



Dear Parents/Carers,

A very busy but exciting week at Paxcroft! The Y4s on Braeside have been absolutely loving their time away and have done staff and parents proud in terms of how they have thrown themselves into the spirit of the trip. I've been lucky enough to head out to join the groups in the evenings and am happy to report that the children have been co-operating brilliantly and enjoying the outdoor activities - even in the cold! My thanks go out to the staff who have supported the trip and given up their evenings (and their sleep in some cases!) so that our residential could go ahead.

We've also had a number of visitors in school this week in Reception, who have met with members of the Ambulance service and Police service this week. The children were really engaged and loved seeing the ambulance and police car (even if there was also some exciting snow at the same time!).

A reminder that, next week, we have a TD day on Friday 29th November.

From next week and beyond, we are starting the run up in preparations for Christmas. Nativity rehearsals are well under way and the PSA met this week to discuss plans for the Christmas Fayre. I would encourage parents to consider if they could lend even an hour of time to helping run stalls at the fayre - every contribution helps and makes the organisation of these events much more manageable.

Have a fantastic weekend.

Best wishes,

*Mr Alex George
Acting Headteacher*

Notification of Absence and Late arrivals ...

Please can we remind all families that if your child is unwell and will be absent from school, that you send an email to absence@paxcroft.wilts.sch.uk or phone the School Office on 01225 762244 by 9am on each day of absence.

Registers are taken at 8.45am and any child arriving after this time should be brought to the School Office to be signed in by a parent or carer. Children will then be taken to class by a member of staff to minimise disruption to learning.

Thank You...

On behalf of The Royal British Legion we would like to say a big Thank you for your support over our recent Poppy Appeal. We are pleased to be able to share with you that your generous donations came to an amazing total of £211.53



Coats...

As we are experiencing a particularly cold spell of weather, please can we remind you to send the children in to school with a named, warm, waterproof coat.



Lost Property...

We currently have a lot of lost property in school, including coats and uniform. If you think your child is missing something, please can you come along to the school office at the end of the school day to collect. Any items left at the end of this term will be donated to charity.

Outside Achievements...



Congratulations to Ryan who has passed his Stage 1 swimming, showing lots of resilience to keep going to pass the level. 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.

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



Congratulations to Ziggy F, Esme T, Olly R and Sofia H who have all been recognised this week for being polite and respectful at lunchtime. Well done for demonstrating our Paxcroft Citizen Values.



Our Learning this week...

Owls

This week in Owls we have completed lots of work for Understanding the World; we had a paramedic and a PSCO in to talk to us. We were very excited to be able to go inside the ambulance and see the police car. We were very impressed with the questions they wanted to find out. In Literacy, we have continued to talk about the character of small dog in our story 'I like Trains'. We have also started our rehearsals for our Nativity, we have learnt lots of songs and have been on the stage saying our lines nice and loud.



Woodpecker, Kingfisher & Nightingale

We have had another busy week in Year 1 and 2. In English, the children delved deeper into the world of poetry. They explored rhyme and rhythm in different poems and performed these poems in groups. They also learnt about how they can use different dynamics and tempos to make their performances even better! In Maths, the children have learnt to double numbers and add three 1-digit numbers together. In DT, the children carried out an experiment to help them explore the concept of stability. They tested different shapes and found out that shapes with a wide, flat base were the most stable.

Skylark, Housemartin & Swift

This has been an exciting week, especially for the Year Four children who have had a wonderful time at Braeside. They have had an action packed three days tracking wildlife, building fires and practicing archery. We're sure they will sleep well this weekend, as will the staff! We started the week writing some lovely feelings poetry and have continued to work on subtraction in maths. Whilst Year Four were at Braeside, the Year Three children have been practicing doubling and their times tables. They have written some great character and settings descriptions and have worked hard to improve the quality of their sentences. The children have also been learning the names of colours in French and completing some fab drawings.

Osprey, Falcon & Kestrel

This week in Year 5/6, we have been learning about newspaper articles and its features. We have been planning and writing our own newspaper articles based on our text this term called The Promise. In Maths we have begun to learn about long multiplication, we are really seeing a great amount of resilience in the children towards this subject. A gentle reminder that the STEAM museum trip is on Monday, the children are to either dress up as a World War 2 evacuee or come in their uniform.

Celebrations...



Class	Citizen Values	Learners' Values
Owls	Asher S – Kindness and Respect	Bonnie S – Positivity
Woodpecker		Eli P – Positivity Arthur K – Resilience
Kingfisher		Arthur L – Resilience Cody D – Independence
Nightingale	Benjamin M – Respect	Cassian O – Positivity
Swift		Ire O – Positivity Orlaith W – Resilience
Housemartin	Poppy TG – Respect Carter C – Kindness	
Skylark	Rowan R – Kindness	Dexter H – Positivity Agam S – Resilience
Osprey	Ezra B – Kindness and Respect	Jacob A – Independence
Falcon	Jenson H – all values Juniper – all values	
Kestrel	Noah B - Respect	Mollie A – Resilience



Paxcroft Citizen Cups



Maja K – All Values

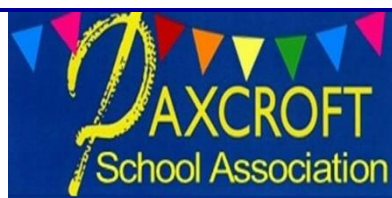


Diary dates from November 2024

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
Superhero Day Letter	Reception	Information & Action
Steam Museum (trip confirmed)	Y5 & Y6	Information
School Photograph Orders	Whole School	Information & Action
Braeside Day 1 Update	Y4	Information
Braeside Day 2 Update	Y4	Information
Steam Museum: Dressing Up Guide	Y5 & Y6	Information & Action
Winter FUEL Programme Leaflet	Selected Pupils	Information & Action



PAXCROFT
School Association

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



CHRISTMAS
Fayre

Please email paxcroftpsa@gmail.com if you would like to hold a stall or can spare some time to help.

14 DEC | FREE ENTRY | 10AM-2PM

Paxcroft Primary School, Ashton Street



