

WEEKLY NEWS

From the Headteacher: 10th September 2021

Dear Parents and Families,

Welcome to what can only be described as an amazing start to the Autumn term and there is so much to look forward to. I hope that the Summer break gave you time to be with friends and family and to do the things that make you smile.

Last year, through working together, we witnessed Paxton grow from strength to strength. Across the school there was so much to celebrate and the three Ofsted inspections help to document our journey. It is clear that Paxton has many strengths; the staff, the families and most importantly, the children.

This year, we aim to build upon these strengths; and embed the ethos which is conducive, a creative and inclusive curriculum which instils a love for learning and to extend and enrich the provision to enable all learners; children and adults to flourish.

This week, Paxton has been filled with smiles and the sound of children's laughter. In the classrooms, the children have already begun to explore and discover their feelings and emotions through the book 'The Colour Monster' and have demonstrated a commitment and a positive attitude to their learning.



Meet the Senior Leadership Team

Headteacher - Ms Moses

Deputy Headteacher – Miss Linke

Assistant Headteacher – KS1 & Early Years – Miss Berkeley

Assistant Headteacher – KS2 - Miss Nurser

Inclusion Manager - Mr Stevenson

Mrs Jackson will continue to support Paxton on Wednesdays.

Behaviour for Learning

At Paxton Academy, we believe that every child should be able to achieve their full academic and social potential. This is to ensure that they have the best outcomes possible to function as part of the school, wider community and the ever-changing world in which they live. This is achieved by creating an environment where both staff and children feel respected and valued in their interactions with one another.

Our **RESPECT** values underpin everything that we do at Paxton Academy and is a shared understanding amongst the school community of how we present ourselves.

Resilience We are determined to succeed. We never give up
Excellence We strive to reach our potential and are committed to excellence.
Success We value achievement and celebrate success.
Pride We take pride in everything we do.
Equality We are all valued members of our community. Everyone is treated fairly.
Care We look after our community, showing we care through our words and actions.
Teamwork We work as a team because together we achieve more.

Our Behaviour System

This week, the children have been introduced to our revised behaviour system which follows the principles of the Zones of Regulation. In class children have begun to extend and enrich their vocabulary to name the different emotions they may feel and, more importantly, understand how they confidently articulate their feelings.

School Uniform

As always, the children at Paxton make us feel Proud! This year, we launched our new school logo and changed our school blazer. To make this event even more special, on Monday, Jordan Edward-Wilks aka Rapper Jords and



Jamahl Rowll, the founders of 'Pickni Uniforms' attended Paxton with a film crew from BBC London. As part of their amazing "Back to School" uniform initiative, over 100 children at Paxton will receive a free blazer and book bag.

Please be reminded that all children need to come to school in full school uniform. Please also remember to label all school uniform as this will help to prevent the loss of items. Sew-in labels, although time consuming to do, are the most long-lasting and effective in our experience.

Parent Workshops

At Paxton, we relish the opportunity to instil a love for learning and empower the children to become confident, independent learners. As we launch the start of the new academic year, we have decided to make some changes to homework.

To find out more about the changes to the homework and ways to support your child, we will be running meetings for parents – these are designed to give you more information about the homework and tips on how best to support your child's learning at home. We will also provide free resources for you to use at home with your child.

The workshops will take place on the following dates and times:

KS2: Friday 17th September 8:45am - 9:15am

KS1: Wednesday 29th September 8:45am - 9:15am

Reception: Wednesday 6th October 8:45am - 9:15am

To book your place please click on the link which was texted to parents or book a place at the office. It will also be an opportunity for you to meet with myself and members of the SLT, which I am very much looking forward to.

What's on the Menu?

If we eat, rest and play well, we are sure to be in the best position to be the best that we can be. Pabulum, our school caterers, provide the children with a menu full of nutritious, healthy, warm meal each day.

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 they are entitled to a Universal Infant Free School Meal. If your child is in Years 3 to 6 and you are entitled to any benefits your child may be eligible for free school meals.

Please speak to the school office if you would like your child to have a school meal or if you would like a copy of the menu. If your child has dietary requirements, the catering team is available to discuss individual requirements to meet their needs.

Medical Information

At the beginning of each year, parents of children with medical conditions who require medication to be administered in school hours are required to complete a NEW medication form. We keep this on file along with a record of the date and time for each dose to be administered.

If, your child does need medication during school hours, please contact Mr Stevenson who will be happy to help you complete the form.

Attendance

It has been amazing to welcome back so many children. This week over 95% of children returned to school. Let's see if we can make that 100% next week.

Have a great weekend!

Theresa Moses Headteacher