

WEEKLY NEWS

From the Headteacher: 19th November 2021

Dear Parents and Families,

Autumn Term 2

This week Paxton has been filled with non stop reasons to celebrate with fun filled learning and a sprinkle of magic.

The week kicked off with 'Odd Socks Day' as Paxton took part in Anti-Bullying Week, where this year the theme was "One Kind Word".

As we opened the gates, a sea of odd socks greeted the staff, as children and a few family members came into school wearing their most funkiest and craziest odd socks to help raise the profile and celebrate that being unique is a strength. The kitchen also prepared a yummy, but definitely not smelly, treat for the children during lunch.

Across the week, the children have explored the meaning of friendship and discussed different relationships in their PSHE lessons.

On **Wednesday**, the celebrations continued as we held our first parents' evening. Between 2:30pm and 7pm, over 95% of parents and family members came into school where they were able to look through their child's books, discuss their child's progress and take home three targets to support their child with their learning.

During the evening, members of the LAC were also present to talk with parents and gather their thoughts and ways to make Paxton even better.

Yesterday, parents from across the school attended a workshop on Relationship and Sex Education. During the workshop parents were able to find out about key statutory changes in core units being taught across all year groups, have the opportunity to see teaching resources and ask any questions that they have. Thanks to all the parents for this week.

Children in Need



This morning, the staff at Paxton were welcomed by children dressed in their favourite fancy dress. Paxton will join other schools and nurseries across the UK for a do good, feel good day of fun learning and feel good fundraising to help support the BBC's Children in Need Day!

During the day, children will have the opportunity to join in with Joe Wicks for a special workout quiz to test both our fitness and our minds! Thank you so much for all your kind donations!

Together, we can change the lives of the children and young people that need us most.

Paxton PTA

As the children went into class to start their learning, parents gathered in the studio for our first PTA meeting. Joined by Miss Tyson from the office and Carol from the New Testament Church Croydon, they looked at the school calendar and gathered thoughts on ways to fund raise across the school year. Their first event will take place on:

1st December: Jeans and Festive Jumper Day

Children will be able to come to school dressed in jeans and festive jumper and donate a £1 or they can donate a gift for the Christmas Raffle. Prizes will include: wine, toys, books and a festive hamper.

If you want to get involved, the next PTA is on [Wednesday 1st December at 9am.](#)

We Need You!

At Paxton, the staff work in partnership with parents. They value their contributions and recognise that through working together, the children thrive. This week in order to help us make Paxton even better, parents have been busy completing a Parent Survey. The results are in and we share these with you next week.

Our Core Values

Our **RESPECT** core values underpin everything that we do at Paxton.



Next week, our Core Value will be Pride. We value achievement and celebrate success.

Free Animal Themed Activity Day

At Paxton, we understand the importance of opening a window to the wonderful world of books. On **Wednesday 24th November**, Hungry Little Minds and the National Literacy Trust will host a free event in the Croydon Centrale Shopping Centre from **10am – 4pm**.

During the day, local families with young children are invited to take part in a series of fun and free animal themed activities where they will be given the chance to share stories, sing songs and play games together.

All children who take part in the activities will also be given a free tote bag to take home, filled with goodies including a three brand-new animal themed books and an interactive story trail.

OURCAMPS

We are always looking for ways to extend and enrich the learning through fun filled activities. Today, we are pleased to announce that during the Christmas break 'Our Camps' will be here on **Monday 20th – Thursday 23rd December** from **10am – 4pm**.

Inclusivity is at the heart of everything they do, and they will make every effort to ensure every child has the opportunity to experience and enjoy Our Camps. During each day, they will provide a varied range of activities and experiences to ensure that all children will go home having learnt and created something new.

Children entitled to **FSM receive a free place + Hot meal**. Non - FSM £25 per day. To find out more or book a place click here: schoolcamp.org.uk

Changes to the Homework

As a staff team, we constantly look at ways to improve the learning. After the successful introduction of the language rich extension homework, staff reviewed the feedback from parents and children and have introduced two new ways for children to record their understanding of new vocabulary.

Changes to the Weather

As we venture into the festive season, the nights have become darker and the days are colder. Please can we ensure that children are dressed appropriately and that coats, jumpers, hats and scarves are all clearly labelled.

Changes to the Nasal Flu Vaccination

This year, the annual flu vaccination programme will be at Paxton on 16th December 2021. Please complete the link

<https://croydonhc-vaccination.verseonecloud.com/nasal-flu-vaccination-consent>

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 2nd December – 9am Paxton Parent Tour

Friday 3rd December – 9am LAC Meeting

Tuesday 14th December – EYs and KS1 Play

Wednesday 15th December –KS2 Concert

Thursday 16th December – Christmas Dinner

Friday 17th December – Christmas Parties

School finishes at 2:15pm

Tuesday 4th January – Inset Day

Wednesday 5th January – Children return

Attendance

At the end of last week of term, children in Year 6 managed to exceed our whole school target of 97% and achieve **100%**. As a reward, they have chosen to watch a movie and eat popcorn. Well done Year 6. Let's see if more classes can achieve the target next week and get ever closer to 100%.

Class	Attendance
Reception	92.7%
Year 1	94.2%
Year 2	95.2%
Year 3	95.4%
Year 4	93.9%
Year 5	94.0%
Year 6	97.7%
Total	94.6%

Have a great Weekend

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