit in a shortened format. I would like to thank Miss Stephens for organising the event and to all the staff for making sure the event still happened for the children. Thank you for your constructive feedback. We will take this into account when organising the event next year.

### **Transition to new classes**

Children spent a morning in their new classes on Tuesday. This was the second session designed to promote their smooth transition. Osprey class will have a transition day and an additional transition morning with Miss Westlake on Tuesday and Thursday next week. We will run parent information sessions early in term 1 which will provide an opportunity for you to meet your child's class teacher and find out more about the curriculum expectations for their new year group. Dates to follow.

### **Year 5/6 Production and Multi-Sports Enrichment Day**

Next week we are all looking forward to the Year 5/6 performances of Aladdin (Tuesday afternoon, Wednesday and Thursday evenings) and to our Multi-Sports enrichment day (on Thursday). This will be led by Active Trowbridge and will give every child in the school the chance to enjoy dodgeball and Ultimate Frisbee. Teachers will add some photos to the class curriculum pages which can be accessed via the school website, and by selecting the 'Children' tab.

### **Reports**

We are very proud of all our Year 6 children who received their KS2 SATS results this week. I will share details of our published results and school improvement priorities for the next academic year after the summer break once all the results and data has been verified. Reports are being sent home with children today (Year 1/2 children received their reports yesterday in light of today's trip.) For Year 1 and Year 2, these include details of whether your child has met the expected standard for the Phonics Screening Check. For Year 2 and Year 6, these will include details of SATS results (for Year 2 children, the test results for Maths and Reading are used to inform teachers' assessment). With your child's report, you will receive a 'Report Receipt and Comment Form'. I would be grateful if you could sign this form to acknowledge safe receipt of your child's report, add any constructive comments or feedback and return to school, if possible, by the end of term. Many thanks for your cooperation with this.

### **Paxcroft Summer Fayre, Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 11am-2pm**

We hope as many of you as possible will support our Summer Fayre next Saturday. There will be a range of stalls (barbecue, raffle, sweet/bottle tombola) and activities (bouncy castle, hook a duck) on offer, and our Reception children will be putting on a Country Dancing performance that is not to be missed! A big thank you to the members of Paxcroft School Association for all their hard work planning and organising this event. Volunteers to run stalls are still needed so if you can spare an hour to run a stall, please contact the PSA at [paxcroftpsa@gmail.com](mailto:paxcroftpsa@gmail.com)

*Lou Rhodes*  
*Headteacher*

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

Congratulations to **Raheem, Ethan T, Filip and Evie L** who have all been recognised this week for being polite and respectful at lunchtime. Well done for demonstrating our Paxcroft Citizen Values.

## *Is your child due to start school in September 2024?*

Please see below our Open Days for September 2024:

- Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> September, 9.30am
- Sat 14<sup>th</sup> October, 10am
- Tues 14<sup>th</sup> November, 9.30am

Please contact the School Office to book your place!

## *Attendance ...*

This week's whole school attendance ...

93.8 %

## *Celebrating Achievements ...*

A very well done to Gabriel, who was a drummer at the Rock project gig at Burdalls Yard in Bath, at the weekend. He played three songs!

A budding musician in the making!



Congratulations to Lottie, who has represented Team Bath Rhythmic Gymnastics at the Bath Open Championships and the Welsh Open Championships recently. At both competitions, she was awarded 4th Place as an individual in the under 10 age category and received gold medals for her Trio and Group routines. Well done, Lottie!



If your child has achieved something special outside school, we would love to celebrate their achievements.

Please send details FAO Mrs Aland to [admin@paxcroft.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@paxcroft.wilts.sch.uk) and we will endeavour to add to the Paxcroft Post.

### *Staffing update...*

Mrs Lilley, our school Senco, is currently undergoing medical treatment and is absent from school. She has recently updated me on her progress and, unfortunately, further treatment means that she will be absent until after Easter 2024. We send her our very best wishes for a speedy recovery. I am currently in the process of recruiting an interim SENCO and inclusion lead to cover Mrs Lilley's absence and will keep you updated.

I am pleased to confirm that Mr Alex George has been appointed as Deputy Headteacher. He will take on his new role from 1<sup>st</sup> September.

### *After School Club Reminder...*

A reminder that After School Club will not be running on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July as it is our last day of term.

