



*Dear Parents/Carers,*

A warm welcome back to you all! I hope that you have had a fantastic summer with the children and that they (and you!) have enjoyed the start of school this week. We would request a slightly less damp start to the year, but that seems quite consistent with the weather over the summer as well! As well as a welcome back to our existing families, I should also like to take the opportunity welcome new families to the Paxcroft community – we hope to work with you all to make your children's time at Paxcroft the very best that it can be.

If you would like to involve yourself further in the Paxcroft community, a reminder that we have the Paxcroft PSA (Parent School Association) AGM on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm. We would love to see lots of volunteers there!

All of our classes have been getting to know each other and getting to know new teachers this week. A reminder that, if you would like an opportunity to get to know your child's new teacher in Y1 to Y6 and know about the expectations and routines in class, we have our 'meet the teacher' sessions next week. The details for these are in the diary dates below.

Whilst the children may be feeling tired after their first few days, we have an exciting year lined up for them and we, as ever, would love your support in helping the children think positively about school and their learning. I look forward to seeing everybody back on Monday for our first full week!

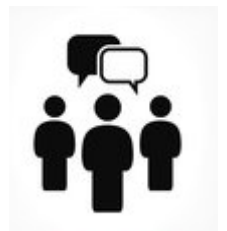
Best wishes,

*Mr Alex George*

*Deputy Headteacher*



Paxcroft Primary School  
Coffee and Chat Morning  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Sept  
8:45am - 10am  
In the School Hall



Please come along and to meet our  
Pastoral Support Team

(Mrs Lilley, Mrs Evans, Mrs Williams and Ms Weeks)

Everyone welcome for an informal chat and refreshments.

This will be an opportunity to meet the team as well as other parents.

We will also have information available about a range of support services for children and families.

Toys for little ones provided!

## *New National Framework for Attendance and Penalty Notices...*

The Department for Education (DfE) has introduced new guidance for schools and local councils for managing school attendance. They have also introduced a new national framework for penalty notices (fines) and amended the law. These changes come into effect from the 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024 and all schools and councils across the country will be expected to follow the new statutory guidance.

A letter was sent out by ParentMail last term and copies of the new framework will be on display around school for your reference.



## *Polite notice...*

Please can we ask parents to park respectfully when dropping off and collecting from school.

The double yellow lines outside the school are to be observed at all times and we ask that no-one parks in front of the school gates.

Access is required throughout the day for visitors and also in the case of emergency vehicles requiring entry. We thank you for your support in this.



## *Paxcroft Pantry...*

The Pastoral Team would like to remind all parents that the Paxcroft Pantry is open every day, Monday – Friday between 8.35am and 5.30pm. It is located at the bottom of the ramp by the slow playground.

Parents are welcome to access the Pantry anonymously and do not need to ask a member of staff.

This resource is available to all families that need it; we ask that families donate when they can, and take when they need.

Any donations of dry goods including boxed, tinned or jarred goods are greatly appreciated. These can be placed directly in the cupboard or handed to the School Office. We would like to take this opportunity to once again thank all families that have donated to the Pantry.



## *Our Learning this week...*

### *Owls*

This week has been a very exciting week for Owl's class as we have had our first days in school. We have enjoyed exploring our new classroom and meeting some new friends. We are so impressed with how well the children have settled. At the start of the week the adults thoroughly enjoyed visiting the children in their homes and getting to see all of their toys. We thank all parents for being so welcoming as we feel this is such a good experience for the children.

### *Woodpecker, Kingfisher & Nightingale*

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school and their positivity towards being back is an absolute joy to see. Even though we have only been in a few days, we have worked extremely hard across the phase to establish routines and expectations, build relationships with the other children and adults in our class and begin to explore this term's curriculum. Finally, the children have had a blast being introduced to the glockenspiels and even managed to keep the tempo!

### *Skylark, Housemartin & Swift*

Welcome back! We hope you have all had a lovely summer break. It has been great to have the children back in school and to see them all settling into their new classes. This term, we will be leaning about Earthquakes and Volcanoes through our 'Active Earth' topic. We will be sending out a curriculum letter and homework project ideas soon which will provide more detail. In English this term, we will be looking at Traditional Tales. In maths, we will be continuing working on Numbers and Place Value. It would be really helpful to us if you could read at home as often as possible

with your children and record in their Homework Diary (green) book. Please ensure reading books are in school every day. We look forward to meeting you all at our 'Meet the Teacher' meeting next Wednesday.

### *Kestrel, Falcon & Osprey*

It has been wonderful to see the children back at school. We have been doing many teambuilding activities and the teamwork has been brilliant! Even though the weather hasn't been great, we have had a good time getting to know everyone in our classes!

## *Diary dates for September 2024*

<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Y1/2 Meet the teacher – 3.30pm
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Paxcroft School Association AGM – 6pm
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Y3/4 Meet the teacher – 3.30pm
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Pastoral Team Coffee & Chat morning – 8.45-10am
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Y5/6 Meet the teacher – 3.30pm
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Y5 swimming starts – Information to follow
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Open day 2025 Intake – 9-11am
<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October</b>	NSPCC Workshops Y2/5/6
<b>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Open Day 2025 intake – 10-12pm
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October</b>	Last day of Term 1 for pupils
<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October</b>	TD Day
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November</b>	First day of Term 2

## *Letters & Communications issued this week*

<b>Item</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>For</b>
Welcome letter	Reception	Information
Re-Energise Club Form	Selected pupils	Information & Action
Cookery Club	Selected Pupils	Information & Action
Football Club – Place available	Selected pupils	Information
Library re-opening	Whole school	Information
End of Day collection	Y3/4 & Kestrel	Information
Meet the Teacher reminder	Y1-6	Information
Consent to walk home alone	Y5/6	Information & Action