



Dear Parents/Carers...

We want all our children at Paxcroft to enjoy their time at school, to aim high and to be proud to belong to their school community. This includes wearing their school uniform with pride. To this end, we would appreciate your support in ensuring that your child attends school wearing appropriate school uniform, as set out in our school uniform policy:

- ❖ Royal Blue sweatshirt or cardigan (with school logo)
- ❖ White or yellow polo shirt
- ❖ Grey or black trousers, skirt or tailored shorts (**please note that this does not include jogging bottoms or leggings**)
- ❖ Blue and white checked or striped dress or skirt (warm weather)
- ❖ Dark coloured shoes - *On the grounds of health and safety, please ensure that your child wears sensible, flat shoes to school – no flimsy or open-toed sandals, high heeled or platform shoes*
- ❖ For safety reasons, jewellery should not be worn at school with the exception of a watch (no smart watches) and a maximum of one stud earring in each lobe. No charity bracelets, please.

In certain circumstances, we may agree for a child to have an altered uniform as part of a SEN My Support Plan, if there is a diagnosed sensory need.

Thank you very much for your cooperation.

This week our Regional School Effectiveness Lead from Wiltshire Council visited the school. We discussed how the Paxcroft curriculum has been developed this year, spoke to groups of children about their learning and observed lessons across the school. We are working hard to achieve our current school development priorities which you can find on the school website. It was pleasing to share the positive progress that we are making.

Wishing you and your families an enjoyable weekend.

Lou Rhodes
Headteacher



wiltshiretogether.org.uk/AllTogether

[All Together is a set of pages](#) which provide a one stop shop of information from a range of key partners so that children, young people and families, as well as those working with them, can quickly and easily access information about things to do, places to go and who to talk to if they need support.

Outside Achievements..

Congratulations to Ted, who won an award at his swimming award ceremony recently. He won the cup for his positive attitude in the class and his attitude towards learning. Well done, Ted!



Congratulations to Lottie, who got a distinction in her acting LAMDA exam that she took recently. Very well done, Lottie!

Finnley was awarded 2 badges & certificates this week at Sea Cadets. Very well done indeed.



We are proud of all the children at Paxcroft and want to celebrate their successes inside and outside the classroom. We mark their successes at school in a range of ways, including certificates to celebrate children who are demonstrating our Paxcroft Citizen and Learning Values, the 'Book of Brilliance' for excellent individual pieces of work, our Citizen Value cups, house points and class rewards that are earned collectively over the term and rewarded with a class treat. If your child has achieved something special outside school, we would love to celebrate those achievements too. Please send details FAO Mrs Aland to admin@paxcroft.wilts.sch.uk and we will endeavour to add to the Paxcroft Post.

Community spirit.

This week Benjamin and Jacob spent an evening collecting rubbish from around the outside of our school fences. They managed to fill a whole bag!

Thank you boys for spending your time making our school environment a cleaner, tidier place.



Our Learning this week..

Owls

This week in Owls children have been learning how to take care of the outside environment. We went on an environmental walk around the school to see all the different ways we care for the outside. In Maths, we have been partitioning numbers into 2 parts; we have learnt that 6 is made of 5 and 1 more. We used the dice frames to help support our partitioning, Miss Butterfield was very proud of the children who challenged themselves and wrote the number sentence as well.



Woodpecker, Kingfisher & Nightingale

This week Year 1/2 have been busy with play rehearsals. They are all really excited to perform next week and show off all their hard work this term. In maths, Year 2 have been finding different ways to make a pound and finding change. Year 1's started their new maths topic of addition within 20. In English, Year 1 and 2 have started to understand the key features of an explanation text. This week, they have explored words and phrases that show cause and effect and developed their use of prepositions in sentences. Finally, children discussed different artworks inspired by the Tree of Life and applied their paper-shaping skills to plan and make an imaginative sculpture.

Skylark, Housemartin & Swift

It has been another fun and busy week in Year 3/4. In Maths, the children have been looking at length and units of measurement such as mm, cm, m and km. In our topic work, we have been locating Roman roads and place names on a map. In Science, we have been investigating magnets and their uses and in English we have been looking more at newspapers ready to write a newspaper report of our own. Of course, our week ended with a fabulous visit to The Roman Baths in Bath. Great fun was had by all! Please remember any completed homework projects are due in on Monday 5th February.



Osprey, Falcon & Kestrel

This week we have rounded off our history topic with a taste of Mayan hot chocolate, guacamole and tortilla wraps. The children were food critics for the afternoon and decided whether they would recommend the dishes of the Mayans. Surprisingly, the spicy hot chocolate was less liked than the plain wraps! We have also continued with our maths topic of fractions, decimals and percentages, by checking out how to multiply and divide decimals by integers. In English, we are rounding off our balanced arguments unit, by discussing and answering the question: Should animals be kept in zoos?

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



Congratulations to Oliver E , Ace H , Filip L and Jaiden F who have all been recognised this week for being polite and respectful at lunchtime. Well done for demonstrating our Paxcroft Citizen Values.



Celebrations

Class	Citizen Values	Learners' Values
Owls	Amiya B-D - Kindness & respect	Jago J - Resilience
Woodpecker	Emily A - Kindness	Cody D - Positivity
Kingfisher	Ace H - Respect & Kindness	Agam S - Positivity
Nightingale		Charlie H - Positivity Maisie B - Resilience
Osprey	Evie McD - Resect & Kindness	Wyatt B - Resilience
Falcon	Alayah S - Kindness & Respect	Shai A - Resilience
Kestrel	Adriana S - All Values	Evie L - Resilience & Independence



Paxcroft Citizen Cups



Kasey D – All Values

Maria N – All Values



Diary dates for Spring Terms 2024

Monday 5th February	Y1/2 Performance - whole school dress rehearsal
Monday 5th February	School Uniform Sale
Tuesday 6th February	Y1/2 Performance to parents - 1.45pm
Wednesday 7th February	Coffee and Chat (with the Pastoral Team) 8.45am -10am
Thursday 8th February	Y1/2 Performance to parents - 6pm
Friday 9th February	Y6 Heights & Weights
Friday 9th February	Last day of Term 3
Monday 19th February	First day of Term 4
Tuesday 20th February	Parents' Evening
Thursday 22nd February	Parents' Evening
Thursday 22nd February	Book Fair – more information to follow
Friday 23rd February	Book Fair
Tuesday 27th February	Book Fair
Wednesday 28th February	Reception - Fire Safety Workshop
Monday 1st March	Reception Heights & Weights
Thursday 7th March	Y1/2 - Library trip
Thursday 7th March	Reception - Library trip
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day
Thursday 14th March	Red Nose Day Disco
Friday 15th March	Red Nose Day
Wednesday 20th March	Youth Parliament Meeting

Tuesday 26th March	Y1/2 Outdoor learning day
Tuesday 26th March	Y3/4 Performance to parents - more details to follow
Wednesday 27th March	Y3/4 Performance to parents - more details to follow
Wednesday 27th March	Y5/6 Outdoor learning day
Thursday 28th March	Y3/4 Outdoor learning day
Thursday 28th March	Last day of Term 4

Letters & Communications issued this week

Item	To	For
Parents Evening Appointments reminder	Whole School	Information
SEND Communication & Parents Evening Slots	Selected Children	Information
Parents Evening 20 th and 22 nd February	Whole School	Information & action