

## WEEKLY NEWS

From the Headteacher: 24<sup>th</sup> November 2020

### Dear Parents and Carers

We do hope that you managed to relax and were able to make the most of the weekend, spending quality time with family and/or friends, doing the things which make you smile. While we are restricted at the moment, we hope you managed to venture outdoors and enjoy the simple things things in life. We know that spending time in green spaces and bringing nature into our everyday life can benefit both our children's and our own mental and physical wellbeing.

Life at Paxton continues to provide us with opportunities, to learn, grow and be thankful. The events of last week were unprecedented and as you will be aware from emails and texts sent out, a member of our school community tested positive for COVID 19 in our Reception/KS1 Bubble (Year 1 and Year 2). After taking advice from Public Health England, we sent home all Reception and KS1 children to self-isolate on Friday. We look forward to welcoming back the children on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November.

As a school, we know that you may find this concerning but we would like to reassure you that we are continuing to monitor the situation and working with Public Health England to ensure that the children and staff remain safe.

A huge thank you to all parents/carers who will continue to support the children at home with their learning, albeit remotely. Staff will be available to provide support along with daily lessons and activities, useful links, advice and guidance.

We know that this can be a juggling act and at times challenging but but please do get in touch if you need any additional support. We look forward to welcoming the children back next week.

### Dates for your Diaries

- **Friday 4th December:** Traditional Dress Day for Years R,1 and 2, - **NOTE Change of Date**
- **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December** - Telephone Appointment Parents Evening - More info to follow.
- **Friday 11th December:** Christmas Jumper
- **Wednesday 16th December:** Christmas Lunch
- **Monday 21st December to Friday 1st January :** Christmas Holiday
- **Monday 4th January:** Inset Day
- **Tuesday 5th January:** Children return

### Christmas Lunch Menu Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December



If your child is not currently school dinners but you would like to order a Christmas lunch for your child, please let the office know by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December. (Please note: Chipolata is a chicken sausage!)

### Odd Socks Day Pics!

Last week, we celebrated anti bullying week. Across the school, we were able to appreciate that we are all unique and our differences unite through Odd socks Day! Well done to all those who participated!



## Afterschool Clubs :

We still have places at Coach Dre's afterschool multi sports clubs. These run each night, during the week, from 3:15pm until 4:30pm. If you would like to book get in touch:



## Booking Details

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

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**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:** Football Squad Training

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

## Our Paxton Football Squad...

At Paxton, our aim is for the children to become confident, articulate individuals who recognise their own strengths, acknowledge their areas to develop and embody our core values.

During the last four weeks, after school, children in Years 5 and 6 have been harnessing their football skills with Coach Dre and Nathan in an attempt to select the Paxton Football team.

We are pleased to announce that our Paxton Academy 2020/21 football squad has been selected:

Eden	Dontay
Nadeejah	Amari
Bartosz	Sebastian
Adam	Davi
Dylan	Zoe
Mohsan	

Our subs - Jaaziah and Kayleigh

## Twitter@PaxtonAcademy

In order to create a window into Paxton and help parents, families and the Paxton community see what we do best, we have created a Twitter page.

This will provide a daily update on what is happening in and around the school and create a platform for us to be able to share regular updates with the outside world.

To find out more Tweet us @paxtonacademy

# Net Aware

## Lets keep our children safe on line – NCPCC

With the country in a second lockdown (though thankfully this time with schools staying open), both adults and children are spending more time online: for entertainment, work and education. Websites, education apps and games as well as use of video calls can be a fantastic way to access learning and activities, particularly at a time when many of our usual activities can't take place. But how do we ensure children are safe when using laptops, tablets and smart phones?

The NSPCC recommends that the best way to keep your child safe online is to work together as a TEAM:

**Talk** to your child regularly about what they're doing online;

**Explore** your child's online activities together;

**Agree** your own online rules as a family;

**Manage** your technology and use safe settings.

Take a look at <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/> for some brilliant tips and ideas on staying safe online. This generation will grow up to be far more advanced in their use of technology than us, so it's really important for us to make sure there are boundaries in place to keep them safe.

## Attendance



Last week our rate of attendance for the school was 90.3% vs our target of 97.0%. It is vital for all children to return to school to minimise, the longer-term impact of the

pandemic on children's education, wellbeing and wider development.

Given the growing evidence base, the balance of risk is now overwhelmingly in favour of children returning to school.

For the vast majority of children, the benefits of being back in school far outweigh the very low risk from coronavirus (COVID-19).

Class	Attendance
Reception	90.4%
Year 1	87.7%
Year 2	85.0%
Year 3	98.5%
Year 3/4	92.2%
Year 4	87.1%
Year 5	91.5%
Year 6	89.0%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>90.3%</b>