



Dear Parents/Carers,

It's always a busy week back after half term, but I have been really pleased to see how the children have settled. I had the pleasure of having some conversations with some pupils this week, alongside our School Improvement Advisor, and was so pleased with what the children had to say about their learning in school and, in particular, their experiences with the new writing scheme we have implemented this year. One child was keen to share with us that they loved Maths and loved learning in school - music to my ears!

With the change in season and the clocks moving back, I thought it important to remind the children of some of the exciting things we have coming up in school this term, alongside their classroom learning, and thought it appropriate to share with parents as well. We've got Braeside coming up for Year 4 in a couple of weeks time, which we know the children always enjoy, as well as a Year 5/6 trip to STEAM museum in Swindon a couple of weeks afterwards - having taken children to the museum on trips in previous schools, I can assure that they will have an excellent time. As well as this, we've got an author and illustrator visiting us next week, who will be running workshops with Year 1 to 6. Alongside this, many Year 6 pupils will have access to Bikeability this term and our Reception pupils will be visiting the post box to deliver letters to Santa as well as having their own visit from the ambulance service. All of this before we get to Christmas, with the Reception Nativity, School Christmas Fayre (14th December!), Christmas lunches and carols on the playground!

We look forward to keeping you updated as we go!

Have a fantastic weekend,

Best wishes,

Mr Alex George

Acting Headteacher

Outside Achievements...



Congratulations to William, who was awarded Cub of the Week recently at Cubs for demonstrating the cub scout values (integrity, respect, care, belief and co-operation). Well done!

A very well done to Darcie who took part in Chance to Dance at the Alton Towers Resort recently. A fantastic achievement, well done!



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.

Tuesday 12th November, School Photos

Just a reminder that the school photographer will be attending on Tuesday to take individual and sibling photographs. Please can all children attend school in full school uniform- school jumper or cardigan, no PE hoodies, please. If it is your child's birthday on Tuesday, they are welcome to choose another day next week to wear non-school uniform.



December Dinner Menus ...

Dinner menus for December will go live on Scopay on Monday 11th November at 9.30am. The deadline for submitting menus is 4pm on Friday 15th November. Paper copies of the menus and allergen charts can be found on the website, in the foyer and will be sent out via ParentMail.



Please note that even if your child is entitled to free school meals you will still need to complete a menu. Christmas dinners can be ordered separately through the Microsoft forms link.

Our Learning this week...

Owls

It has been lovely to have the children back this week, we think they have all enjoyed exploring our new areas of the classroom. At the start of the week, we launched our topic by going on a superhero hunt around the school. In Literacy, we have been reading the story 'Supertato by Sue Hendra & Paul Linnet', we have used adjectives to describe him as well as Evil Pea. We have also written a list of vegetables from the story. In Maths, we have been learning about 3D shapes and their properties. In Understanding the world, we learnt about Bonfire night and why we celebrate it.



Woodpecker, Kingfisher & Nightingale

We hope you had a lovely half term break! It has been great start to the term and has been lovely having the children back in school. In Maths this week, the children have been using physical resources and working systematically to help them find all the number bonds to and within 10 and 20. In English, we have been exploring our new book 'A First Book of Dinosaurs' by Simon Mole. We discussed what type of text the book is and started exploring some of the poems in the book. This week, we launched our history topic for this term. The children found clues and asked questions to help them find out what our new topic is. They are all very excited and I wonder if they can tell you all about it!

Skylark, Housemartin & Swift

What a fantastic first week back! We've already made great strides in our new English focus text, Planet Omar, where the children have thoroughly enjoyed exploring the characters' personalities and their actions. In Maths, we're revisiting addition and subtraction to reinforce these key skills, and the children have been working with 4-digit numbers to deepen their understanding. Our new topic, Raging Rivers, is now underway — ask the children if they can name any UK rivers! It's shaping up to be a busy but exciting term, and the children have seamlessly settled back into the daily routine.

Kestrel, Falcon & Osprey

This week in Year 5/6, in theme with Remembrance Day we have been writing our own war poems. The children have also been creating effective multimedia pieces of Remembrance art to go alongside. In Maths we have begun our multiplication and division unit, looking at multiples and factors and finding out what it means if they are 'common'. In Topic we are continuing WW2, by investigating the reliability of information sources about the large-scale evacuation of children. We are looking forward to learning more about Operation Pied Piper next week.

Celebrations



Class	Citizen Values	Learners' Values
Owls	Teon J – Kindness, Respect & Honesty	Ayla BD – Resilience
Woodpecker	Dawson D – Respect	Charlie H – Positivity
Kingfisher		Jaycee C – Resilience Ally MC – Resilience
Nightingale		Abigail S – Positivity Amiyah BD – Independence
Swift		William F – Positivity Dieter D – Resilience & Independence
Housemartin		William C – Positivity Darcie C – All Values
Skylark		Jessica C – Independence Joan UA – Resilience
Osprey	Zuzanna H – Kindness	Elijah BM – All Values
Falcon	Izzabella S – All Values	Zak C – All Values
Kestrel	Lacey R – All Values	Malachy R – All Values



Paxcroft Citizen Cups



Archie C – All Values
Poppy W – All Values



Diary dates from November 2024

Tuesday 12th November	Individual School Photos - Frasers
Monday 18th November	Open Day 2025 intake (9 – 11am)
Tuesday 19th November	Reception class Ambulance visit (at school)
Wednesday 20th November	Reception class PCSO visit (at school)
Monday 25th November	Y5/6 Visit to STEAM museum
Thursday 28th November	Non-school uniform – Chocolate donations for the Christmas Fayre
Friday 29th November	TD Day – School closed to pupils
Friday 6th December	Non-school uniform – Bottle donations for the Christmas Fayre
Monday 9th & Tuesday 10th December	Bikeability Group 1
Tuesday 10th December	Reception Nativity Performance – 1.45pm (More information to follow)
Wednesday 11th December	Flu Immunisations
Wednesday 11th & Thursday 12th December	Bikeability Group 2
Thursday 12th December	Reception Nativity Performance – 5pm (More information to follow)
Saturday 14th December	PSA Christmas Fayre (10 – 2pm)
Tuesday 17th December	KS1 Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 18th December	KS2 Christmas Lunch
Thursday 19th December	Carols on the playground (2.45pm)
Friday 20th December	Last day of term 2

Letters & Communications issued this week

Item	To	For
Paxcroft joins the Lantern parade	Selected Pupils	Information & Action
Steam Museum Letter	Year 5/6	Information & Action
Christmas Jumper Sale	Whole School	Information
Cookery Club	Selected Pupils	Information & Action
Reception Curriculum letter and homework	Reception	Information & Action
Y1/2 Curriculum letter and homework	Y1/2	Information & Action
Y3/4 Curriculum letter and homework	Y3/4	Information & Action
Y5/6 homework	Y5/6	Information & Action



2024/2025

Meeting dates for your diary

Wed 25th September	Mon 17th March
Mon 21st October	Mon 28th April
Wed 20th November	Wed 21st May
Mon 27th January	Wed 18th June
Wed 26th February	Mon 7th July

All meetings start at 6pm at Paxcroft School

Every Parent, Carer and Staff of Paxcroft Primary welcome
Come along and find out how you can support



BATH UNITY PLAYERS
present their family pantomime



DICK WHITTINGTON

KINGSWOOD SCHOOL THEATRE
BATH. BA1 5RG

18th to 22nd DEC 2024
7.30 PM - MATINEES 2.00PM



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no booking fee!

from
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07713 188691

