



From the Headteacher: 17th December 2021

Dear Parents and Families,

Thank you from Paxton Academy

It doesn't seem that long ago when we were welcoming in the start of the new school year. Since September, there have been oh, so many things to celebrate.

The new staff, Miss Linke and Miss Berkeley have settled into school life at Paxton, and it is hard to remember them not being here. While the new Reception class have flourished and are now confident, articulate, happy members of our Paxton family.

Across the school, staff have created a curriculum which ignites the children's curiosity and helps to prepare them for the ever changing world in which we live.

In classrooms and throughout the school corridors, book shelves have been filled with books which excite the children and provide them with opportunities to identify with characters, understand their heritage and celebrate the community.

The school's seven Core Values **RESPECT** are embedded across every aspect of school life and underpin everything that we do. They provide a common language and the children with a platform to recognise that impossible simply means I'm Possible!

Through working together with parents, family and members of the local community, Paxton has gone from strength to strength.

The newly appointed Local Academy Committee, provide an additional layer of knowledge and expertise. Their role is to provide a level of challenge and support while holding Paxton to account and ensure that the strategic vision to raise standards and ensure quality first teaching, creates an ethos in which adults and children thrive.

The newly established PTA are also on a mission to ensure that the children are provided with additional resources and enrichment to deepen their experiences and create memorable moments they can keep forever.

This term, the PTA have raised nearly £650. If you would like to get involved and share ideas to fund raise across the school year, come along to the next meeting on **Thursday 13th January**. Everyone is welcome.

Not forgetting.....

Jenny our Catering Manager who goes above and beyond to make lunch times special. Yesterday, she decorated nearly 200 Festive Trees, Stockings and Gingerbread men to ensure that this year's Christmas dinner was even more magical.

And to the NTCG Croydon

Sometimes in life, we all need a friend. Someone who is there for us in times of need, to make us smile and to give us hope. On Wednesday, members of the NTCG donated six hampers full of food and all things festive.

After a lot of thought and consideration, we made the decision to donate the hampers to families who, in the face of adversity, still ensure the children remained at the forefront of every conversation. Their happiness, their passion and their commitment to attend school was inspirational. Thank you, NTCG for making a difference.

OUR CAMPS

Today is the last day to book for OURCAMPS! If you have not yet booked, 'Our Camps' still have a few places. from **Monday 20th – Thursday 23rd December** 'Our Camps' will be from **10am – 4pm**. Children entitled to **FSM receive a free place & Hot meal**. Non FSM costs £25 per day. To find out more or book a place click here: www.schoolcamp.org.uk

After School Clubs

The parents spoke and we listened! One of the key areas that parents said they wanted us to improve on was After School Clubs. Behind the scenes, staff have created a timetable for the Spring term 2022. Our aim was to be able to offer up to 15 clubs and we have managed 13.

The following seven clubs will be run by members of Paxton staff. All of the clubs, apart from X's table Rock Stars, will run from 3:30 – 4:30pm and cost £2:50. X's table Rock Stars will run from 8-8:40am and cost £1. Clubs will run for 5 weeks, week beginning 10th January 2022.

Please log on to Parent Pay to book a place app.parentpay.com/public/client/security/#/login

Monday	Drama	Years 4, 5 and 6
Tuesday	Choir	KS2
Wednesday	Steel Pans	Year 5 and 6
Wednesday	X's table	Year 4 and 5
Thursday	SOUL Ltd	Years 4, 5 and 6
Thursday	Book Club	Year 5 and 6
Friday	Science Club	Year 3

The next six clubs will be run by Sports Attack and cost £5. Please book using this link: <https://sports-attack-academy.class4kids.co.uk/>

Monday	Multi sports	Years 1 and 2
Monday	Multi sports	Years 3 and 4
Tuesday	Multi sports	Year 5 and 6
Wednesday	Football	Years 1 and 2
Wednesday	Multi sports	Years 3 and 4
Friday	Football	Year 5 and 6

Reception September 2022

If your child was born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018, the deadline for you to apply for a place to start Reception in September 2022 is **15th January 2022**.

The tour dates below are for prospective Reception 2022 families

- Saturday 8th January at 10am
- Monday 10th January at 9am
- Monday 10th January at 5pm

To book your place please click [here](#).

End of Autumn Term Attendance

At Paxton Academy, we expect all our children to make at least good progress. It is therefore essential that they attend school every day.

As you are aware this year our attendance target is 97%. To help us monitor attendance each half term, we have created our own Traffic Light System.

100%	Platinum	Outstanding attendance
97%-99%	Gold	Excellent attendance
95%-96%	Green	Good attendance with room for improvement
91%-94%	Amber	Cause for concern
90% and below	Red	Persistent absence, significant cause for concern



At the end of the Autumn Term 2, across the school a grand total of 38 children managed to achieve the school target of 97%.

Even better was 54 children who manage to exceed the target and achieve 100%. Congratulations to all the children and their families.

Attendance

This week, the children in Year 6, have managed to exceed our whole school target of 97%, closely followed by Year 3.

Well done to all the children and their families. With the festive season upon us, let's see if we can all have an amazing time and be ready to achieve the target in the New Year and get ever closer to 100%.

Class	Attendance
Reception	89.8%
Year 1	91.6%
Year 2	93.5%
Year 3	96.0%
Year 4	92.9%
Year 5	94.2%
Year 6	99.1%
Total	93.8%

Have an awesome festive time. We look forward to seeing you on **Wednesday 5th January** at 8:35am

Happy Christmas from Team Paxton