



Dear Parents/Carers,

This week we had the first of our two transition sessions when children got to spend the day in their new classes. On the day, we were delighted to welcome most of our new teachers (Osprey will get to have their transition sessions with Miss Westlake on 18th and 20th July). Mr George and I popped in and out of classes throughout the day and were impressed by the calm, positive environment across the school. The children will have a second transition session in their new classes on Tuesday morning.

I am pleased to confirm that Miss Kate Butterfield will be joining Miss Stephens as a class teacher in Reception in September. I have also appointed Mrs Liz Hoskins as an additional Reception intervention teacher and Mrs Emily Pepler as a Higher Level Teaching Assistant.

Yesterday we were visited by our School Improvement Adviser and School Effectiveness Lead for West Wilts to evaluate the progress that the school is making towards this year's school improvement targets. I am pleased to report that the visit was very positive and both noted the hard work that the staff team have put into raising standards and developing the curriculum to ensure all children get the best possible experience during their time at Paxcroft. We remain committed to this.

Monday is our school Sports Day. We are hoping for good weather but please note that we will be monitoring the weather forecast as it is looking a bit changeable. We may need to adapt our plans if we get rain. We will update you of any necessary changes to arrangements by parentmail by 9am on Monday morning.

On a final note, next academic year we are pleased to be welcoming a small group of Year 1 pupils from Silverwood School. The children will be using one of our spare classrooms for their learning due to delays in development of the Silverwood Rowde campus. We are very happy to be able to support these children and our Silverwood colleagues.

Lou Rhodes
Headteacher

Multi-Sports Day-Wednesday 19th July

This will include a range of activities for all year groups.

More information to follow!

Is your child due to start school in September 2024?...

Please see below our Open Days for September 2024:

- Thurs 28th September, 9.30am
- Sat 14th October, 10am
- Tues 14th November, 9.30am

Please contact the School Office to book your place!

September Menus...

Dinner menus for September will go live on Scopay on Monday 10th July at 9.30am. The deadline for submitting menus is 3.30pm on Friday 14th July. A reminder that if your child is moving into Year 3, unless you are entitled to Free School Meals, the cost is £2.40 per day.



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

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

Congratulations to **Esme T, 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.

Attendance ...

This week's whole school attendance ...



Celebrating Achievements ...

Congratulations to George who was awarded "Best Training Award" by his coach at Trowbridge Town Football Club for always working hard and improving this season. Well done!



Congratulations to Araminta who has gained a yellow belt grading in martial arts. Well done!



Very well done to Carter, who took part in Race for Life at the weekend, running and walking 5k! Excellent!



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 and we will endeavour to add to the Paxcroft Post.

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 has been a super short week but an exciting week! The children visited their new classes on Tuesday and they have all come back really cheery and looking forward to September. In Maths, we have been looking at the composition of the number 6-10. We have been looking at finding 5 and a bit to make the numbers. We have been using the number stem; 8 is made of 5 and 3, 5 and 3 makes 8. In English, we have been continuing with our own fact files. This week it has been based on tigers.

Woodpecker, Kingfisher & Nightingale

In Year 1/2 this week, the children have been busy practising for Sports Day, completing running race heats, relay baton handling and finessing their throwing skills! Tuesday was an important day in the diary – Move Up Day. This was the first of two sessions where the children spent time with their new teacher and friends in their new class. We are extremely proud of the resilience and positivity displayed by each one of the children and although there were a few nerves, they were soon replaced with excitement for September.

Skylark, Housemartin & Swift

A bit of a different and short week; we had our transition day on Tuesday and welcomed our new classes into Swift, Skylark and Housemartin. It was lovely to meet the new children and start getting to know each other. We completed a range of activities and had an enjoyable day! The children showed fantastic positivity and resilience throughout the day and we are super proud of them for taking on the challenges thrown at them. We have continued our normal learning where possible. We have continued our writing to persuade unit, as well as a combination of units in Maths. We have begun to get very good with our ability to order ice creams in French; perhaps you could get your child to ask for an ice cream in French when the appropriate occasion arises. Final preparations for Sports Day: children need to come into school on Monday in their P.E kit.

Osprey, Falcon & Kestrel

During this week, we have enjoyed getting excited about our new classes and schools for September. The Year 6 children have had the opportunity to go to their new secondary schools and become familiar with new surroundings. The Year 5 children have met their new teachers and have enjoyed some time in their new classes. As well as this, Year 5 have had the opportunity to visit one of the local secondary schools to start helping them make the decision about where they would like to attend for Year 7. In English, we have been summarising our learning around the retelling of myths. We have begun planning our own exciting myths based on the ones we have read. We are looking forward to finishing these next week. During rehearsals this week, we have been successfully using lights, sound and props to make it all really come together. We are really excited to perform in a few weeks.

Diary dates for Summer Term 2023

Monday 10th July	Sports Day
Tuesday 11th July	Move Up Day 2 – children will join their new classes for the morning
Friday 14th July	KS1 Trip to Bristol Aquarium
Tuesday 18th July	Y5/6 Production Afternoon Performance (1.45pm) Full Governing Body Meeting
Wednesday 19th July	Y5/6 Production Evening Performance (6pm) Multi-sports day
Thursday 20th July	Y5/6 Production Evening Performance (6pm)
Friday 21st July	Y6 Cricket Tournament
Friday 21st July	Non School Uniform (Bottle Donation for Summer Fayre)
Saturday 22nd July	Paxcroft Summer Fayre (11am – 2pm)

Monday 24th July	Y6 Leavers Assembly (9.15am)
Monday 24th July	Y6 Leavers Party (5.30 – 7.30pm)
Wednesday 26th July	School Summer Holidays Begin

Letters & Communications issued this week

Item	To	For
New Classes 2023 2024	Whole School	Information
Class Allocation	Selected	Information
John of Gaunt Taster Day	Y5	Information
John of Gaunt Parent Meeting	Y6 - Selected	Information
School Closed – Industrial Action	Whole School	Information
Bikes and Scooters	Whole School	Information
Reminder – Performance Tickets	Y5/6	Information
Dance Summer Camps 2023 Flyer	Y5/6	Information