

## WEEKLY NEWS

### From the Headteacher: 26<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Dear Parents and Families,

#### Autumn Term 2

This week, Jack from Heydays has been at Paxton to help capture the magic. Across the week, Jack visited classrooms to capture a day in the life at Paxton.

Thank you to all the parents who gave permission for their children to take part. Jack will return next week to make sure that he captures every sprinkle of magic that happens at Paxton.

As the festive season approaches, behind the scenes, staff have begun to dust off the tinsel and be even more merry. Next week, tickets for the Christmas performances will go on sale.

#### Children in Need

Last week the staff at Paxton were welcomed by children dressed in their favourite fancy dress. Paxton joined 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!

Thank you so much for all your kind donations. **Together, Paxton, we do change the lives of the children and young people that need us most** and managed to raise just under £200.

#### Paxton PTA

Next week on **1<sup>st</sup> December**, the PTA will host their first event; **Jeans & Festive Jumper Day**. Children will be able to come dressed to school in jeans and festive jumper and donate either £1 or a gift for the Christmas Raffle. Prizes will include; Wine, Toys, Books and a Festive Hamper.

If you would like to get involved, come along to the next PTA meeting on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 9am** and meet parents, staff and members of the community to share ideas and ways to fund raise across the school year. Let us know if you will be coming by using the link sent to parents.

### The results are in!

Across the school a total of 64 parents managed to complete the **Parent Survey**. The results have provided us with so many reasons to smile.

	Strongly Agree	Agree
My child is happy at Paxton	52% (33)	39%(25)
My child feels safe at Paxton	52% (33)	44%(28)
Staff at Paxton make sure the children are well behaved	41% (26)	52%(33)
Staff at Paxton make me aware of what my child will be learning each term	50% (32)	42%(27)
My child does well at Paxton	43% (27)	54%(34)

As with any survey, there is always work to do. As a staff team, we value all contributions and recognise that through working together, the children thrive.

### Meet our Local Academy Committee

On **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 9am**, members of Paxton's Local Academy Committee (LAC) will host a Coffee Morning to discuss the outcomes of the Parent Survey Autumn 2021 and ways to make Paxton even better. If you wish to get involved and find out more, please book using the link sent to parents.

### Dates for your Diary

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December – 9am Paxton Parent Tour**

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – 9am LAC Meeting**

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December – EYs and KS1 Play**

Link will be sent out on Wednesday

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December –KS2 Concert**

Link will be sent out on Wednesday

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Lunch**

Link will be sent out on Wednesday

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Parties**

**\*\*School finishes at 2:15pm\*\***

**Tuesday 4th January – Inset Day**

**Wednesday 5th January – Children return**

## Our Core Values

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

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## OUR CAMPS

During the Christmas break, 'Our Camps' will be at Paxton on **Monday 20th – Thursday 23rd December from 10am – 4pm**. OUR CAMPS are very excited to announce that the Virtual Soccer School (VSS) will be joining them for two days over the Christmas break!



This will provide the children with the opportunity to meet professional athletes via Zoom. There will also be a talk around mental health & well-being a soccer skill session and Q&A.

Children entitled to **FSM receive free place + Hot meal**. Non – FSM costs £25 per day. To find out more or book a place click here: [schoolcamp.org.uk](http://schoolcamp.org.uk)

## Healthy packed lunches

We teach and promote healthy eating. We understand that a well-balanced diet can have a positive impact on children's health, behaviour and achievement. If your child is having packed lunches please follow these reminders:

- ✓ The main element should be savoury such as a sandwich, filled pitta bread, wrap, pasta or rice salad
- ✓ Aim to 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

✓ Although we do not recommend sweet desserts, we accept that you may wish to pack your child a small piece of cake or a biscuit

✓ Water is provided by the school, however, you may provide a plastic bottle of water in your child's lunchbox if you prefer



✗ Please do not provide your child with crisps, chocolate, sweets, or a drink other than water

✗ Please do not use chocolate spread as a sandwich filling

## Raring2go!

Raring2go! have published their Winter edition. In this edition, Raring2go, are running a Book Bundle Competition filled with great quality, educational and fun books for children of all ages to read.

To find out more about what's happening in Croydon during the festive period and if you would like to enter, just click on the advert on page 25!

<https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/croydon/winter/>

## Attendance

At the end of last week of term, children in Year 2, 4 and 6 managed to exceed our whole school target of 97%.

Well done, to all the children and their families. Let's see if more classes can achieve the target next week and get ever closer to 100%.

Class	Attendance
Reception	86.4%
Year 1	94.1%
Year 2	98.9%
Year 3	89.6%
Year 4	98.9%
Year 5	92.7%
Year 6	98.6%
Total	93.8%

Have a great weekend,

Theresa Moses – Headteacher