### *Teacher Development Days for the next academic year...*

Friday 1st September  
Monday 4th September  
Thursday 4th January 2024  
Friday 5th January 2024  
Monday 10th June 2024

### *Our learning this week...*

#### *Wren & Robin*

This week we have had fun visiting our new classes again. We have enjoyed meeting our new teachers and making new friends. We also enjoyed sports day and loved taking part in different events. We have spent some time thinking about what we have achieved this year in Reception and have done a piece of writing about it for our school reports. In Maths, we have been using the rekenreks to find ways of making 5. In Art, we have been finishing off our versions of 'Tiger in a Tropical Storm' by Henri Rousseau. We have also talked a lot about the difference between Fiction and Non-Fiction.

#### *Woodpecker, Kingfisher & Nightingale*

In Year 1/2 this week we have been showing wonderful resilience! At the start of the week, we adapted to a new Sports Day format and all participated with smiles and enthusiasm. Following this, we had a fabulous morning visiting our new class again and are all feeling excited for September. Finally, we have finished the week with a grand adventure to Bristol Aquarium. The children were mesmerised by the Ocean creatures and had a truly, incredible time. Time for some well-earned rest this weekend!

#### *Skylark, Housemartin & Swift*

This week in Year 3/4 we have had a great week. Sports Day was great fun and had an amazing time running in the races and taking part in our carousel of activities. On Tuesday we had a wonderful transition morning with our new teachers, taking part in lots of activities. The rest of the week has been full of work and play, with hieroglyph writing in History and plenty of Maths and English engagement through our persuasive writing unit. Another positive week in Year 3/4!

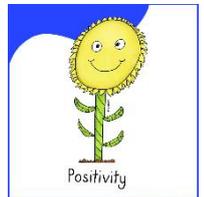
#### *Osprey, Falcon & Kestrel*

This week in English, we have continued to draft plans for our own Greek myth. In Maths, Year 5 have been investigating the properties of polygons, lines of symmetry and reflecting shapes in horizontal, vertical and diagonal number lines. Year 6 have been applying a range of skills as they have planned and costed a foreign holiday. Tuesday was our second move-up day and the children spent a lovely morning with their new teachers. Children who will be in next year's Osprey Class will have the same opportunities next week. In the wider curriculum, the focus has been on PSHE and physical changes as we grow up. We have also been busy rehearsing for our performance of Aladdin next week.

## Celebrations



<i>Class</i>	<i>Citizen Values</i>	<i>Learners' Values</i>
<i>Wren</i>	Hector S – Respect	Olaf R - Independence
<i>Robin</i>		Araminta P M - Positivity Nikodem N - Positivity
<i>Woodpecker</i>	Orlaith W – Kindness Savannah C - Kindness	
<i>Kingfisher</i>		Darcie C - Resilience Kason Mc - Positivity
<i>Nightingale</i>	Rowan S - Kindness	Hanna K – Resilience
<i>Skylark</i>	Alice A - Respect Billy N - Kindness	
<i>Housemartin</i>	Patryk S - Kindness Ava-Mae W - Kindness & respect	
<i>Swift</i>	Theo B - Kindness and Respect	Edward K - Independence & Positivity
<i>Osprey</i>	Kayla K – Respect	James G - Resilience
<i>Falcon</i>	Harley I M - Kindness	Jasmine S - Positivity
<i>Kestrel</i>		Lottie C - Positivity Harry R - Positivity



## *Diary dates for Summer Term 2023*

<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Y5/6 Production Evening Performance (1.45pm)
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Y5 Taster Day at Clarendon
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Multi Sports Day
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Y5/6 Production Evening Performance (6pm)
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Y5/6 Production Evening Performance (6pm)
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	Y6 Cricket Tournament
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	Non School Uniform (Bottle Donation)
<b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	Paxcroft Summer Fayre (11am – 2pm)
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Y6 Leavers Assembly (9.15am)
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Y6 Leavers Party (5.30 – 7.30pm)
<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July</b>	School Summer Holidays Begin
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September</b>	TD Day
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September</b>	TD Day
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September</b>	First Day of Term 1

## *Letters & Communications issued this week*

<b>Item</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>For</b>
Paxcroft Sports Day	Whole School	Information
September Menu	Whole School	Information
Aquarium Trip	Y1/2	Information
Mr Newburys Football Club	Selected Children	Information
Clarendon Taster Day	Y5	Information
Y5 Taster Day Volunteers	Y5	Information
Reminder – September Dinner Menus	Whole School	Information
Reminder – Y5/6 Performance Tickets Available	Y5/6	Information
Aladdin Tickets	Y5/6	Information