

## WEEKLY NEWS

### From the Headteacher: 20<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

#### COVID 19 Update

You will probably be aware that London has moved into Tier 2 of the government's COVID 19 response. This means we are now a high alert area, as cases of COVID 19 across London are increasing. The full rules about the restriction can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-covid-alert-levels-what-you-need-to-know#local-covid-alert-level-high>.

In relation to Paxton it is really important that we are continuing to do all we can to keep everyone safe in the school and local community. Please can all parents/carers:

Ensure you are wearing face coverings when you are dropping off or collecting your children at school. Ensure you are social distancing from each other and if there is not enough space, remain outside the gates until other parents have left

If you need to make contact with staff at the school please do this by contacting the office telephone or email. Only come into the office if there is an emergency. We thank you for your support with this.

#### Accessing Google Classroom

As a school we fully anticipate remaining open, however, in the event that further restrictions are introduced for London, we ask that all our parents ensure that they have access to their child's online google classroom portal. A letter was sent out to all parents with instructions on how to access this. Usernames and passwords have been stuck in children's reading records. The letter and instructions on how to log on can also be found on the website- "Setting Homework On Google Classroom"

<https://www.paxtonacademy.org.uk/parents/keeping-in-touch>

Access to google classroom will help ensure an effective relationship between home and school during these unprecedented times.

#### School Photograph Orders

Yesterday, our school photographer spent a day in Paxton taking individual portraits and sibling photos. **Parents MUST pre - register** to purchase their children's photographs . To do this, you will need to go to:

[www.carmeljaneshop.co.uk](http://www.carmeljaneshop.co.uk)

and enter the following **code: JRGMMUE**. You will need to create an account using your email address and your child's full register name. **If you have any problems please call the photographers direct on: 01277 822 674**

#### Student Data Sheets

Thank you to all parents who have returned their checked and completed contact information sheets. Please could those parents who have not done so yet, return them to the office **by Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**.

#### We Need You!

At Paxton Academy, the staff work in partnership with parents and value their contributions. In order to help us make Paxton Academy even better, please take five minutes to complete the survey below before Friday 23rd October.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/PaxtonParentSurveyAutumn20>

#### Autumn Half Term

##### Monday 26<sup>th</sup> – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support this half term. Could you please remind your children to take their belongings home with them for half term. Wishing you a lovely break.

## School Tours and School Dinner Tastings

If you have not yet signed up and would like to part part in one of our school tours and school dinner tastings sessions, please contact the office.

Reception: Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November @ 10.30a.m  
Year 1 – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November @ 10.30a.m  
Year 2 – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November @ 10.30a.m  
Year 3 – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November @ 10.30a.m  
Year 4 – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November @ 10.30a.m  
Year 5 – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November @ 10.30a.m  
Year 6 – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November @ 10.30am

Due to the government COVID restrictions, these dates and times are now subject to review and we will confirm this after half term, but in the meantime will continue to take bookings.

## Lunches

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a universal infant free school meal. Please do take advantage of our delicious, nutritional, hot meals provided by our caterers, Pabulum.

If you choose to send your child in with a packed lunch, please can we remind parents and carers that we are a nut free school and packed lunches must NOT contain nuts in any form, or any chocolates or sweets.

Forget soggy sandwiches and let bbc goodfood healthy recipes inspire you to make tastier packed lunches that your children will look forward to at lunchtime.

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/howto/guide/school-packed-lunch-inspiration>

## After School Care Provision (Youngstars) 3:15pm and 5:30pm.



If you are running late or have an appointment you need to attend after 3:15pm, remember, Youngstars are here Monday to Friday between 3:15pm and 5:30pm.

Children from Reception to Year 6 will be able to take part in a range of engaging activities. Well done to all the parents who have managed to log onto Youngstars to find out more about our new afterschool care provider and book a space.

To book go to: <http://www.young-stars.co.uk/schools/> or call 07749 343116

## Sports Attack Academy

Sports Attack Academy, will be running a number of clubs starting on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November from 3:15pm until 4:30pm each night during the week @ £5 per session.

**Mondays:** Multi sports  
Years 1 + 2 and Years 3 + 4  
**Tuesdays:** Multi sports  
Years 5 + 6  
**Wednesdays:** Football – £5  
per session  
Years 1 + 2 and Years 3+4

**Thursdays:** Paxton football team training – FREE  
(trials for football team 12<sup>th</sup> Nov)

**Fridays:** Football – £5 per session Years 5+6



### Booking Details

[sportsattackacademy@gmail.com](mailto:sportsattackacademy@gmail.com)

tele: 07462419194

## Behaviour for Learning

Over the past six weeks, as the new Headteacher of Paxton Academy, it has been a pleasure to witness the children's attitudes to learning flourish.

The London Road site has provided an environment in which teachers can do what they do best: Teach. Thank you to all the parents and family members, who ensure that the children arrive on time and are ready to start learning at 8:45am.



## Attendance

Last week our rate of attendance for the school was 92% vs our target of 97.0%. It is getting better but we have some way to go. Come on Paxton - we can do this.

Class	Attendance
Reception	92.7%
Year 1	90.5%
Year 2	88.6%
Year 3	94.1%
Year 3/4	94.8%
Year 4	94.5%
Year 5	92.7%
Year 6	87.5%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>91.9%</b>

## Reminder: Year 6 Secondary School

**Applications** The closing date for the Secondary 2021 applications is the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020,