

WEEKLY NEWS

From the Headteacher: 20th May 2022

Dear Parents and Families,

The countdown is on! With only five more school days until the May half term, we have so many things to celebrate.

This week, children in Year 2 sat the KS1 SATs. After two years in a world pandemic, for the first time in three years, children in Yr. 2 sat a series of tests in reading, maths and spelling, punctuation and grammar (SPAG). The papers will be marked and teacher assessments will be used to form accurate judgements of the children's overall attainment.

After the May half term, children in Yr.1 will pick up the baton and take part in the Phonic Screen Check. The check is for teachers to ensure that children are making sufficient progress with their phonics skills and are on track to become fluent readers who can enjoy reading for pleasure and for learning.

As part of the Wandle Learning Trust, we use the 'Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised'; a complete systematic synthetic phonics programme (SSP) developed for schools by schools in the Trust. To find out more click here:

www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/

On Friday, the co-founders of 'Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised' held a celebratory event at Harper Collins to mark over 3,000 schools who have now signed up and are delivering the programme. Next week, we will hold an 'Open Door' event and welcome teachers from across Croydon to see Little Wandle in action at Paxton.

Alongside Yr.2, in June, children in Yr.4 will join children across the country to take the first ever multiplication tables check (MTC), a statutory test for primary schools in the 2021/22 academic year. To find out more, click here

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1031901/2022_Information_for_parents_Multiplication_tables_check.pdf

At Paxton, alongside a language rich curriculum, we love to create opportunities which ignite the children's curiosity and extend and enrich their experiences.

On Monday, children in Reception and KS1 will take part in a drama workshop, where they will develop the 4Cs; confidence, communication, concentration and co-ordination, and more importantly, have fun at the same time.

Children in Year 2 will also venture on a short walk, across the London Road, as part of their RE topic to visit the local church. Once inside, they will have a tour and be able to extend their knowledge and understanding of what's inside one of the many places of worship.

Who Inspires You?

With only four school days to go before the Paxton Heyday premiere of 'Inspirational People: 'Who Inspires You?'' make sure you book your tickets.

During the evening, there will be a showing of the film, speeches from the children and appearances from people who starred in the cameo roles.



The event will also showcase performances from Yr6 on the Steel Pans. If you would like to join us to view the film and celebrate the children's achievements tickets cost £3:00 and can be purchased via Parentpay or at the school office.

Our RESPECT Core Values

Next week, our Core Value will be **Care**:

Care

We look after our community, showing we care through our words and actions.

A Royal 'Roof' Tea Party

On Friday 27th May, to celebrate the unprecedented anniversary milestone of the Queen's Platinum 70th Jubilee, children will be able to come to school ready for a royal party and dressed in their smartest attire.

Whether a princess dress, traditional clothing, national costume or in white, red and blue, the children are able to come dressed to impress.

Throughout the day, children will take part in a range of activities that have been carefully planned by their class teachers to understand and celebrate the milestone.

At lunchtime Jenny, our Catering Manager, has prepared a menu fit for royalty

It's a Royal Wrap

(Fish Finger & Chip Wrap)

Queen's Garden Wrap

(Vegetable Goujon & Chip Wrap)

Jewelled Vegetables

(Peas & Sweetcorn)

Her Majesty's Soldiers

Jubilee Jellies & Ice Cream

To find out more click here:

www.paxtonacademy.org.uk/parents/lunch-menu

During the afternoon, staff will be hosting a Paxton 'Tea' Party. Children will be invited to the rooftop playground for an afternoon tea with scones, crown shaped shortcake biscuits, popcorn and of course music and party games galore.

If you would like to get involved and help us make it even more special, please join us to discuss ideas on **Tuesday 24th at 9am.**

Up to date

To keep up to date with all the latest events and happenings across the school day, visit our website www.paxtonacademy.org.uk, where you can view or sign up to our Twitter or Facebook page www.facebook.com/PaxtonAcademySportsandScience/

Paper copies are also available from the office.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 23rd May: Drama 4 All in Reception and KS1

Monday 23rd May: Yr.2 visit to the Church

Monday 23rd May: School Council meeting LAC members at 5pm

Thursday 26th May: Heyday Fest film premiere

Friday 27th May: Queen's Platinum Jubilee Tea Party

Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June: Summer half term

Monday 6th May– Children return at 8:35am

Monday 13th – 17th June: Wick Court Farm residential

Friday 8th July: INSET day School Closed

Saturday 16th July – Yr.4 play Keyboards at Fairfield Halls

Thursday 21st July: Last day of the Summer Term School Closes at 2:15pm

Friday 22nd July: in lieu for the Queen's Jubilee

Attendance

Our Traffic Light System helps us to monitor attendance across the whole school.

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

After the success of the upward trend over the last few weeks, this week, five out of the seven class are on the green zone but no class managed to achieve or exceed our whole school target of 97%

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Class	Attendance
Reception	92.9%
Year 1	94.7%
Year 2	95.7%
Year 3	95.6%
Year 4	95.2%
Year 5	94.2%
Year 6	96.4%
Total	94.9%

Have a good weekend,

Yours **Theresa Moses (Headteacher)**