

WEEKLY NEWS

From the Headteacher: 1st October 2021

Dear Parents and Families,

As Easy as 1, 2, 3

At Paxton, we believe it is important for all children to have a love of and lasting confidence towards mathematics. We want all our children to become articulate, confident mathematicians. developing their instant recall of number facts including subitising, addition and subtraction facts, and times tables.

Our aim is that all children will master mathematical concepts deeply through developing their **fluency**, **reasoning** and **problem solving** using a **Teaching for Mastery** approach to promote confidence in their knowledge and their ability to apply their learning to unfamiliar contexts.

Parent Workshops

At Paxton, we relish the opportunity to instil a love for learning and empower the children to become confident, independent learners.

After the success of the first of three parent workshops on homework, where over 30 parents attended, on Wednesday, we opened the doors to welcome the KS1 parents. Thank you to Miss Linke; our Deputy Head and Miss Berkeley; our Reception and KS1 Assistant Headteacher.



We look forward to welcoming the parents from our new Reception class next week on Wednesday 6th October 8:45am - 9:15am.

Meet our Local Academy Board

Next Friday, 8th October at 9am, Paxton's very own Local Academy Board (LAC) will hold a coffee morning to share their vision for Paxton and answer any questions you may have. Made up of members from the Interim Academy Board (IAB), parents and the local community, they have begun to agree upon a strategic vision and set targets to raise standards across all aspects of school life. If you have not yet booked your place, please click the link sent to parents or call the school office on 0208 683 2308.

Parent Tours

With the easing of the lockdown restrictions, we can begin to celebrate life at Paxton. Next week, we will hold our first of three parent tours on **Thursday 7th October at 9am**. This will be followed by two more at 9am on Thursday 4th November and 2nd December.

To book a place please click the link sent to parents or call the school office on 0208 683 2308. Tours are limited so please book as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Whats on the Menu?

At Paxton, our school meals are cooked fresh on site each day. Made up of nutritious, healthy options, our catering team is able to adapt the menu, to cater for all dietary needs.

On Thursday 7th October, all children from Reception to Year 6, will be able to join in with a fun filled menu which overflows with the children's **Favourites!** The children will be able to select their **Favourites** filled with all things Yum. Pizza, jacket potatoes, chocolate brownies or jelly and ice cream.

If your child usually has packed lunch and on this day you would like them to have school dinners, please see Charmaine in the office.

Healthy Packed Lunches

At Paxton, we promote healthy eating. It is a well-known fact that a well-balanced diet can have a positive impact on children's health, behaviour and achievement. If your child is having a packed lunch, please follow these simple reminders:

- ✓ The main element should be savoury, such as a sandwich, filled pitta bread, wrap, pasta or rice salad
- ✓ Include at least one portion of vegetables or salad
- ✓ Include at least one portion of fruit. This could be a fruit salad, a piece of fresh fruit or dried fruit
- ✓ For an extra snack, a fruit yogurt, fromage frais or rice cakes could be included
- ✓ Water is provided by the school, however, you may provide a plastic bottle of water in your child's lunchbox if you prefer
- X Please do not provide your child with crisps, chocolate, sweets, or a drink other than water
- X Please do not use chocolate spread as a sandwich filling

Visit <https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/collecti-on/school-lunch-recipes> for ideas on how to make your child's lunches more interesting.

Please make sure that any packed lunches brought to the school are **nut free**.

Our Core Values

Our **RESPECT** value underpin everything that we do at Paxton Academy.

Equality

We are all valued members of our community. Everyone is treated fairly.

Next week our Core Value will be **Equality**: We are all valued members of our community. Everyone is treated fairly. In whole school and class assemblies, the children will explore the meaning of equality: what it means to them, how they are treated at Paxton as they prepare for the next phase of their journey in the ever changing world in which they live.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 22nd October – **End of Autumn 1**

Monday 25th October – **half term**

Monday 1st November - **Inset Day**

Tuesday 2nd November – **School starts 8:45am**

Thursday 17th November – **Parents Evening**

Paxton PTA

Paxton needs you! This year, we would love the opportunity to get as many parents involved in helping to shape the future for the children of Paxton. If you would like to get involved, we will be holding a meeting on Friday 19th November at 9am. More information to follow next week.

Community Day

If you have not already made plans, on Sunday 10th October, Nuffield Health Centre, 1212 London Rd, Norbury, London SW16 4DN are holding a community day.



Twitter @PaxtonAcademy

To keep up to date with all the latest events and happenings across the school day, sign up to Twitter or view our Twitter feed through our website www.paxtonacademy.org.uk

Attendance

This week, children in Reception and Year 6 managed to achieve our whole school target of 97%. Let's see if more classes can achieve the target next week and get us ever closer to 100%.

Class	Attendance
Reception	96.7%
Year 1	93.1%
Year 2	92.1%
Year 3	94%
Year 4	91%
Year 5	91.5%
Year 6	96.4%

Have a great weekend!

Theresa Moses Headteacher