



*Dear Parents/Carers,*

What an eventful week! Our Y5/6 trip to STEAM museum in Swindon went ahead on Monday, despite the widescale flooding in the area. Although the coach journey both ways was extended, staff and children reported that they had a fantastic time at the museum and, amongst other things, got to explore some fantastic recreations of Anderson Shelters. I was very happy to see some excellent writing based on the experience later in the week.

I wanted to take the opportunities to thank families for their support in contributions to our chocolate tombola for the Xmas Fayre during our non-uniform day yesterday. A reminder that we have another non-uniform day (for the bottle tombola) next Friday on the 6<sup>th</sup> December, and that the Xmas Fayre is on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December. I'm told that the PSA are still looking for extra parent volunteers to help man some stalls so if you could volunteer, even for an hour or so, that would be very much appreciated.

I look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Have a fantastic weekend.

Best wishes,

*Mr Alex George*  
*Acting Headteacher*

### *Weather Update....*

Following on from Storm Bert and Storm Conall the met office has now predicted a sudden drop in temperature. To help keep yourself, your family, friends and neighbours and others safe please consider reminding yourself of the following advice:

#### **Road Safety**

[Dorset & Wiltshire Fire Service | Driving in adverse conditions](#)  
[Dorset & Wiltshire Fire Service | Winter driving checklist](#)

#### **Home Safety**

[Dorset & Wiltshire Fire Service | Storms and power cuts](#)  
[Dorset & Wiltshire Fire Service | Staying warm safely](#)

#### **Water Safety**

Stay away from flooded or swollen rivers, and the coast in storm conditions

Keep dogs on leads around water

Keep children away from water and ice

If somebody (or animal) is in trouble in the water never go in the water to rescue them yourself, Call 999 and ask for the fire and rescue service (if inland) and coastguard (if at the coast)

#### **Where are you?**

Consider downloading what3words on your mobile phone to help give an accurate location should you need the emergency services when out.

Where possible we grit the driveway down to the school, but please be mindful this can still be slippery, so do take care when you are walking down, particularly with your bike or scooter. Please can we remind you of our 5mph driving speed from the junction of Ashton Street down to the school.

### 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.



### Uniform...

In line with our School Uniform Policy please see some information below taken from our School Prospectus regarding the Paxcroft hoody with logo.

'This is an optional piece of uniform and can be used for PE days, outdoor learning days and when representing the school offsite, for example at sporting events or on residential trips and visits. Please note that this does not replace the sweatshirt or cardigan for everyday use'.

### 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...

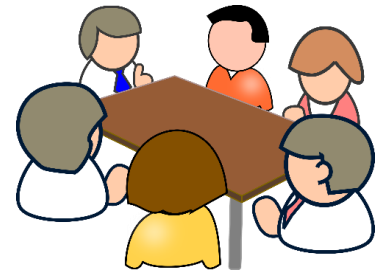
We are proud of all the children at Paxcroft, and want to celebrate their successes inside and outside the classroom. We mark their successes at school in a range of ways, including certificates to celebrate children who are demonstrating our Paxcroft Citizen and Learning Values, the 'Book of Brilliance' 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](mailto:admin@paxcroft.wilts.sch.uk) and we will endeavour to add to the Paxcroft Post.

### Youth Parliament...

On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November, our Paxcroft Youth Parliamentarians went to Holbrook school for their meeting.

Here's Ruby and Jacob's report back:

First, we did an ice breaker activity where we had to guess the answer to the sentence. For example – Is this a spy trying to find the latest news agent? We are trying to gain sponsorship for our project in Trowbridge Town Park by asking shops and websites to help us fund the project. We enjoyed some refreshments and spoke some more about what we could do with our sensory garden.



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



Congratulations to Izabella M, Max D, Beatrice M, and Ted M 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 class it has been all about practising for our Nativity play, which is only 2 weeks away! In Literacy, we have been writing our letters to Santa, all ready for posting next Wednesday. We are impressed with the independence the children have shown when writing. In Maths, we have been recapping the numbers 1, 2 and 3 and learning all about 4 and how it makes a square shape. In PSHE, we spoke about how to stay safe online, we watched a video and then read a story about Smartie the Penguin who taught us what to do when playing games or watching videos on line.

### Woodpecker, Kingfisher & Nightingale

This week, KS1 have been very busy! In Maths, they have been focusing on subtraction and exploring how to find the difference between numbers. In English, they have been developing the skills needed to write biographies and have been putting these into practice by writing about Mary Anning. In Science, KS1 have been deepening their understanding of healthy eating, learning about the different food groups and what is required to create a balanced diet.

### Skylark, Housemartin & Swift

This week has been all about settling back in after a lovely few days' away at Braeside, and a treat of being in Swift or Skylark for the Year 3's! We've been working on compliments to 100 and 1000 in Maths still embedding our addition and subtraction knowledge! In English the children have been loving our focus book 'Planet Omar'! We have also been busy making our Christmas fare decorations which are looking lovely and will look lovely on your tree! In science we've been busy with lots of experiments in our topic about changing states of matter. We've even managed to inflate balloons using vinegar and baking soda – ask the children all about it!

### Osprey, Falcon & Kestrel

Our visit to the STEAM museum was the highlight of our week. Whilst there, the children enjoyed two workshops which involved role play: Air Raid experience and Evacuation. We couldn't believe how loud the 'Moaning Minnie' siren was and we were glad to take refuge in a realistic shelter, furnished with WW2 artefacts. During the 'raid' we sang WW2 songs and tried to spot the different air craft. For the evacuation experience, the children boarded the train and were selected at the destination by local residents. The children all looked amazing in their costumes and everyone had a great time, despite the journey being longer than usual. In Maths, we have started work on Multiplication and Division using both formal and informal methods. In order to be successful with this, it is crucial children learn their multiplication and corresponding division facts. Children are welcome to ask their teacher for a multiplication grid to practice at home to help with this. Also, please don't forget TT Rockstars is also a useful tool. In English we have written a newspaper article based on the events in The Promise as well as response writing based on our visit earlier in the week.

## Diary dates from November 2024


<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Non-school uniform – Bottle donations for the Christmas Fayre
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> &amp; Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Bikeability Group 1
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Reception Nativity Performance – 1.45pm (More information to follow)
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Flu Immunisations
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> &amp; Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Bikeability Group 2
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Reception Nativity Performance – 5pm (More information to follow)
<b>Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December</b>	PSA Christmas Fayre (10 – 2pm)
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	KS1 Christmas Lunch
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	KS2 Christmas Lunch
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Carols on the playground (2.45pm)

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December

Last day of term 2

## Letters & Communications issued this week

Item	To	For
Christmas Dinner - Payment	Whole School	Information & Action
Clubs Terms 3 and 4	Whole School	Information & Action
Photo Order – Deadline	Whole School	Information & Action
Owls Performance of 'The Nativity'	Reception	Information
PSA Christmas Fayre	Whole School	Information & Action
Bikeability – Spaces Available	Year 6	Information



**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](mailto: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

